



ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST • THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1, 2024

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WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S!

Whatever your religious background, wherever you are in your faith journey, and however you have come to be here, we are glad you have joined for worship today. We hope you will experience God's presence among this community, people, place, and prayers.

Children's worship bags are available from an usher to use during the service. Please use our "Welcome" and "Prayer Request" cards located in the pews, or scan the QR code to complete our Connect card as a way to connect beyond your visit today. Return your completed card to an usher, clergy person, or place it in the offering plate.



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Celebrations & Thanksgivings • December 1-7

Birthdays

Skylar Angerosa, Bob Kessler, Alice Abrash, Kavin Paul, Alexandra Stroiney, Caroline Diebler, Henry Johns,
Lorraine Cross, Eileen Ellis

Anniversaries

Flowers are given to the glory of God.

We at St. Anne's acknowledge we are on the traditional lands of the Manaboac and Piscataway people. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the continued existence of Native peoples today and into the future.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE

THE WELCOME

THE ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

FIRST SUNDAY: HOPE

We wait in hope for the Lord;
He is our help and our shield.

The candle is lit.

Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world; through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. **Amen.**

THE INTROIT

The Advent Prose, Verse 1

Rorate Caeli

Antiphon:

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

*1. Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity forever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee.*

[Antiphon]

Text: Isaiah 45: 8 and 64: 9-11

THE ENTRANCE RITE

THE GATHERING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Verses 1-3)

The Hymnal 56

Veni Emmanuel

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” is a paraphrase of the ancient “O Antiphons,” dating to the 6th Century or earlier. For some 1200 years, monks have sung one verse for each of the seven days leading up to Christmas Eve. In reference to this practice, we will sing selections of verses on each Sunday of Advent.



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.



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

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

People responses are in bold.

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

The Hymnal S91

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you

And also with you.

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.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the readings and the psalm.

THE FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 25:1-9

The psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; ***
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 **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.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 **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.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 **He guides the humble in doing right ***
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

The Hymnal 72

Richmond

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
 2 He comes, the pri - sors to re - lease in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

prom - ised long: let ev - ery heart pre -
 bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
 soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal



THE GOSPEL

LUKE 21:25-36

The people stand and turn to face the Gospel.

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

Glory to you, Lord 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the indication of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Searby

A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

The people stand as they are able.

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

PLANNING FOR RITES AND RITUALS

The Reader and People pray responsively

Kindred in Christ, may God strengthen our hearts in holiness. Trusting in God, let us pray, “O come, o come Emmanuel; be our hope and our salvation.”

God our hope, increase in us love for one another that we may abound in your love.

Keep your Church on the path of love and faithfulness. O come, o come Emmanuel;
Be our hope and our salvation.

God, our hope, usher in your reign of justice and righteousness. May all the world know your peace and safety. O come, o come Emmanuel;
Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, you place signs in the sun, the moon and the stars. Give us the eyes to see you, the wisdom to prepare for you, and the faith to trust in you. O come, o come Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, under your reign divisions are overcome, unity restored: bring the people of this region—from city, village and town—together in a spirit of love and respect. O come, o come Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the sick and the suffering, the anxious and the grieving. We pray especially for Jamie, Bruce & Jean, Gerald, Rich, Sue, Eleanor, Katherine, Nora, Robin, Peggy, Carolyn, Michael, John, Tomas, Dave, and Judy. O come, o come Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus with joy. May we, and all who have died, rise to life immortal with all your saints. O come, o come Emmanuel;

Be our hope and our salvation.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

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.**

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

The Sunday school children and teachers process in and share what they learned.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

We invite you to give generously to support the mission and ministry of St. Anne's. You can scan the QR code, text-to-give at 703-997-4436, or go to our website at stannes-reston.org.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Truth Sent From Above

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

1. *This is the truth sent from above,
the truth of God, the God of love;
therefore don't turn me from your door
but hearken all, both rich and poor.*

2. *The first thing which I do relate,
is that God did man create;
the next thing which to you I tell:
woman was made with him to dwell.*

3. *Thus we were heirs to endless woes
till God the Lord did interpose;
and so a promise soon did run:
that he would redeem us by his Son.*

4. *And at this season of the year
our blest Redeemer did appear,
He here did live, and here did preach,
and many thousands he did teach.*

5. *Thus he in love to us behaved,
to show us how we must be saved;
and if you want to know the way,
be pleased to hear what he did say.*

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

The Eighth Tune

As the offering is brought forward, the community stands and the following is sung:

1 2
4 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

At this celebration of the Lord's Supper, bread and wine are blessed and broken and shared in remembrance of Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER 2

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

New Plainsong

David Hurd

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.

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.

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 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

All are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language that speaks to their heart.

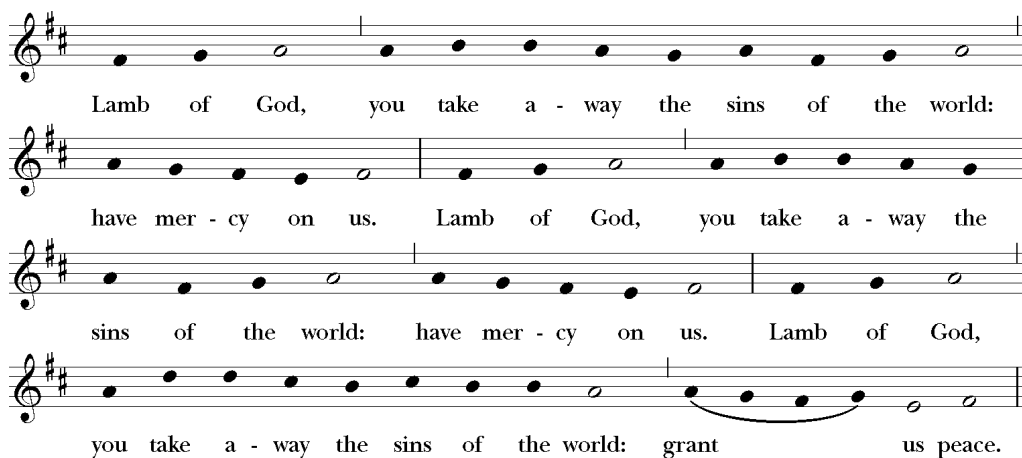
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, each in the language of our hearts, we are bold to pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE FRACTION

New Plainsong

David Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

This is the Body of Christ given for you, for you are the body of Christ given for the world. Come to God's table, be fed by God's hand, and find your place in God's holy family.

To receive communion, please process down the side aisle. Hold your palm out flat with two hands if you wish to receive bread dipped in wine by the clergy and one palm out if you wish bread only. Please let the clergy know if you would like gluten-free wafers. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMNS

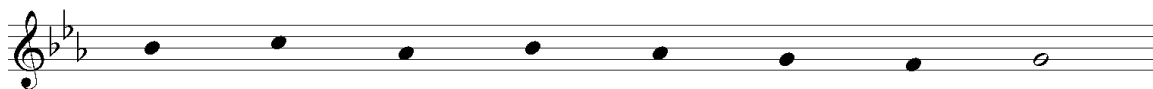
Creator of the Stars of Night

The Hymnal 60

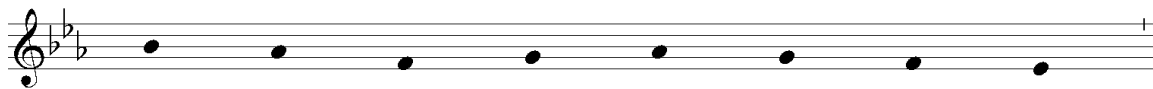
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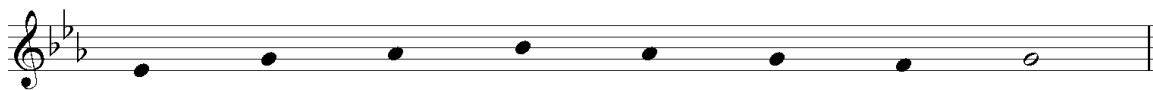
1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



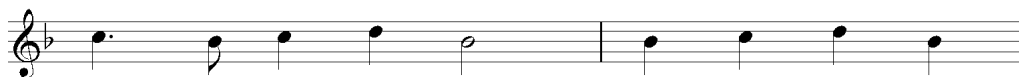
1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
 2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

THE 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 for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending

The Hymnal 57

Helmsey



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the Nations, Come), BWV 661

J.S. Bach

Advent Wreath Lighting • *Suzanne & Terry Robinson*

Acolytes • *Bryce Korbuly, Ian Korbuly, Claire Juran*

Altar Guild • *Valerie Mayer, Nellie Sidifall, Bob Mates*

Chalice Bearers • *Martha Furniss, Lee Hobrla, Tom Smith*

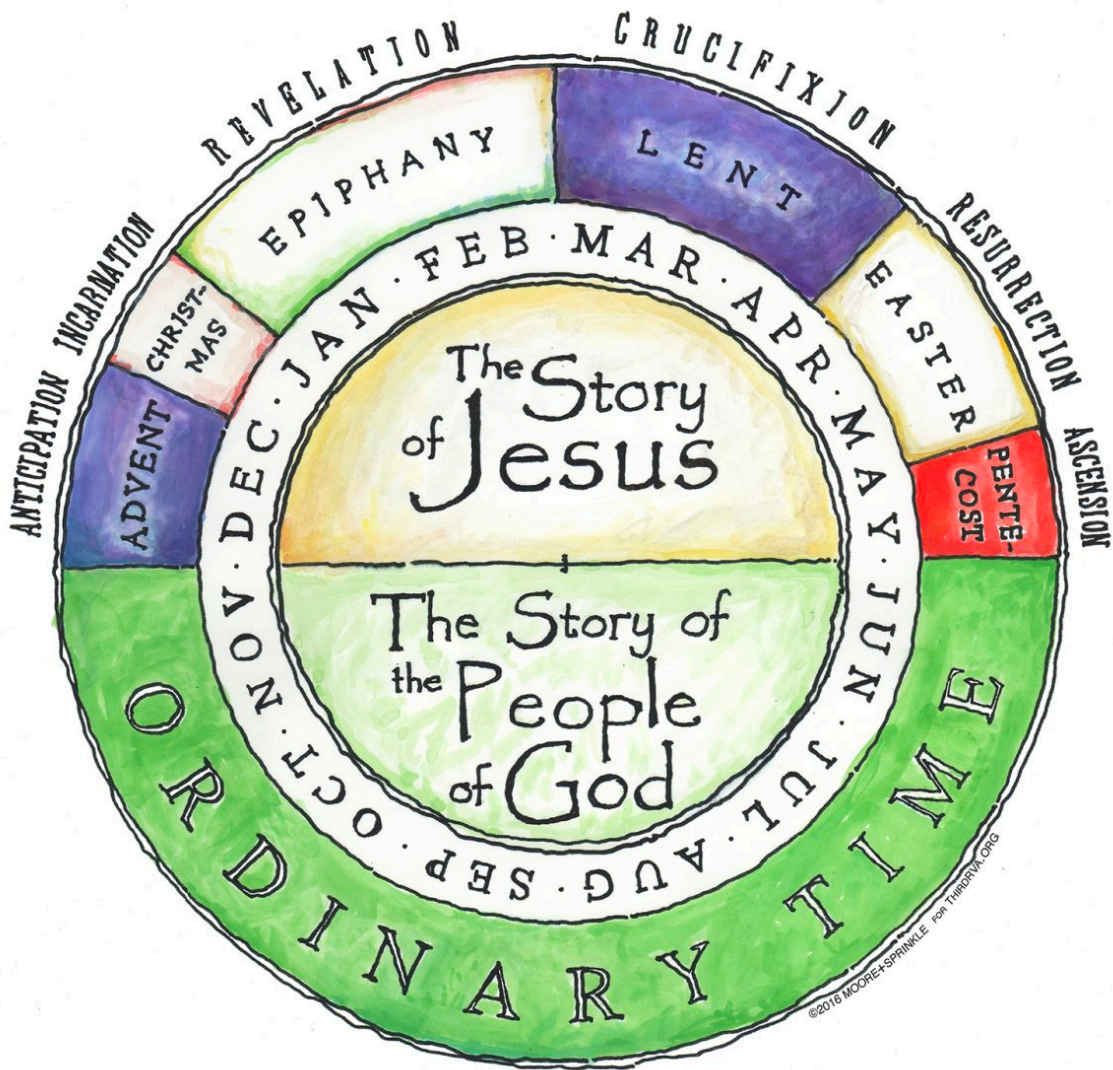
Digital Verger • *Gary Harvey*

Flower Guild • *Peggy Hobler, Kendall Jamison, Nancy Santoro*

Lay Readers • *Jim Vollman, Sandy Chamblee-Head*

Ushers • *James Juran, Brian Wynne*

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YOU ARE INVITED TO
ADVENT AT ST. ANNE'S

SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 3, 10, 17

How A Weary World Rejoices (Adult Formation Series)
4:00 PM, Library

WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 6, 13, 20

How A Weary World Rejoices (Adult Formation Series)
7:00 PM, Zoom

SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 3, 10, 17, 24

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals
9:00 AM, Great Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Advent Lessons & Carols
10:00 AM, Sanctuary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Hypothermia Shelter Volunteer Opportunity
Epiphany Episcopal Oak Hill (Herndon)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Youth Christmas Movie Night
4:00 PM, Room 1

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

A Holy Night for a Weary World (Blue Christmas
Advent Meditation)
5:30 PM, Sanctuary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Pantry Distribution
11:00 AM, Narthex

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Advent IV Service
10:00 AM, Sanctuary

