



ST. FRANCIS ANGLICAN CHURCH
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The 2nd Sunday in Advent
Dec. 4, 2022



ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN NORTH AMERICA

GREETINGS

Welcome to our warm and friendly setting for true, Christ-centered worship. A traditional Anglican Church and a parish of The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, under the oversight of Bishop Ryan Reed, St. Francis' liturgical standard is the 1928 Book of Common Prayer – a liturgy that is orthodox in its expressions of the Christian faith, based on prayers that have been part of catholic worship for 2000 years. Please stay to visit in the fellowship area after the service. Also, sign the guestbook in the entry hall if you would like to receive more information about St. Francis.

St. Francis is currently searching for a Rector. Until then, Fr. Rogers Meredith will celebrate Communion on most Sundays, and as the Interim Rector, will provide pastoral care as needed. Do not hesitate to contact him at holyaustin1959@gmail.com or call 970-629-8778. He has a stack of business cards on the table in the entry hall. Please include our search committee and this process in your prayers. We are looking for God's will to be accomplished.

Christmas Services

- Christmas Eve:

7:45 p.m. - **Prelude Music**

8 p.m. **Lessons and Carols & Holy Communion.**

Christmas reception to follow the service.

- Christmas Day, Holy Communion, 10 a.m.

- Holy Name, Jan. 1, Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

PRAYER GROUPS

St. Francis Prayer Group: If you would like to place a name on the list distributed to our active prayer group members, please use the prayer intention box located in the back of the church to submit your request. You may also email Becky Hunt at PrayerList@stfrancisaustin.org.

Prayer Service for our Nation: *Exalt the Lord who has established us!*. You are welcome to join us on Saturday Dec. 3 in the Fellowship area at 10 a.m. The service will include hymns, prayers – both read and extemporaneous – on the seven centers of prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Poinsettias: If you wish to make a donation for the Christmas decorations and poinsettias as a remembrance, memorial or thank offering, please use an envelope from the table in the Fellowship area to enclose your donation. Fill the envelope front out as appropriate and place in the wooden box on the same table.

2023 Ordo calendars are available for sale. Leave your payment in the box provided in the Narthex.

ST. FRANCIS EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	9:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. - Nursery for young children After each service, Healing Prayers at the Altar Rail. 9:30 a.m., Sunday School for youth 10:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal, upstairs
Dec. 6	Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Bible study via Zoom only
Dec. 7	Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Catechism Class, via Zoom
Dec. 8	Thursday, 7 p.m., Evening Prayer, in-person and via Zoom
Dec. 9	Friday, 7:30 p.m., Lectionary Bible Study at the McCown's For information, email info@stfrancisaustin.org

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Youth Christian Education is ongoing. The youth attend the first part of the 9:30 service and leave at the announcements to attend class upstairs. Missy Bernard leads the program and teaches the younger class, along with Adriane Kristo-Reinking. Doug Cooper leads the older class.

Adult Catechism class Wednesdays, 7:00 to 7:30 p.m., All are welcome to join us as we work through the questions list in the book: "To Be a Christian". If you are interested in attending, please email info@stfrancisaustin.org.

Bible study for adults: Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. and the 2nd and 4th Fridays and Sundays.

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Thanks to everyone who contributed to the adopt a Trotter house family project that just concluded. Just over \$1500 was donated to help a family or two have a more joyful Christmas.

Confessions: Fr. Rogers Meredith is willing to hear private confessions any time, but especially during Advent and Lent. Let him know if you would like to make a private confession.

November was pledge drive month. It is now past time to get the pledge cards in. Cards are on the table in the narthex and can be left in the box, put in the offering plate, mailed to the church or given to our treasurer, Grady Collins.

Do you have extra clothing you are looking to give away? Consider donating for the St. Francis Mobile Loaves and Fishes Food Truck run. Half the truck is filled with clothing and personal health items to give out. There is quite a bit of joy at when these folks are able to get some extra clothes or shoes.

The prayer shawl ministry provides shawls to people who are in need of comfort and prayer. We welcome anyone who would like to participate either by knitting/crocheting these shawls or by helping with the purchase of yarn and supplies. Contact Charlotte Ready.

St. Clare's Guild is a group of women whose ministry is dedicated to serving our parish family in times of celebration, need, illness or loss. If you should find yourself and/or your family in one of these life situations, please contact Eileen Cole.

If you are not a member of St. Francis Anglican Church but would like to be, simply complete a registration form found on the table near the front door and give it to the Senior Warden, Doug Cooper. If you wish to become a pledging member, complete a Pledge Card and drop it in the collection plate. It is that easy.

Anniversary this week: (4th) Ed and Ruth Ann Stillman - **Birthday this week:** (8th) Ginger Dickson

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK, THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:4-9, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

Bishop: The Rt. Rev'd Ryan S. Reed

Celebrant: The Reverend Rogers Meredith

9:30 *Acolyte & Lector:* Arthur Woodgate; *Ushers:* John Goodrich / Dan Harrison

11:00: *Acolyte:* Gideon Hatley • *Lector:* Frank Hunt • *Ushers:* Mike Ready / Mack Lindsey

Organist: Jim Crandell

PROPERS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

ISAIAH 11:1-10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist, and faithfulness the girdle

of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall feed; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious.

PSALM 72:1-8

Give the King thy judgments, O God, * and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

²Then shall he judge thy people according unto right, * and defend the poor.

³The mountains also shall bring peace, * and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

⁴He shall keep the simple folk by their right, * defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.

⁵They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth, * from one generation to another.

⁶He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, * even as the drops that water the earth.

ROMANS 15:4-13

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm

MATTHEW 3:1-12

Response: Glory be to thee, O Lord

¹In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." ⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair, and a leather girdle around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sad'ducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from

⁷In his time shall the righteous flourish; * yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

⁸His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other, * and from the River unto the world's end.

the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise thee among the Gentiles, and sing to thy name"; ¹⁰and again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and further Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, he who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit that befits repentance, ⁹and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ

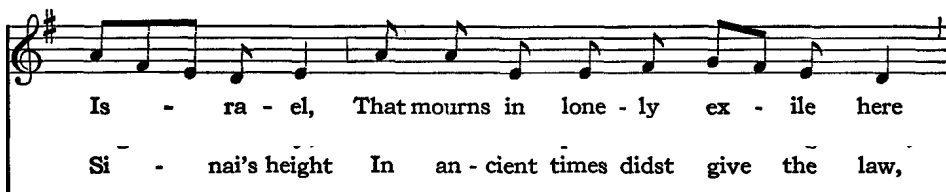
VENI EMMANUEL

Melody adapted from plainsong, Mode I,
by THOMAS HELMORE, 1854



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive

3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, Who to thy tribes on



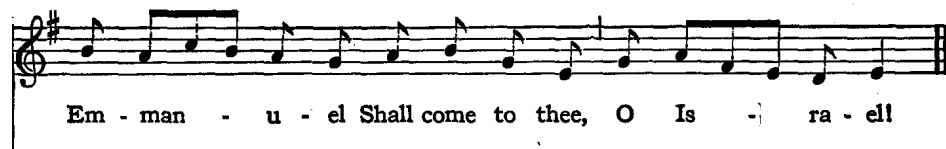
Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here

Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the law,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!

In cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

4 O come, thou Rod of Jesse's stem,
From every foe deliver them
That trust thy mighty power to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

6 O come, thou Day-spring from on high,
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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RAVENSHAW

Ave Hierarchia, 1531,
arr. WILLIAM H. MONK, 1861

Quietly

1 Lord, thy word a - bi - deth, And our foot-steps guid - eth;
 2 When our foes are near us, Then thy word doth cheer us,
 3 When dark clouds are o'er us, And the storms be - fore us,
 4 Who can tell the plea - sure, Who re - count the trea - sure,

Who its truth be - liev - eth Light and joy re - ceiv - eth.
 Word of con - so - la - tion, Mes - sage of sal - va - tion.
 Then its light di - rect - eth, And our way pro - tect - eth.
 By thy word im - part - ed To the sim - ple - heart - ed? A-men.

5 Word of mercy, giving
 Succor to the living;
 Word of life, supplying
 Comfort to the dying!

6 O that we, discerning
 Its most holy learning,
 Lord, may love and fear thee,
 Evermore be near thee! Amen.

HENRY WILLIAMS BAKER, 1861, *alt.**Anthem at the 11:00 service***Prepare the Way O Zion**

Prepare the way, O Zion! Ye awful deeps, rise high! Sink low, ye towering mountains, the Lord is drawing nigh; The righteous King of glory, foretold in sacred story. O blest is he that came in God the Father's Name

Zion, the approacheth. The Lord and King for aye! Strew palm where he advanceth, spread garments in His way. God's promise failest never, Hosanna sound forever. O blest is he that came in God the Father's Name

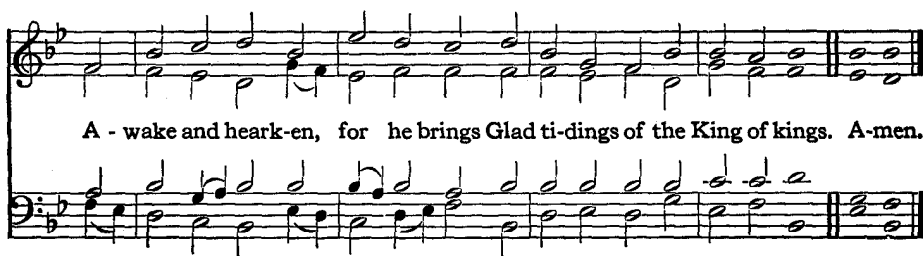
Fling wide thy portals, Zion! and hail thy glorious King. His tidings of salvation do every people bring, who, waiting yet in sadness, would sing His praise in gladness. O blest is he that came in God the Father's Name. The Father's name.

WINCHESTER NEW
With solemnity

Adapted from
Musikalisches Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690



1 On Jor-dan's bank the Bap-tist's cry An-noun-ces that the Lord is nigh;



A - wake and heark-en, for he brings Glad ti-dings of the King of kings. A-men.

2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
Make straight the way of God within,
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.

3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge, and our great reward;
Without thy grace we waste away
Like flowers that wither and decay.

4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let thy light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
Whose advent doth thy people free;
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

CHARLES COFFIN, 1736; Tr. JOHN CHANDLER, 1837, *alt.*

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