



St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Rev. Leanne Beaumont

December 14, 2025

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



Prelude: *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

St Mary's Bell Choir

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Advent Reading and Lighting of the Advent Candles—St. Mary's Men's Group

Advent Hymn all sing

Light one candle

*Light three candles to watch for Messiah, let the light banish darkness,
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway, for the King of Glory.*

Yiddish folk tune

The Service of the Word

(The People Stand)

Processional Hymn: *I come with joy to meet my Lord* (Hymn 304, vs. 1,2,3)

Land of Rest

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

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

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

The First Lesson—Isaiah 35:1-10

Lector: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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.

Canticle 15—Song of Mary

Lector: 9am- The psalm will be sung responsively by half verse, lead by the choir.

11am- The psalm will be spoken responsively by half verse.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *

to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Epistle—James 5:7-10

Lector: A reading from the Letter of James.

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: *Emmanuel*

Bob McGee

Emmanuel, Emmanuel; His name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

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 11:2-11

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: the 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.”

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 Gulf County Jail, Port St. Joe, 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: Jesu, joy of man's desiring
Christian Klauss, viola

J.S. Bach

Stand and sing as the gifts are being brought forward.

Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father

Henry W. Greatorex

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is in G clef, the middle is in G clef, and the bottom is in F clef. The lyrics are as follows:

Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly
6 Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er
10 shall be, world with-out end. A-men, A-men.

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

Sanctus

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

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. 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



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

Celebrant and People

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 364

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low-ed be
thy name. Thy king-dom come, Thy will be
done on earth as it is in heav - en.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our debts as
we for-give our deb-tors. And lead us not in-to temp - ta-tion, but de -
liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the
pow-er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er. A - men.

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; sum-mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on 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.

Music at Communion: *Breath of Heaven*

Chris Eaton and Amy Grant

I have traveled many moonless nights, cold and weary with a baby inside.

And I wonder what I've done.

Holy Father; you have come and chosen me now to carry your son.

I am waiting in a silent prayer; I am frightened by the load I bear.

In a world as cold as stone must I walk this path alone?

Be with me now; Be with me now.

Refrain: *Breath of Heaven, hold me together,*
be forever near me, Breath of Heaven.
Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness;
pour over me your holiness,
For you are holy, Breath of Heaven.

Do you wonder as you watch my face, if a wiser one should have had my place?

But I offer all I am for the mercy of your plan.

Help me be strong, help me be, help me. (Refrain 2x)

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: *Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King*

Andraé Crouch

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

There's no more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King...

There's no more dying there, we are goin' to see the King...

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!

JOIN US FOR A TASTY BREAKFAST



Join us at 10:00am for a breakfast provided
by the Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

Next Sunday! Bring a dish to share.



Join us on the 3rd Wednesday in Advent
for a lesson on the symbolism of
the Nativity



Join us this Sunday as we study the
Advent theme of LOVE using the song
“What Child Is This?”



Forth Sunday of
Advent

Feeding the

5,000

In the spirit of Christmas,
through December 14th, we will collect the
following food items for our patrons:

Boxed mashed potatoes
Stuffing mix in a box
Cream of mushroom soup
Green Beans

Cans of gravy
Corn bread mix
Crispy Fried onions
Canned sweet potatoes



Your donations are deeply appreciated.

Feeding the

5,000

ATTENTION

IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT

St Mary's Food Pantry
will be closed:
Christmas Day, December 25th

Presenting

The Children & Youth Christmas Pageant



Sunday, December 21st at the 11:00am
Worship Service

Today is the last day for Poinsettia dedications,
Fill out an envelope or email the church office.



Next Sunday – All Men and Women, please attend the meeting, between services.



Thank you to those who gave funds, gift cards, and hoodies to help support the Milton High School homeless students. You are a blessing to them.

**CHRISTMAS FOR
MILTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Please consider donating Walmart or fast-food gift cards and hoodies for the Milton High School students.



A GIFT FOR YOU
WALMART & FAST
FOOD GIFT CARDS

Deadline for Donations
Tuesday, December 16th
THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

**CALLING all
GRANDPARENTS...**



We are seeking grandchildren to be in the St. Mary's Christmas Pageant. Contact the church office. 850.623.2905

**CHRISTMAS EVE
Candlelight**

— SERVICES —

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24
NOON AND 5:30PM
SING-ALONG AT 5:00PM - 5:30PM
AT ST MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Experience services filled with beautiful carols, inspiring messages, and the gentle glow of candlelight that symbolizes peace and hope.



"SON OF GOD. LOVE'S PURE LIGHT..."

Prayer Requests

Family

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

Our Friends

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

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

Dec. 14

Ushers: 9am—Adam & Charles Willis-Meche
11am—Daniel Savage, Julie Hotmer-Drao

Lector: 9am—Caroline Thompson
11am—Mark Starr

Intercessor: 9am—Linda Hamilton
11am—Jim Beaumont

Acolyte: 9am—Ann Cole
11am—Angel & Liam Zandikarimi

Eucharistic Minister: 9am—Jim Beaumont
11am—Dave Chaney

Dec. 21—11am—Children & Youth Pageant

Ushers: 9am—Joel & Mimi Hamilton
11am—Wayne Keen

Lector: 9am—Heather Lindsay
11am—

Intercessor: 9am—Brendan O'Gara
11am—

Acolyte: 9am—Jim Beaumont
11am—

Eucharistic Minister: 9am—Ann Cole
11am—

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve

Ushers: Noon—Neil Rowe
5:30pm—Joel & Liam Z.

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

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

Acolyte: Noon
5:30pm—Julie Hotmer-Drao

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

Rector: The Rev. Leanne Beaumont

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Rudman Stevens, Heather Lindsay, Susan Bilbo, Jack Bilbo

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

Sr. Warden: Heather Lindsay

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"To build up one another in Christ"