



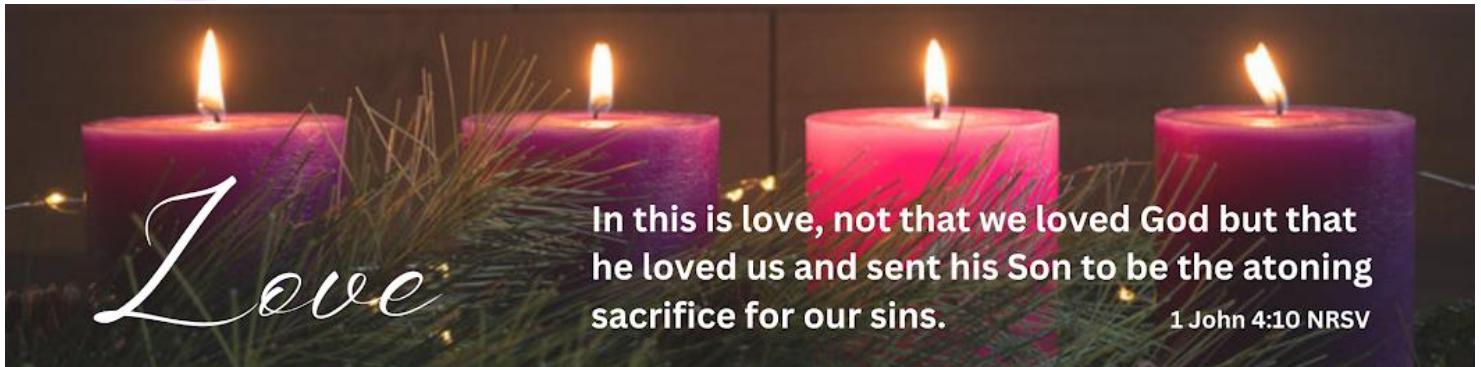
# St. Mary's Episcopal Church

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Rev. Leanne Beaumont

December 21, 2025

9:00 a.m.



*Prelude: Wait for the Lord, Jim Beaumont, guitar*

*Jacques Berthier*

### Lighting of the Advent Candles

Advent Reading and Lighting of the Advent Candles—Feeding the 5,000 Ministry

*Advent Hymn all sing*

**Light one candle**

*Yiddish folk tune*

*Light four candles to watch for Messiah, let the light banish darkness,  
He is coming, tell the glad tidings. Let your lights be shining!*

### The Service of the Word

*(The People Stand)*

**Processional Hymn: Rejoice, rejoice believers (Hymn 68)**

*Llangloffan*

Acclamation

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*      **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

**All—Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Trisagion**

*S100*

*Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.*

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*Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.*

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson—Isaiah 7:10-16

*Lector: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

*Lector: The psalm will be spoken responsively by half verse.*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
**shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
**stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
**how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
**you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
**the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
**give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

## The Epistle—Romans :1-7

*Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.*

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn: What wondrous love is this (Hymn 439, vs. 1,2)**

*Wondrous Love*

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss  
To lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
To lay aside his crown for my soul.**

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While Millions join the theme, I will sing.**

## The Holy Gospel

*Stand as you are able.*

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

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

### Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of our Savior.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Leanne Beaumont

*All Stand*

### 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 word ‘catholic’ means universal or world-wide.*

### Advent Prayers of the People

*Stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Celebrant*

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, kindle in us the desire to remain awake; that we might be ready to receive you in our hearts. We pray.

*Intercessor*

Jesus Christ you are the Savior of the world, you have taught us to pray for each other, therefore we pray for all people everywhere that they may be gathered to you.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill the hearts of all the leaders of the world with peace and good will this Advent Season.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those who have needs, we pray that you lead them and guide them and restore them to wholeness. We pray for the inmates, officers and their families at Escambia County Jail, Pensacola, FL.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all people who seek you this season, meet us within that seeking.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Our Savior Jesus Christ, restore health to those who are sick, especially those on our prayer list \_\_\_\_\_; give strength to those who minister to anyone in need.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Light of the world, help us to become aware of your light in our human lives during this season of Advent. Grant light perpetual to all those who have been gathered to you.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

*Silence*

*Celebrant*

Come, O Come Emmanuel, you are the way, the truth and the life; come, Living Savior come to your world which anticipates your presence. **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin**

*Book of Common Prayer, pg. 360*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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 Christ be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Announcements

*All are invited to come forward to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive is invited to kneel at the rail, cross their arms over their chest to receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to you or someone in the pews, please notify the ushers.*

## The Holy Communion

**The Offertory**

**Offertory Anthem: Away in the manger, Jim Beaumont, guitar**

*The Cradle Song*

Stand and sing as the gifts are being brought forward.

### Doxology

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

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Book of Common Prayer, pg. 367*

### Eucharistic Prayer B

*The people remain standing.*

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 him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

*Celebrant and People*

*Land of Rest, American Folk Tune*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,  
*Celebrant and People*

*Book of Common Prayer, pg. 364*

**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**

*Book of Common Prayer, pg. 364*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **Fraction Hymn: *Take, O take me as I am***

*John L. Bell*

***Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be:  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.***

*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.

### **Communion Hymn: *Let us break bread together* (Hymn 325)**

*African-American spiritual*

### **Communion Hymn: *Alleluia***

*Rob Gutowski*

***Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu-ju-ju-ia***

### **Post communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

*All*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with the spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant*

The Blessing

### **Hymn in Procession into the World: *Do you hear what I hear?***

*Gloria*

*Shayne*

***Said the night wind to the little lamb, "Do you see what I see?"  
Way up in the sky, little lamb, "Do you see what I see?"  
A star, a star, dancing in the night,  
With a tail as big as a kite; with a tail as big as a kite.***

***Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, "Do you hear what I hear?"  
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy, "Do you hear what I hear?"  
A song, a song high above the trees, with a voice as big as the sea,  
With a voice as big as the sea.***

***Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, "Do you know what I know?"  
In your palace warm, mighty king, "Do you know what I know?"  
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold,  
Let us bring him silver and gold; let us bring him silver and gold.***

***Said the king to the people everywhere, "Listen to what I say!"  
Pray for peace, people everywhere, "Listen to what I say!"  
The Child, the Child sleeping in the night,  
he will bring us goodness and light; He will bring us goodness and light.***

The Dismissal: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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Today!



Next Sunday!

JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS  
BREAKFAST



Join us at 10:00am for a delightful breakfast provided by our amazing Vestry leadership team!

Please join us for this special program by our Youth & Children!  
Today at 11am, after breakfast.





Feeding the

5,000

ATTENTION

IMPORTANT  
ANNOUNCEMENT



St. Mary's delivered 46 sweatshirts and a total of \$450 in gift cards to the Milton High School to support the students who are un-housed.

THANK  
YOU!

**Dec. 21—11am—Children & Youth Pageant**

Ushers: 9am—Joel & Mimi Hamilton  
11am—Pageant

Lector: 9am—Heather Lindsay  
11am—Pageant

Intercessor: 9am—Brendan O'Gara  
11am—Pageant

Acolyte: 9am—Neil Rowe  
11am—Pageant

Eucharistic Minister: 9am—Ann Cole  
11am—Pageant

**Dec. 24—Christmas Eve**

Ushers: Noon—Neil Rowe  
5:30pm—

Lector: Noon—Jack Bilbo  
5:30pm—Adam Willis

Intercessor: Noon—Daniel Savage  
5:30pm—Lori O'gara

Acolyte: Noon  
5:30pm—Julie Hotmer-Drao, Wayne Keen

Eucharistic Minister: Noon—Ann Cole  
5:30pm—Dave Chaney

## *Prayer Requests*

### Family

Barbara Johnson  
Carol Culton  
Chuck & Laraine Sturtevant  
Dotty Johnson  
Glennda Artinger  
Gina Braswell  
Henry Green  
Jim Miller  
Jack Bilbo  
Jessica Morawski  
Jim Longshore  
Jesse & Jennifer Reeves  
Janette Grey-Cusack  
Robert Lenzo  
Sam Klauss  
Scott DeLoatch  
Sylvia Stern  
Vicki Blackmon  
Wanda Wadsworth  
Waylon

### Military

Bradley James  
Cade Campbell  
Gabriel Bustillo  
Caleb Parks  
Christopher Vance  
Edward Estrada  
Fischer Morgan Lay  
Gage  
Kevin Murphy  
Lena Ryan  
Leo  
Lou Andrade  
Joshua Krause  
Nick Rinaire  
Phillip Holmes  
Taylor Emerson  
Tyler Hart  
Tom Ryan

### Our Friends

Kelley & Pam Eddings  
Mary Raisler  
Travis Preece  
Rachel Kaiser  
Rhonda Watson  
Thomas Atwell

### The Holiday Schedule for St. Mary's will be as follows:

*Wednesday offerings and rehearsals:* The Centering Prayer, Bible Study, Noon worship , Bell Choir and Choir will all resume January 7th at their regular times. (Choir and Bell Choir, please confer with Sam and Jean about any alternate dates/times that may be set.)

*Church Office:* The church office will be closed from December 24th and reopen Jan. 5th. Mimi & Mother Leanne will continue to check messages and emails. If there is an emergency, please call 850-217-3730 or 850-417-5918.

*Feeding the 5,000 Food Pantry:* The Food Pantry will resume distribution January 8, 2026.

Everyone have a very Blessed Christmas!

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Choir Director and Organist: Sam Klauss

Choir: Mary Starr, Mark Starr, Alice Grillo, Jean Gillis,  
Rudman Stevens, Heather Lindsay, Susan Bilbo, Jack Bilbo

Bell Choir Director: Jean Gillis

Bell Choir: Angel Zandikarimi, Caroline Thompson,  
Alice Grillo, Mimi Hamilton, Mary Starr,  
Norgee Thompson, Jane Wilcox, Mark Starr