

The Third Sunday of Advent

14 December 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.

Processional Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Hymnal 76

The Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 323

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, unto 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.*

The Celebrant

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie

BCP p. 324 (Hymnal S 96)

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.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 15 The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

setting by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

Luke 1:46-55

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

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.

Please stand.

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.

Please be seated.

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



The Sequence Hymn

Please stand.

"Thy kingdom come!"

Hymnal 615

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Fr. Simon Carian

The Nicene Creed

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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 Prayers of the People – Form V

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The Deacon

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Here and after every petition the People respond

Lord, have mercy.

For N. our Presiding Bishop, for N. (N.) our own Bishop(s), for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust [especially _____], that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who live and work in this community [especially _____], we pray to you, O Lord.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation [for those who are present, and for those who are absent], that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For _____, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Francis of Assisi, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.
To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds the following Doxology

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

BCP p. 331

The Deacon continues

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.

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



The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Anthem

O come, O come Immanuel

Melody: 15th century French, arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

O come, O come, Immanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! rejoice! Immanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell thy people save, And give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! rejoice! Immanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! rejoice! Immanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height, In ancient times didst give the law In cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! rejoice! Immanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel. O come, thou Key of David, come, And open wide our home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Rejoice! rejoice! Immanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

BCP p. 340

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up unto the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
<i>People</i>	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,

Sanctus & Benedictus

BCP p. 341 (Hymnal S 130)

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.*

Celebrant

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

Watchman, tell us of the night

Hymnal 640

Sending forth a Lay Eucharistic Visitor (11:00 a.m.)

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts,
that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People *We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.*

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.

Hark the glad sound! the Savior comes

Hymnal 72

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 Very Reverend Canon Robin D. Dodge
Celebrant

The Reverend Simon R. Carian
Assisting Priest and Preacher

Sue Angel
Lector

8:30 a.m.

The Very Reverend Canon Robin D. Dodge
Celebrant

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

Walter Sterling
Subdeacon

Paxton Bernard, Lynsey Bernard, Silas Bernard, Asher Bernard, Scott Bernard, and Van Swift
Acolytes

Guy Gronquist
Lector

John Barton, Polly Barton, Annie Laurie Coogan, and Jim Coogan
Ushers

11:00 a.m.

The Very Reverend Canon Robin D. Dodge
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Van Swift
Subdeacon

Doug Ash, CC Condit, Layla Condit, Alice McSweeney, and Pam Jones
Acolytes

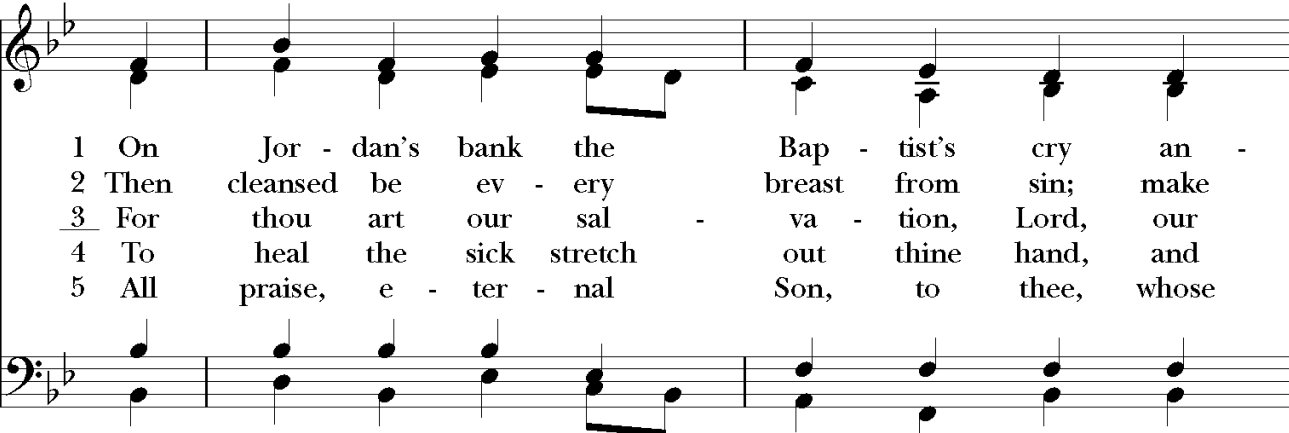
Janet Sanders
Lector

Dan Green, Bonnie Hardwick, Marcus Parker, and Jim Vaughan
Ushers


Ken Duran
Livestream Ministry

The Holy Faith Choir
Canon Mark Edw. Childers
Director of Liturgy and Music

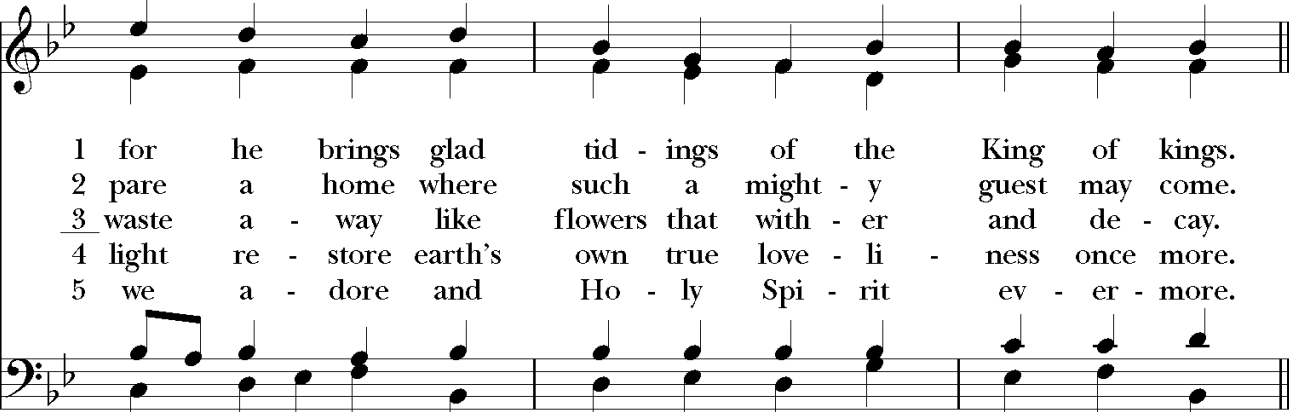




1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose



1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther



1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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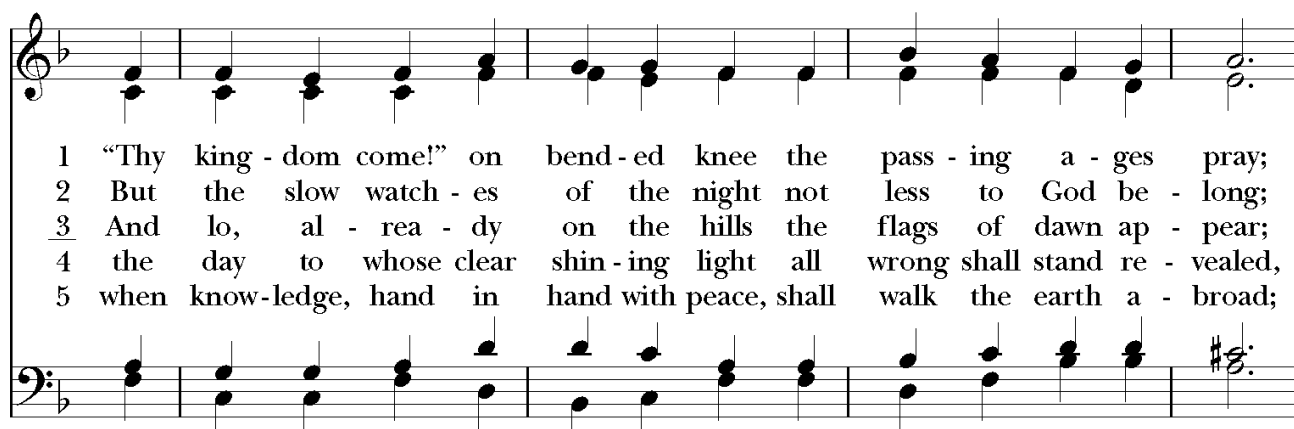
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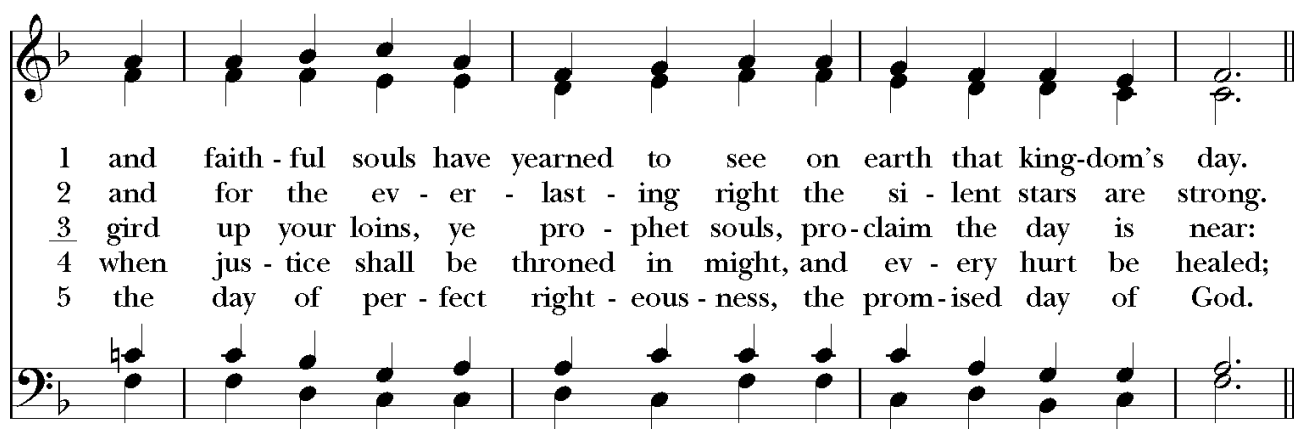
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1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;
3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;



1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom's day.
2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.
3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near:
4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

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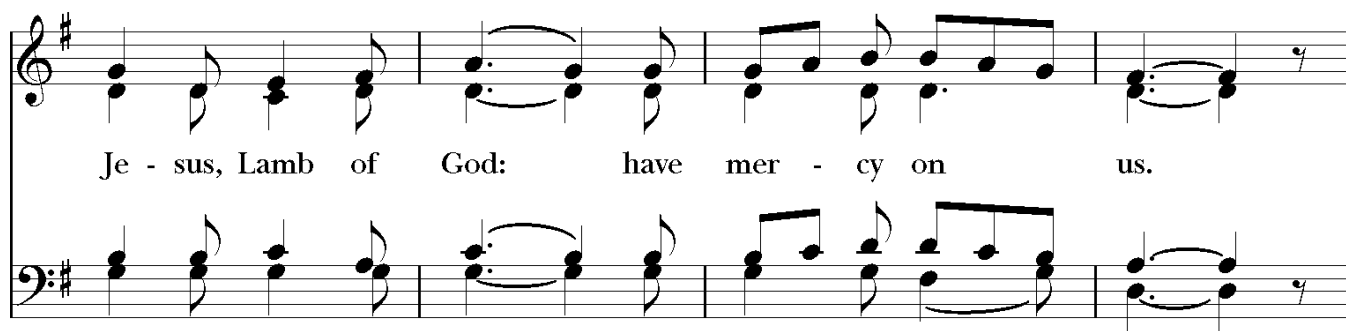
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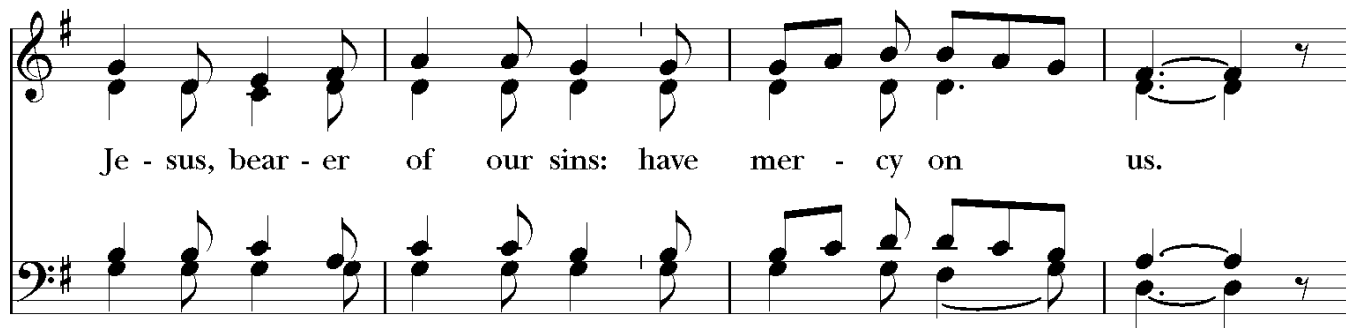
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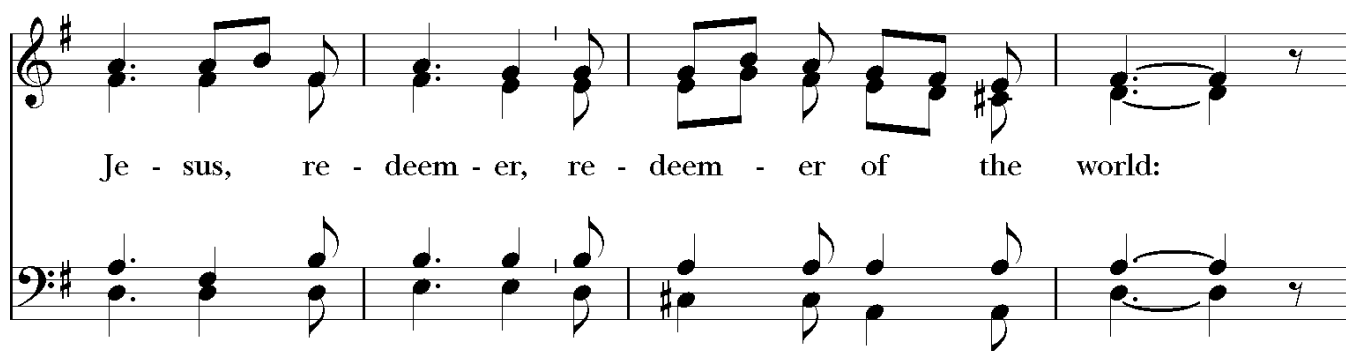
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Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.




Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. 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 power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star a -
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to

are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, see that glo - ry -
 scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its
 dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

beam - ing star. Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray
 course por - tends. Watch-man, will its beams a - lone
 are with - drawn. Watch-man, let thy wan - derings cease;

aught of joy or that hope fore - tell? Trav-eler, yes; it
 gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav-eler, a - ges
 hie thee to thy qui - et home. Trav-eler, lo! the

brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.
 are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

Two groups may sing antiphonally, alternating by sentences.

Descant

4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
 2 He comes, the pri - soners 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

shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

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

arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

This Week at Holy Faith

December 14 – December 21

SUNDAY	The Third 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.	Adult Forum – <i>The Theological Poetry of Advent Hymnody Part 1</i>
	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Choral Eucharist Rite I
	11:00 a.m.	Children's Chapel
MONDAY	12:30 p.m.	Youth Group
	10:30 a.m.	Effortless Change
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
TUESDAY	6:00 p.m.	Scouts
	10:00 a.m.	Spiritual Classics Study
	5:15 p.m.	Rosary
WEDNESDAY	6:00 p.m.	Taizé Eucharist with Prayers for Healing – <i>John of the Cross, Mystic and Monastic Reformer, 1591</i>
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist – <i>Dorothy L. Sayers, Apologist and Spiritual Writer, 1957</i>
THURSDAY	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Lunch
	12:00 p.m.	Contemplative Outreach Meditation Group
	4:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
	5:00 p.m.	Vestry
SUNDAY	The Fourth 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.	Adult Forum – <i>The Theological Poetry of Advent Hymnody Part 2</i>
	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Choral Eucharist Rite I
	11:00 a.m.	Children's Chapel
	12:15 p.m.	Ecumenical Las Posadas – The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi

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

Adult Forum

At this Sunday's Forum at 10:00 a.m. in Palen Hall, Fr. Robin will present "The Theological Poetry of Advent Hymnody." Come explore the origin, Scriptural basis, and rich meaning of the lyrics of some of your favorite hymns prophesying and preparing us for the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Christmas Pageant News

Angels and Shepherds and sheep - oh my! And don't forget Mary and Joseph. Pageant practice continues this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the church and all are welcome! Casting is ongoing and we need all sorts and sizes of kids! For more info contact Ms. Sally at sritch36@gmail.com or Ms. Kathlene at kritch73@aol.com. Adult wranglers (you know who you are) should also be at the church at 10:00 a.m. sharp!

Youth Group Goes Bowling

Rotate those arms and shoulders, practice your deep knee bends and eagle eye targeting and get ready to BOWL! This Sunday, December 14th at The Alley at DeVargas Mall. We meet there at 12:45 p.m. (or as soon as you can get there) and we bowl 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Bowling, shoe rental and pizza are paid for, but if you want to play the arcade games please bring your own quarters (you bankrupted Ms. Pam last year). If you haven't RSVP'd please do so. See you at The Alley!

Hat, Scarf and Mitten Tree in Palen Hall

The Christmas tree in Palen Hall needs your decorations – of hats, gloves, mittens, and scarfs for adults and children! This year a special need is warm SOCKS for adult males. Please donate! The Holy Faith Women's Guild has donated women's and children's hats which will go to Casa Familia and adult hats and woolen socks for Fun Cereal Sunday morning in the park sponsored by Interfaith Community Services for our homeless community. Please join this longstanding Holy Faith tradition of sharing the hope of Advent and warmth of Christmas. Please donate through Thursday, December 25.

Stewardship Campaign

Our 2026 Stewardship Campaign "You are the Light of the World" is progressing with 136 pledges totaling \$673,836 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.

Ecumenical Las Posadas

Next Sunday, December 21, we will join with our ecumenical partners at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis and First Presbyterian Church to recall the journey of Mary and Joseph looking for an inn in which to lodge on their way to Bethlehem. We will meet in front of the Cathedral Basilica at 12:15 p.m. seeking Posada with traditional songs and a short service, then process to the Cathedral Basilica's Crispin Hall together for fellowship and a meal. All are welcome!

From Your Treasurer

Wow! Holy Faith knows how to step up to a challenge! You've heard it over and over that contributions take a break from Easter to Advent. Reflecting the slowdown in giving these past several months, we find ourselves with a sizable year-to-date deficit even as budgeted expenses remain in line. That sounds scary but it's not all doom-and-gloom. Keep in mind that we'll draw from our endowment in a few weeks to offset capital purchases and library expenses. Plus, we budgeted a year-end deficit of \$(62,110) as we end our practice of booking pre-paid pledges. A few weeks ago we reported that if we simply match the pledges, plate, and dedicated gifts contributed in November and December of last year and continue to keep expenses under control, we'll end the year \$(32,000) short of our target. As expected, Holy Faith has responded generously to this news and contributions through last Sunday exceed this time last year reducing our shortfall to \$(22,000)! As marvelous as this news is, we still have a gap to overcome. 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. Just a bit of information as you consider your giving: if you have appreciated securities you wish to donate as part of your 2025 giving or to prepay your 2026 pledge, feel free to contact me or the church office for instructions to transfer securities. As always, your Vestry and your treasurer are available if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!

Charles Rountree

St. Nicholas Bazaar

Many, many thanks to all who shopped and worked at the St. Nicholas Bazaar. The Holy Faith Women's Guild is most appreciative of your efforts and support. We will have the final count of the proceeds soon and report it to you.

Volunteer Opportunity at Gerard's House

Are you looking to expand your volunteering in 2026. Please consider Gerard's House, who support everyone in our community who is grieving. Their core program service is facilitated support groups in which grief is normalized and supported through interactions with peers and attention and support from caring adult facilitators. Children and youth build trust and express their feelings through group activities that include art, writing, drama, games, free play, group sharing, and memorializing of those they have lost. To learn more about the upcoming volunteer training on January 24th, please visit their website, www.gerardhouse.com.

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The KnitWits will be at it again Thursday evening, January 8, 2026 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Kinsolving room. We'd love to have you join us for knitting, crocheting, cookies, and tea. Questions? Call Allyson (505) 983-0283. Next meeting is February 12.

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:

Vivian Joyce Blagden – 14	Rhonda Black - 15	Kirby Kendrick – 15
John Crenson – 16	Kristin Potter – 17	Danielle Frazer – 17
Debbie Ray – 18	Bill Holmes – 18	Bud McCollum - 18
Sophia Stone – 19	Merry Schroeder – 19	Jay Thomas – 20
Linda Richards - 20	Ben Allison - 20	

PARISH PRAYER LIST

(as of December 14, 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:

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
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LUCY Carian	JAMES Koch	ANITA Pisa	OTTO Strebeck
JIM Clapp	CLAIRE Kropschot	RUTH Rael	LINDA Thomas
HANK Coleman	WES Lackey	PATRICIA Randolph	ETHAN Watson
ED Colson	DIANA Lautens	JENNIFER Roberts - Carian	SUSAN Weber
JULIE Cresswell	STEPHANIE Lobaugh	MARI Russell	JUDY White
CHRIS Emory	LENA Mann	MARIA Sandoval	KAREN Winter

The Communion of Saints:

Bob Gene KcKenzie (15 December 2019) Garnis Hagen (17 December 2020) Kit Herrod (18 December 2022)
Christopher Bayne (18 December 2014) Shirley Gutermuth (19 December 2009) Tag Hoag (20 December 2018)
Florence Ault (20 December 2016)

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.

Christmas Flowers and Farolitos

If you would like to make a special donation for poinsettias or farolitos this Christmas, please fill out the form below, and return to the parish office. You may also email the information to donna@holyfaithchurchsf.org. We must receive your donation form by Monday, **December 15**.

Please indicate if your donation is being made in thanksgiving, honor or memory of someone and please print legibly.

I/we would like to make a donation of: _____ (Suggested donation \$40).
Choose one: _____Poinsettias _____Farolitos

My donation is being given:

☐ In thanksgiving for _____

☐ In honor of _____

☐ In memory of _____

Please print your name(s) here:

Phone number here:

Thank you for your donation.

Deadline for receipt of form is Monday, December 15.



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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*
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Virginia Lopez, *Librarian*

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