The Third Sunday of Advent

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II



Sunday, December 14, 2025 10:00 am



Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We are glad you joined us today!

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you here. We welcome everyone to join and participate fully in worship. The bulletin should contain all you need to participate in worship. Text the congregation reads aloud is **printed in bold**. This symbol \maltese denotes the appropriate time to make the sign of the cross upon yourself, if it is your custom.

Mask-wearing is optional. The rear pews are designated for socially-distanced seating for those who wish.

Please sanitize your hands as you enter and immediately before Communion.

"Advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming." It is the first season of the new church year and is a time for us to get ready both for the great Christmas feast as well as the final coming of Christ.

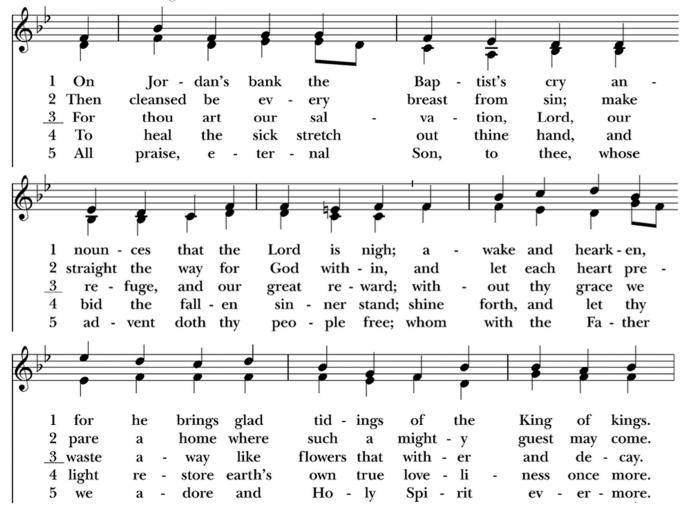
Major themes of the season are waiting, expectation, and preparation. Major symbols revolve around light and dark, to include the popular Advent wreath. Emmanuel actually utilizes two: one containing oil candles which is lit at the beginning of the service, and another with battery-powered candles in the antique holder suspended from the ceiling.

Advent is rather unusual as a church season in that there are actually two different colors which can be used: purple or blue. Purple is perhaps the more common choice, and represents penitence and sacrifice, as well as being the color of royalty. Blue, however, goes back at least to the medieval church in England and symbolizes hope. It is also the color long associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary, who of course features so prominently in the Christmas story. On the third Sunday of Advent, we switch our color to rose to symbolize joy. That day is often called "Gaudete Sunday," after the first word in the traditional Latin chant which means "rejoice."



Please note that this 10am service is livestreamed and recorded. Videos may be found on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website.

All are invited to stand and sing.



Opening Acclamation

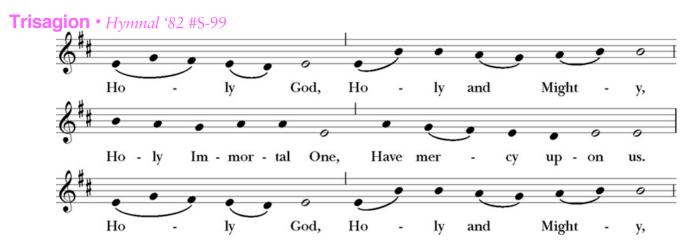
The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p.355

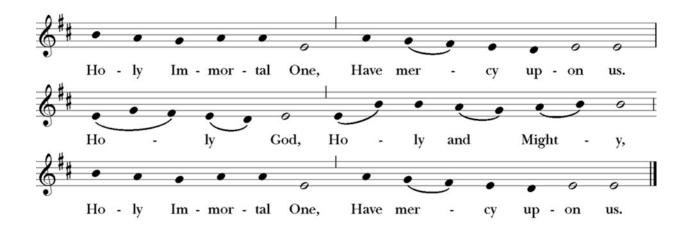
Celebrant

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit; that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.





The Collect of the Day

BCP p.211

CelebrantPeopleCelebrantThe Lord be with you.And also with you.Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson • A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Psalm the choir sings the Psalm

Psalm 146:4-9

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise forever;
Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
The Lord shall reign forever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

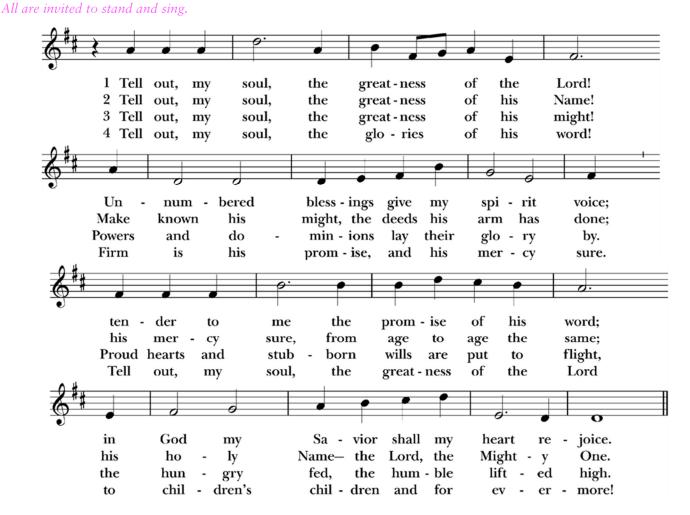
Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn• Hymnal '82 #438

Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord



The Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5he blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. David Jackson

BCP p.358

The Nicene Creed

All are invited to stand and recite together.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

from Planning for Rites and Rituals

Intercessor Friends in Christ, strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Let us seek the Lord praying, "Let us see your glory, O Lord; Come to us and save us!"

Lord, save your Church from weakness of heart. Give us strength to prepare this world for the coming of your Christ. And give us patience when it seems Christ's kingdom does not come quickly enough.

Let us see your glory, O Lord;

People Come to us and save us!

Lord, save this nation from disordered priorities and misplaced hope. May our values mirror your values. May we be a nation that gives justice to the oppressed, food to the hungry, and care to the stranger.

Let us see your glory, O Lord;

People Come to us and save us!

Lord, save your creation from human misuse. Bless us to play a part in the redemption you have planned for all of creation.

Let us see your glory, O Lord;

People Come to us and save us!

Lord, save this city from hopelessness. Give us a vision and a future. Raise up prophets who will speak hope and encouragement to the people of our region.

Let us see your glory, O Lord;

People Come to us and save us!

Lord, save the sick and the sorrowful in the midst of their affliction. May they experience the healing work of their Messiah. Make happy all those who have you for their help.

Let us see your glory, O Lord;

People Come to us and save us!

Lord, bless all members of your heavenly kingdom. May they obtain eternal joy and gladness in your presence—where sorrow and sighing are no more.

Let us see your glory, O Lord;

People Come to us and save us!

Joining our voices with the Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed John the Baptist, and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. To you, O Gracious God.

People Come, O Lord, and save us.

Here, additional intercessions are offered, and then the Deacon adds a concluding Collect:

Deacon O King of all the nations, only joy of every heart, keystone of the mighty arch who makes us one, come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. Glory to you for ever. Amen.

The Confession & Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, *forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

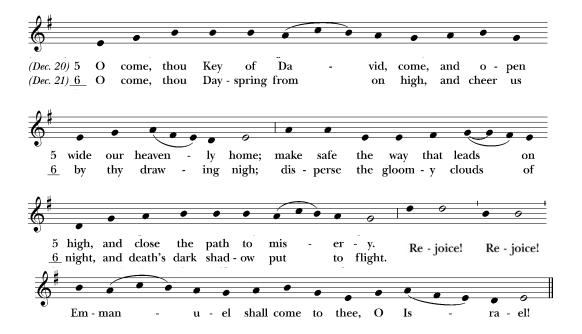
Welcome and Announcements

Please be seated.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

O come, O come Emmanuel Vs 5&6



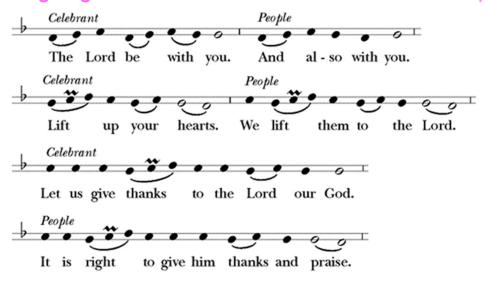
The Doxology • Hymnal '82 #380 (verse 3 only)

All are invited to stand and sing as the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

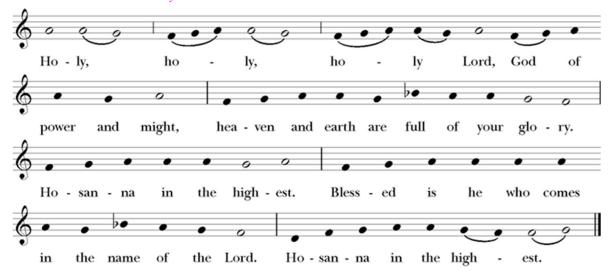
Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p.361



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus & Benedictus • Hymnal '82 #S-122



The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may

faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

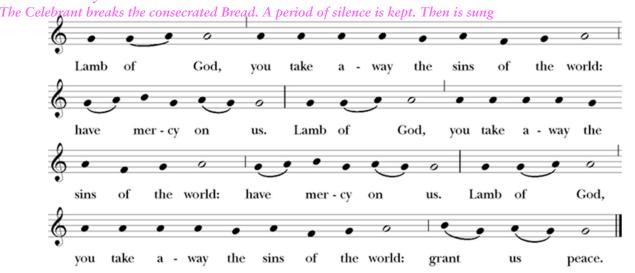
The Lord's Prayer

BCP p.364

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei • Hymnal '82 #S-160



The Celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

We are receiving both bread and wine at Communion. Please sanitize your hands prior to coming forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. There are two options for receiving the consecrated wine. If you wish to drink from the chalice, please go the left side of the altar rail. If you prefer to receive it in a single-use compostable cup (to drink or intinct), please pick one up from the table and go to the right side of the rail. The cup can be discarded on the table in the sacristy to be reverently rinsed out. If you are sick, we ask that you please refrain from using the chalice and either get a single-use cup instead or rest assured that the fullness of Communion is received in either just bread alone or wine alone. If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing, which will be delivered without touch.

Communion Anthem

The Desert Shall Rejoice

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p.366

All are invited to stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing **₹**



Closing Hymn • Hymnal '82 #68

Rejoice! Rejoice believers



The Dismissal BCP p.366

Deacon People Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland II Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

Today, Sunday, December 14th The Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite I (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)
- 11:15am, Coffee Hour

Sunday, December 21st The Fourth Sunday of Advent with Seek & Find

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite I (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music) with Children's Church
- 11:15am, Coffee Hour
- 7:00pm, Blue Christmas, Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday, December 24th Christmas Eve

- 2:00pm, Family Christmas Service
- 10:30pm, Carol Singing
- 11:00pm, Midnight Mass with choir, special musicians

Thursday, December 25th

- 9:00am, Christmas Day Quiet Service

Birthdays: Ardath Barr, Catherine Valeika, Hadley Rivera-Weaver, Evie Galas, Amanda Jandris, Eloise Anderson

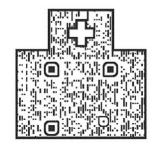
Anniversaries: Pam & Angie Duncan, Kaitlin & Kevin Rodriguez, Kim & Jeff Gebhart

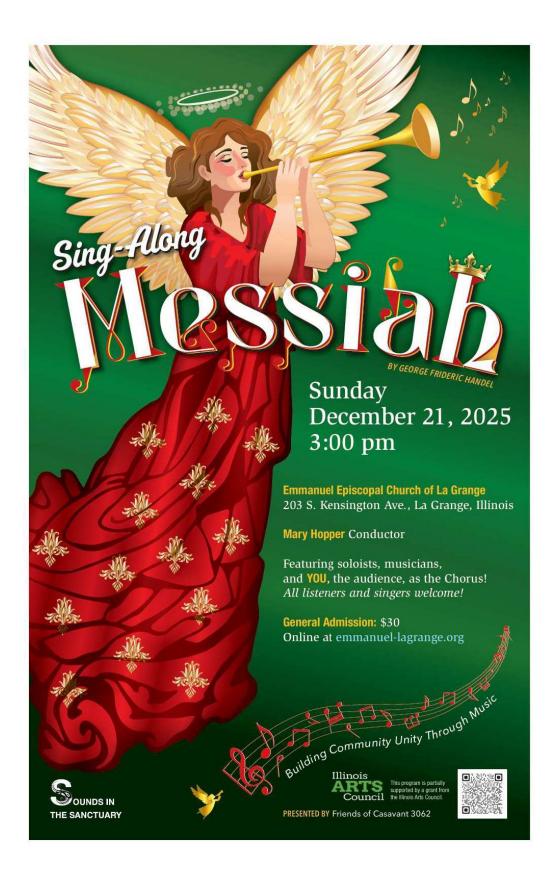
In our prayers: Pete, Barb, David, Chris, Jane, Linda, Steven, Theresa, Bernadette, Gene, Christina, Leslie, Mick, Sandy, Judy, Marie, Janelle, Robert, Erin, Michael, Claire, Jeanine, Jimmy, Natalie, Colleen, Jeff, Kurt, Mike & Renee

<u>Messiah Help Needed:</u> A Signup Genius has been sent requesting parishioners to volunteer for the Messiah on **Dec. 21**st. If you are available but didn't receive the email, please contact AnnLaura in the office.

Christmas Memorials and Dedication: We invite donations toward Christmas flowers and/or music in memory or thanksgiving of someone or something. The dedications will be printed in the Christmas bulletins. To participate, please fill out the form found on the table at the back of the sanctuary, and put it in the offering plate, send to the office, or bring no later than Sunday, December 21st with your donation. Thank you!

2025 - Nov ytd TRACKING REPORT							
	20	25 budget	2025 f'cast	<u>2024 actual</u>			
General Giving Income	\$	247,488	\$250,729	\$209,212			
Total Operating Revenue	\$	321,716	\$336,153	\$292,988			
Total Operating Expense	\$	327,895	\$341,803	\$322,698			
Total Staff Payroll	\$	187,517	\$192,695	\$189,022			
Parish Admin	\$	18,810	\$16,565	\$18,447			
Maintenance	\$	22,733	\$29,560	\$20,648			
Utilities	\$	28,300	\$29,756	\$29,638			
Insurance	\$	46,785	\$46,243	\$37,354			





Christmas Service Schedule

Blue Christmas Sunday, December 21st, 7pm

Christmas Eve Family Service Wednesday, December 24th, 2pm

Christmas Eve Carols Wednesday, December 24th, 10:30pm

Candlelight Service Wednesday, December 24th, 11pm

Christmas Day Thursday, December 25th, 9am

Plans are once again in place for our Christmas services. The season begins with Blue Christmas on Sunday evening, which is a contemplative service for us to remember and lament our losses. It is also special for those who are alone and/or grieving at the holidays. Then we have our Family Service at 2pm on Christmas Eve. For our later service, we will sing traditional carols starting at 10:30pm with guest string instruments, and our Candlelight Service will begin at 11:00pm.

Christmas morning will be a quiet service at 9:00am.







Weekly Worship Schedule

Tuesdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
Thursdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
	at 8:00pm	Compline (online)
Sundays	at 8:00am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (during Advent) (without music)
·	at 10:00am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)

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