



**GOOD SAMARITAN**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Followers of Jesus, with open minds  
and hearts to serve*

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*December 1, 2024 | Harris Academy | 10:00 a.m.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nanci Slagle

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### Lighting of the Candle - Week 1 of Advent

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### OPENING HYMN

People Look East



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the  
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed  
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be  
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall  
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the  
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may  
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has  
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -  
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.  
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.  
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.  
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.  
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* 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 our Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

### Come Light of Lights

*Ruth Cunningham*

The musical score is written for two parts, Part 1 and Part 2, in 12/8 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first two lines of music, and the second system contains the last two lines. Each line of music has lyrics underneath it. The lyrics are: 'Come light of lights in - to my heart. Come wis - dom of spi - rit in - to my heart. Come'. The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

Words: tr. from a Celtic chant of the Céile Dé order.  
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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

*Reader* A Reading from the book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

Psalm 25:1-9

**A** REFRAIN

♩ = 90

Cm Bbm Fm C7 Cm Bbm

Show me your ways, O Lord and

5 Fm C7 Cm Bbm Fm C7

te - each me your paths Show me your ways, O Lord and te - ach me your paths

To you, O Lord, \*  
I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
Don't let me be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.  
Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.  
**(Refrain)**

Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.  
Remember, O Lord, your everlasting compassion and love, \*  
**(Refrain)**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.  
You are gracious and upright, O Lord; \*  
you teach sinners in your way.  
You guide the humble in doing right \*  
and teach your way to the lowly.  
**(Refrain)**

## THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

*Reader* Today's second lesson is taken from the book of Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE SEQUENCE

Plainsong



## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 21:25-36*

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Jesus Christ.**

## Repeat The Sequence - Plainsong

*We invite all 1st through 5th graders to join Story Share with our Good Sam's kids & youth leaders.*

*Please be seated.*

## THE SERMON

*The Rev. James T. Said*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Nicene Creed*

**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.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Form IV*

*Litanist* Faithful God, we offer our prayers in hopeful anticipation of your response as we say, Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Litanist* Your church waits in anticipation for the fulfillment of your promises. Grant us perseverance and urgency to continue Christ's mission as we await His return. Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Litanist* Sow the seeds of your love throughout this nation, that our people and leaders might work towards building a society where all people have an equitable place and the opportunity to thrive. Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Litanist* As we enter into this season of anticipation, grant this congregation a discerning spirit that we might confidently follow where you are leading us to be beacons of hope, and a place of refuge for our neighbors. Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Litanist* Your creation cries out from the devastation wrought by our unsustainable use of its resources. Show us how we might change and advocate for a holy stewardship of the natural world. Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Litanist* Open our hearts to know the suffering of those who are sick, afraid, alone, or oppressed; grant them relief, healing, and wholeness and show us how to be present with them. Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Litanist* Grant to the dying peace and rest in your loving care; and grant to us and them an entrance into the resurrected life of Christ. Lord in your mercy,  
**People** **Hear our prayer.**  
*Litanist* In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Timothy's in Indianapolis, and The Rev. Rebecca Nickel. Lord in your mercy,  
**People** **Hear our prayer.**  
*Celebrant* As is our custom, whom else shall we pray for?  
*Celebrant* Hear the hopes and needs of your people and respond; keep your people in your grace just as you always have. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns. **Amen.**

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(a brief silence may be kept)*

**People** **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and 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 the grace of 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 God be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Our Mission:** We are followers of Jesus who love all people, serve all people, and include all people, no exceptions.

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### THE OFFERTORY

I Wanna Be Ready

*The people's offerings are collected to support the ongoing work and ministry of our community. If you wish to make a gift by text, simply send the dollar amount you wish to give to 73256 with the keyword GoodSams, followed by a space, and then a dollar amount. For example, "GoodSams 25"*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

*Presider* The Lord be with you

**People** **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues*

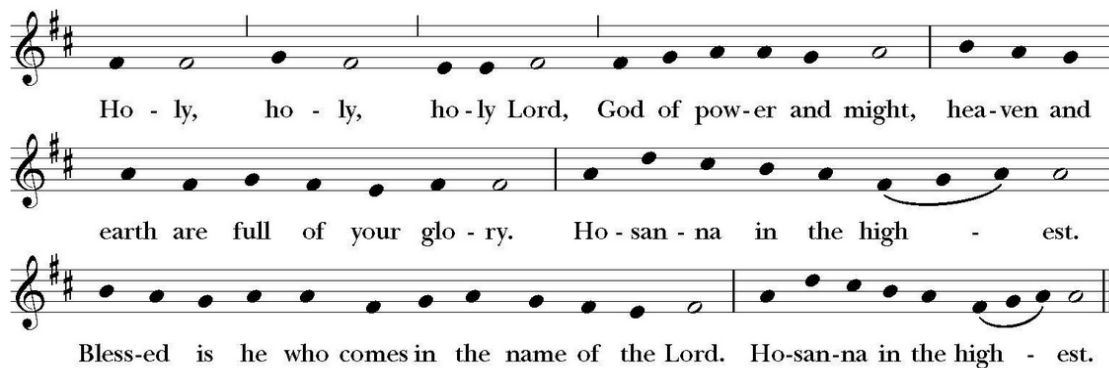
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

## THE SANCTUS

*Plainsong*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

*The Celebrant continues*

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray:

**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.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All who are followers of Christ, regardless of your church background (or not!), are warmly welcome to receive the gifts of bread and (non-alcoholic) wine in Holy Communion. Come forward and the priest will place a piece of bread into your palm. Gluten-free bread is available; simply ask the minister. You may either drink from the cup or cross your arms over your chest to pass the wine. Receiving bread only is still considered full communion if you prefer not to receive the wine at this time. If you do not wish to receive bread and wine, we welcome you to come forward anyway and to cross your arms over your chest. The priest will say a prayer for God's blessing upon you.*

### HYMN AFTER COMMUNION

### Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

*Stuttgart*

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.



*Please stand as you are able.*

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**ADVENT BLESSING**

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God!

**Our worship is over; now our service begins!**

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# Good Samaritan News

## **Adult Formation - Invite. Welcome. Connect. - Today!**

Join us in the cafeteria today after the service as Rev. Jim Said and Nanci Slagle discuss welcoming people to the Good Samaritan Community.

## **#ChurchThatServes - Angel Tree Continues!**

Some ornaments are still available on the decorated tree or you can select items from the Good Sam's Amazon wish list (there is a QR code on the tree). Gifts bought through Amazon will be sent directly to Becky Weidner. **If you choose a tag from the tree and purchase items, bring them to the Sanctuary any Sunday on or before December 8th.** We will meet after church on December 8th to wrap the gifts. We are also looking for a couple of volunteers to deliver these gifts. Talk to Becky Weidner (raweidner22@gmail.com) if you can volunteer or if you have questions.

## **Join us for the Brownsburg Christmas Parade Saturday, December 7th!**

Please join us in representing Good Sam's at the Brownsburg Christmas Parade on Saturday, **December 7th.** The parade begins at 6 p.m. and is about a mile long. Meet us in the parking lot of Harris Academy at 4 p.m. to decorate the truck or by 5:30 p.m. to walk. Bikes are welcome too! Sign up on the Welcome Table! Contact Jennifer Moore if you have questions (jenmo72@comcast.net).

## **ALPHA Craft Fair Needs Your Donations!**

ALPHA students are working on Winter crafts for their fundraiser. How can you help? Donate a craft or service! Deb has several craft kits available. If you'd like to try one or would like more info, contact Deb Samples at 317-431-8211.

On Sunday, **December 15th**, we will host the ALPHA Winter Fundraiser. Throughout the year, Good Sam's supports the ALPHA students on the east end of the Harris building. We act as a PTO group for the children, helping to meet their needs throughout the year. Last year, your generous donations amounted to nearly \$900 which helped provide family nights, rewards, and classroom needs. The students will have craft items for sale.

## **Wishlist For Our New Facility**

There is a Wishlist of items needed to do maintenance and groundskeeping at our new facility located at the Welcome Table. Please fill in your name and phone number next to any items that you can provide.

Contact Scott Lockhart at 765-716-0636 or smlockhart1@hotmail.com to arrange to drop any items off at the new church property.

## **Building Renovation Fund and a Matching Gift**

We are thrilled to share an exciting opportunity to assist with the cost of renovation for our new church home. We have an incredible opportunity to amplify your impact: a generous donor has pledged to match every dollar donated at \$0.50 on the dollar, up to a total matching amount of \$10,000 for donations received by December 31, 2024.

This means your gift will have an even greater effect on transforming our new space. These renovations will allow us to create a safe, warm, welcoming, and vibrant space for worship, fellowship, and community outreach.

To contribute, you can give online using the QR code below, or write a check to Good Samaritan Episcopal Church and include "Building Renovation Fund" in the memo.

Thank you for your continued support, love, and commitment to our church's future!



## **We are forming a Parish Nurse Council for GSEC!**

Calling all nurses! We are searching for volunteer nurses who will be available for consultation, health checks, education, awareness events, etc. To be a member, you do not have to attend every event and the group will decide the scope of our initial projects. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Lisa Kennedy ([ldmshs@hotmail.com](mailto:ldmshs@hotmail.com)).

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## ***With thanks to those who serve today!***

<i>Preacher &amp; Presider</i>	<b>The Rev. James T. Said</b>
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	<b>The Rev. Yvonne Brandenburg</b>
<i>Readers</i>	<b>Casey Cordry &amp; Lori Cordry</b>
<i>Litanist</i>	<b>Aidan Cordry</b>
<i>Chalice</i>	<b>Susan Davis &amp; Gabe Reynolds</b>
<i>Altar Guild &amp; Prep</i>	<b>Cheryl Hughes &amp; Karen Farmer</b>
<i>Acolytes</i>	<b>Gabe Reynolds &amp; Aidan Cordry</b>
<i>Greeters</i>	<b>Don &amp; Susan Noeller</b>
<i>Set-Up Team</i>	<b>Joe Rodriguez &amp; Al Wilkins</b>
<i>Director of Music</i>	<b>Kendall Ludwig</b>
<i>Musician in Residence</i>	<b>Ann Lovko</b>
<i>Directors of Hospitality</i>	<b>Susan Davis &amp; Burnie Wilkins</b>
<i>Tech Team</i>	<b>Bryon Russell, Brian Weidner, &amp; Zach Hunt</b>
<i>Bishop's Committee Member on Duty</i>	<b>Christa Nierzwick</b>
<i>Dir. of Children's, Youth, &amp; Family Ministries</i>	<b>Barbie Russell</b>
<i>Children's Formation Leader</i>	<b>Angela Reynolds</b>
<i>Nursery Assistants</i>	<b>Audrey Davis &amp; Alora Winegard</b>
<i>Parish Administrator</i>	<b>Brianna Bleiler</b>



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