The First Sunday of Advent

30 November 2025

The Church of the Holy Faith

Santa Fe, New Mexico

The Church of the Holy Faith welcomes all people into an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord. We believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Sacraments, and the Authority of Scripture. We honor our Anglican heritage and praise God with solemn liturgy, traditional Prayer Book worship, and music to exalt the spirit. We strive to live as a community with compassion for one another and the world around us. We worship together in peace to praise and thank God, to transcend division, and to celebrate the mystery of faith.

The 11:00 a.m. service will be broadcast via livestream on Holy Faith's YouTube channel.



Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the House of God.

Before the Service, speak to the Lord; during the Service, let the Lord speak to you;

after the Service, speak to one another.

The voices of small children are always welcome!

Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.

The Word of God

At the sound of the bell, please stand.

The Great Litany

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In Procession

Please kneel when the Litanist kneels.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, *Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, *Have mercy upon us.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, *Have mercy upon us*.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived, We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments, We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States (or of this nation), and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That It may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel, We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace, *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Francis of Assisi and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us. Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy upon us*.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Grant us thy peace*.

O Christ, hear us. *O Christ, hear us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us. *Christ, have mercy upon us.* Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Please be seated.

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,

and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

setting by Michael Lindstrom (b.1955)

Chanted by the Choir (11:00 a.m. only)

Lætatus sum

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
 "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing * within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, * the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, * the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
 "May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls * and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, * I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, * I will seek to do you good.

Second Reading Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



The Sequence Hymn

Please stand.

The King shall come when morning dawns

Hymnal 73

The Holy Gospel Matthew 24:36-44

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon Fr. Simon Carian

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 327

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Deacon continues

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The Confession of Sin

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

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For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Absolution

The Celebrant, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant continues

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

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



The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Anthem

Veiled in darkness

Words: Douglas Letel Rights Music: Glenn L. Rudolph (b. 1951)

Veiled in darkness Judah lay, Waiting for the promised day; While across the shadowy night, Streamed a flood of glorious light; Heavenly voices chanting then: 'Peace on earth, goodwill to men.' Still the earth in darkness lies, Up from death's dark vale arise Voices of a world in grief, Prayers of men who seek relief; Now our darkness pierce again, 'Peace on earth, goodwill to men.' Light of light, we humbly pray, Shine upon Thy world today; Break the gloom of our dark night, Fill our souls with love and light, Send thy blessed word again, 'Peace on earth, goodwill to men.'

The Doxology Hymnal 380 v. 3

Please stand.

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.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer II

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And with thy spirit.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

BCP p. 341 (Hymnal S 130)

Sanctus & Benedictus

Celebrant and People
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN*.

Celebrant

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

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 336 (Hymnal S 119)

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

Agnus Dei BCP p. 337 (Hymnal S 164)

Celebrant and People

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

People and Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Regarding Communion

We believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

To receive wine, you may sip from the chalice. You may also decline the chalice, as Communion in one kind constitutes a full Communion.

Please do not place the wafer in the wine yourself.

Our priests are happy to do so for you and place the wafer on your tongue.

If this is your preference, please keep your hands folded as a sign to the priest to give you Communion in this manner.

If you do not wish to receive Communion, you may cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

Children who have been baptized may receive according to the discretion of their parents.

Those watching via live-stream are invited to pray the following prayer at this time

A Prayer for those who are not present to receive

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the physical presence of my community, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and the life to come. *Amen*.

Communion Hymn

Judge eternal, throned in splendor

Hymnal 596

The Postcommunion Prayer

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People and Celebrant

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen*.

The Advent Blessing

Celebrant

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*.

Retiring Hymn

Please stand.

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

Hymnal 57

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

The Advent greens for the High Altar,

the Shrine of Saint Mary the Virgin, and the Chapel of the Good Shepherd are given to the Glory of God.



The Ministers of the Service

7:30 a.m.

The Reverend Canon Robin D. Dodge Celebrant

The Reverend Simon R. Carian Assisting Priest and Preacher

Gail Rachor *Lector*

8:30 a.m.

The Reverend Canon Robin D. Dodge Celebrant

The Reverend Simon R. Carian

Deacon of the Mass and Preacher

Ken Duran

Subdeacon

Luke Sterling, Pam Jones, and Van Swift Acolytes

Polly Barton *Lector*

John Barton, Polly Barton, Kathleen Orozco, Michael Smith *Ushers*

11:00 a.m.

The Reverend Canon Robin D. Dodge

Celebrant

The Reverend Simon R. Carian Deacon of the Mass and Preacher

Pam Jones *Subdeacon*

Walter Sterling, Alice McSweeney, and Van Swift Acolytes

> Ben Allison Lector

Dan Green, Kaki Grubbs, Kent Grubbs, and Clayton Lobaugh *Ushers*

Ken Duran *Livestream Ministry*

The Holy Faith Choir Canon Mark Edw. Childers

Director of Liturgy and Music



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The King shall come when morning dawns

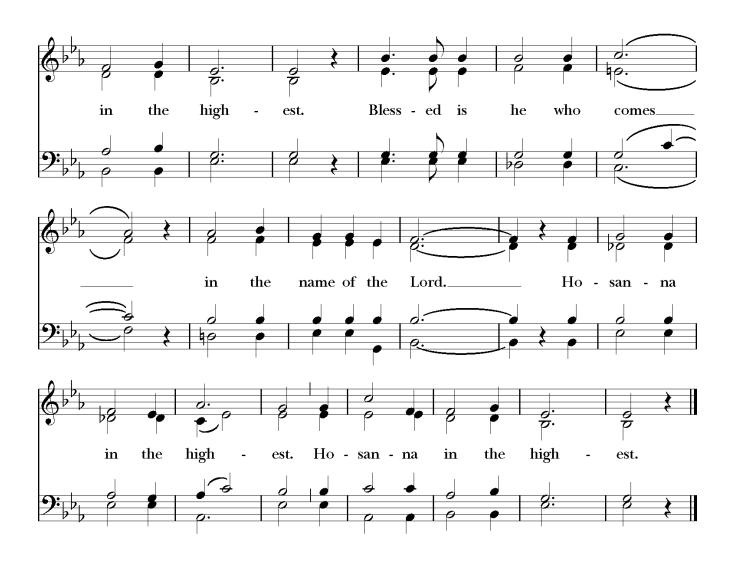
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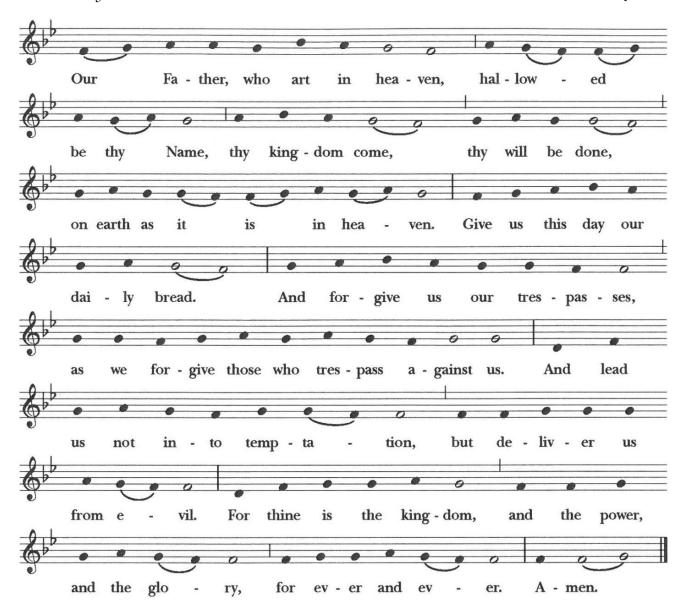


Sanctus & Benedictus

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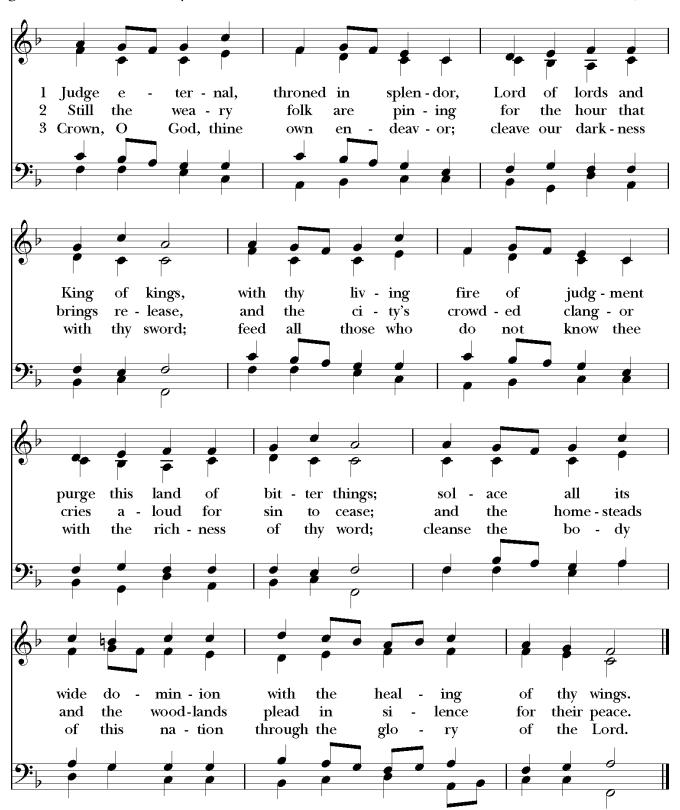






Agnus Dei Hymnal S-164









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This Week at Holy Faith

November 30 – December 7

SUNDAY	The First Sunday of Advent		
SCHEIL	7:30 a.m.	Spoken Eucharist Rite I	
	8:30 a.m.	Eucharist Rite I with Hymns and Anthems	
	8:30 a.m.	Children's Chapel	
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Forum – The Introduction of Fr. Simon Carian	
	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	
	11:00 a.m.	Choral Eucharist Rite I	
	11:00 a.m.	Children's Chapel	
	6:00 p.m.	Advent Lessons & Carols	
MONDAY	10:30 a.m.	Effortless Change	
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Bible Study	
	6:00 p.m.	Scouts	
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Spiritual Classics Study	
	5:15 p.m.	Rosary	
	6:00 p.m.	Taizé Evensong – <i>St. Andrew the Apostle</i>	
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Women's Guild	
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	
	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist – Francis Xavier, Priest and Missionary, 1552	
THURSDAY	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study	
	12:00 p.m.	Contemplative Outreach Meditation Group	
	5:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry	
	5:30 p.m.	Education for Ministry	
SATURDAY	9:00 a.m.	St. Nicholas Bazaar	
SUNDAY	The Second Sunday of Advent		
	7:30 a.m.	Spoken Eucharist Rite I	
	8:30 a.m.	Eucharist Rite I with Hymns and Anthems	
	8:30 a.m.	Children's Chapel	
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	
	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	
	11:00 a.m.	Choral Eucharist Rite I	
	11:00 a.m.	Children's Chapel	
	6:00 p.m.	Compline with Contemplative Prayer and Meditation	

We pray Morning Prayer each weekday at 9:15 a.m. in the Church Chancel. We pray Evening Prayer each weekday at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

Your support of the mission and ministry of Holy Faith is always appreciated. Donations can be made in person Sundays or on nearly every page of the website, holyfaithchurchsf.org. For announcements and other information, scan the QR code below to go to the Holy Faith website.



Announcements

Welcome our New Associate Rector

This Sunday we welcome Holy Faith's new Associate Rector, the Reverend Simon R. Carian. Fr. Simon will preach at all three morning services. He also will introduce himself at the Sunday Forum at 10:00 a.m. in Palen Hall followed by a coffee hour in which to greet him. Fr. Simon also will participate in Sunday's Advent Lessons & Carols at 6:00 p.m. and attend the reception following in Palen Hall. Please make Fr. Simon and his family feel at home at Holy Faith!

Christmas Pageant News

Calling all children - any age! This Sunday! 10:00 a.m. in the church! All are invited and encouraged to participate in the first rehearsal for this year's pageant. The story will unfold; we need shepherds and angels and Mary and Joseph and readers and all sorts of assistants! Come meet Ms. Sally Ritch, this year's pageant director along with her superstar co-leader Denzler Cassidy! Ms. Kathlene will be there as well so music practice can continue. It will be quite the morning - don't miss it!

Stewardship Campaign

Last Sunday was the ingathering of pledges for the 2026 Stewardship Campaign "You are the Light of the World" for the mission and ministry of Holy Faith. Pledges are gratefully accepted at any time. Pledge cards are available in church. You can also pledge online at https://holyfaithchurchsf.org/stewardship/.

Join our Prayer Banner – Let your light shine!

Help us create a "Banner of Light", by writing your prayer on a gold ribbon, located in Palen Hall. Pray that Holy Faith's LIGHT GROWS in commitment, membership, ministry, worship, discipleship, community, hospitality, and Spirit led direction. Help us carry the TORCH to light the world. BE SEEN FOR GOD'S GLORY.

Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols

Please join us this Sunday, November 30th at 6:00 p.m. as the choir of Holy Faith offers the Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols. The service of Advent Lessons & Carols is presented in the tradition as the one sung annually at King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England, since 1918. Through music and readings, the Festival of Lessons and Carols explores Christian themes of God's Advent and Incarnation in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next KnitWits meeting is Thursday, December 4th 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Kinsolving Room. We would love to have you join us for a relaxed evening of handiwork, cookies, and tea. Questions? Call Allyson at (505) 983-0283.

43rd St. Nicholas Bazaar:

Coming soon! Great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping! Don't miss the Christmas decorations and unique gift ideas on December 6th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Palen Hall. There will be an opportunity to bid on an 18-inch doll with a spectacular new wardrobe. If you can volunteer to help, please contact Ruth Rael at 505-699-6687 or Cathy Gronquist at 505-231-4557.

Kids' Corner!

Meet Haroon. Not only do you recognize him as an accomplished acolyte and usher, but he is quite talented outside of his church life as well. Haroon was recently accepted into the SAGE program at Pinon Elementary School after scoring 97% on the assessment. SAGE is the acronym for: Services for Advanced and Gifted Education which is part of the Santa Fe Public School District. Congratulations Haroon! This is BIG!

Youth Group

Upcoming activities - don't miss them!

Sunday, December 7th Christmas Party! Same time (12:30 p.m.), same place (Kinsolving Room). Caroling! Food! Games! Gifts! Don't miss it!

Sunday, December 14th - Bowling Party at The Alley. 12:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

These will be the only two youth group gatherings in the month of December. More details will follow by email. Contact Pam Jones with questions.

From Your Treasurer

We closed the books on October last week and our Easter-to-Advent slowdown in contributions extended through October: we have now piled up a deficit of \$(196,586). Before you jump off the ledge (and believe me, I spent some time on the ledge myself before digging into the numbers!), the news isn't as gruesome as it seems. At year-end, we'll pull funds from the endowment to off-set capital purchases and library expenses. That off-set will reduce the current year-to-date deficit to \$(126,434). And you'll recall from the Annual Meeting that we budgeted for a 2025 deficit of \$(62,110) as we move away from booking pre-paid pledges. Taken together, the adjusted shortfall through October is \$(64,324). Last year, you followed our time-honored tradition of robust giving during the last several weeks of the year. If we simply match the pledges, plate, and dedicated gifts contributed in November and December of last year (and we stick to our budgeted expenses), we'll end the year \$(32,000) short of our target. That's not such a dreadful number to overcome, is it? Holy Faith always rises to meet a challenge and I'm confident we can close the gap between now and the end of the year. Please take this opportunity to honor your pledge for 2025 and to consider an additional gift to support our shared mission to welcome all people into an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ. In addition, your generous and joyful giving keeps your treasurer away from the ledge! As always, feel free to reach out to me or any member of your Vestry if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!

Charles Rountree

The Holy Faith Free Spirits Women's Group

The Holy Faith Free Spirits Women's Group is a group of women who do not have partners any longer. After a long hiatus, the Free Spirits plan to gather at the home of Rebecca Tobey for the annual Christmas pot-luck and gift exchange on December 13 at 3pm. Please RSVP to Rebecca at rutobey@yahoo.com if you plan to come, and newcomers are always welcome.

Faith Family in December

The December Faith Family Lead Disciple is Bonnie Hardwick, bhardwick2@msn.com, (505) 670-3135. What is Faith Family? We are a ministry that provides assistance to parishioners who could use occasional help. Do you need a ride to the doctor, the grocery store or a church service? Or maybe you're in need of a friendly visit! If so, please reach out to the Lead Disciple (see Bonnie's contact info above) as soon as possible! If you would like to join our ministry, contact Fr. Robin, fr.robin@holyfaithchurchsf.org or call the office (505) 982-4447.

A Call for Vestry Candidates

Holy Faith's Vestry attends to all business matters of the parish and are representatives of the parish in all matters concerning its corporate property and the relations of the parish to its Clergy and to the Diocese. Members of the Vestry must be confirmed or received within The Episcopal Church and communicants of the parish in good standing. They serve for a term of three (3) years. Vestry members are expected to attend regular Vestry meetings (usually held on the fourth Thursday of each month), participate in Vestry retreats, and be active in attending and supporting parish functions. If you feel called to serve in this vital role, please contact Fr. Robin with your interest before December 31. Fr. Robin can be reached at 982-4447, ext. 101 or at fr.robin@holyfaithchurchsf.org

Our Prayers ...

For Birthdays

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life.

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Especially for:

Marianne Willkerson - 1 Bob Virden - 3 Cecilia Rose Condit - 5
Sue Kropschot - 1 Waco Horne - 4 Tony Weiser - 5
Chris Frenk - 2 Hallie Grace Weichsel - 4 Betsy Kilham - 5

PARISH PRAYER LIST

(as of November 30, 2025)

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please Pray For:

Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury-Designate Robin, Rector St. Bede's
Sean, Presiding Bishop Simon, Associate Rector Holy Family
Michael, Diocesan Bishop Madelynn, Assisting Priest First Presbyterian Church

The Vestry and Staff Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. Amen.

Within Our Parish Family:

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GAIL Allen	LISA Emory	DIRK Mathis	JANET Schreiber
PAT Bailey	TÉRÈSE Fayden	GRANT McDonald	JAMIE Shannon
BARBARA Barlow	KAREN Gahr	JOANNE Morrissey	SUZANNE Spivey
STEVEN Berkshire	IRMA Gutierrez	JOEL Olson	PAULA Steinert
BOB Blackford	CHUCK Ingraham	JULIE ANNE Overton	GEORGE Strebeck
DENNIS Boyd	KRISTAN Kirkpatrick	WES Pacheco	LILLIAN Strebeck
RICHARD Brunson	JAMES Koch	ANITA Pisa	OTTO Strebeck
LUCY Carian	CLAIRE Kropschot	RUTH Rael	LINDA Thomas
JIM Clapp	WES Lackey	PATRICIA Randolph	ETHAN Watson
HANK Coleman	DIANA Lautens	JENNIFER Roberts - Carian	SUSAN Weber
ED Colson	STEPHANIE Lobaugh	MARI Russell	JUDY White
JULIE Cresswell	LENA Mann	MARIA Sandoval	KAREN Winter
CHRIS Emory			

The Communion of Saints:

Pat Spivey (2 December 2019) Stan McMurry (2 December 2024) Sharon Cooper (6 December 2020)

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses ... let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.



The Reverend Canon Robin D. Dodge, Rector
The Reverend Simon R. Carian, Associate Rector
The Reverend Madelynn Johnston, Assisting Priest
Canon Mark Edw. Childers, Parish Administrator and Director of Liturgy & Music
Kathlene Ritch, Youth Choir Director
Pam Jones, Volunteer Contact, Family and Children's Ministries
Elisheva Herrera, Parish Secretary
Marcos Castillo, Facilities Manager
Rocío Salazar, Housekeeping
Virginia Lopez, Librarian

The Vestry

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