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The Service of Light for Advent



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6:30 p.m. Each Thursday Evening During Advent

December 3, 2015

December 10, 2015

December 17, 2015

Saint Timothy's Mission Statement

AS PEOPLE OF GOD, WE JOYFULLY WORSHIP GOD, SPREAD THE WORD OF GOD'S LOVE,
TREASURE ALL PEOPLE, AND SERVE OTHERS EVERYWHERE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.

THEREFORE, WITH GOD'S HELP, WE: OPEN OUR DOORS TO EVERYONE,
OPEN OUR HEARTS IN WORSHIP, OPEN OUR EYES TO THE SPIRIT'S GIFTS,
AND OPEN OUR ARMS TO EMBRACE GOD'S WORK.

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The Service of Light for Advent

All hymns marked *Hymnal* are from the *Hymnal 1982* (blue hymnals located in the front of the pews).

Hymns labeled *WLP* are from the green hymnal "Wonder, Love, and Praise."

Opening Acclamation

Officiant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Advent Responsory

Officiant: Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

People: **Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**

Officiant: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:

People: **O Lord God of hosts.**

Officiant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: **Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord:

People: **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

After the Altar candles are lighted, the server will pass the light through the congregation.

Hymn 25

"O Gracious Light"

The Eighth Tune



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O



you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through



blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

Liturgy of the Word for December 3

Psalm 18:21-50

- 21 The LORD rewarded me because of my righteous dealing; because my hands were clean he rewarded me;
- 22 **For I have kept the ways of the LORD and have not offended against my God;**
- 23 For all his judgments are before my eyes, and his decrees I have not put away from me;
- 24 **For I have been blameless with him and have kept myself from iniquity;**
- 25 Therefore the LORD rewarded me according to my righteous dealing, because of the cleanness of my hands in his sight.
- 26 **With the faithful you show yourself faithful, O God; with the forthright you show yourself forthright.**
- 27 With the pure you show yourself pure, but with the crooked you are wily.
- 28 **You will save a lowly people, but you will humble the haughty eyes.**
- 29 You, O LORD, are my lamp; my God, you make my darkness bright.
- 30 **With you I will break down an enclosure; with the help of my God I will scale any wall.**
- 31 As for God, his ways are perfect; the words of the LORD are tried in the fire; he is a shield to all who trust in him.
- 32 **For who is God, but the LORD? who is the Rock, except our God?**
- 33 It is God who girds me about with strength and makes my way secure.
- 34 **He makes me sure footed like a deer and lets me stand firm on the heights.**
- 35 He trains my hands for battle and my arms for bending even a bow of bronze.
- 36 **You have given me your shield of victory; your right hand also sustains me; your loving care makes me great.**
- 37 You lengthen my stride beneath me, and my ankles do not give way.
- 38 **I pursue my enemies and overtake them; I will not turn back till I have destroyed them.**
- 39 I strike them down, and they cannot rise; they fall defeated at my feet.
- 40 **You have girded me with strength for the battle; you have cast down my adversaries beneath me; you have put my enemies to flight.**
- 41 I destroy those who hate me; they cry out, but there is none to help them; they cry to the LORD, but he does not answer.
- 42 **I beat them small like dust before the wind; I trample them like mud in the streets.**
- 43 You deliver me from the strife of the peoples; you put me at the head of the nations.
- 44 **A people I have not known shall serve me; no sooner shall they hear than they shall obey me; strangers will cringe before me.**
- 45 The foreign peoples will lose heart; they shall come trembling out of their strongholds.
- 46 **The LORD lives! Blessed is my Rock! Exalted is the God of my salvation!**
- 47 He is the God who gave me victory and cast down the peoples beneath me.
- 48 **You rescued me from the fury of my enemies; you exalted me above those who rose against me; you saved me from my deadly foe.**
- 49 Therefore will I extol you among the nations, O LORD, and sing praises to your Name.

50 **He multiplies the victories of his king; he shows loving kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants for ever.**

Celebrant & People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, Amen.

Isaiah 7:10-17

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted. The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah -- the king of Assyria."

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Liturgy of the Word for December 10

Psalm 37:19-42

19 The LORD cares for the lives of the godly, and their inheritance shall last for ever.

20 **They shall not be ashamed in bad times, and in days of famine they shall have enough.**

21 As for the wicked, they shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD, like the glory of the meadows, shall vanish; they shall vanish like smoke.

22 **The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous are generous in giving.**

23 Those who are blessed by God shall possess the land, but those who are cursed by him shall be destroyed.

24 **Our steps are directed by the LORD; he strengthens those in whose way he delights.**

25 If they stumble, they shall not fall headlong, for the LORD holds them by the hand.

26 **I have been young and now I am old, but never have I seen the righteous forsaken, or their children begging bread.**

27 The righteous are always generous in their lending, and their children shall be a blessing.

28 **Turn from evil, and do good, and dwell in the land for ever.**

29 For the LORD loves justice; he does not forsake his faithful ones.

30 **They shall be kept safe for ever, but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

31 The righteous shall possess the land and dwell in it for ever.

32 **The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and their tongue speaks what is right.**

33 The law of their God is in their heart, and their footsteps shall not falter.

34 **The wicked spy on the righteous and seek occasion to kill them.**

35 The LORD will not abandon them to their hand, nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.

- 36 **Wait upon the LORD and keep his way; nhe will raise you up to possess the land, and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.**
- 37 I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, flourishing like a tree in full leaf.
- 38 **I went by, and behold, they were not there; I searched for them, but they could not be found.**
- 39 Mark those who are honest; observe the upright; for there is a future for the peaceable.
- 40 **Transgressors shall be destroyed, one and all; the future of the wicked is cut off.**
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 **The LORD will help them and rescue them; he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.**

Celebrant & People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, Amen.

Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist, and faithfulness the girdle of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fating together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall feed; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

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| Liturgy of the Word for December 17 |
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Psalm 33

- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 **Praise the LORD with the harp; play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.**
- 3 Sing for him a new song; sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 **For the word of the LORD is right, and all his works are sure.**
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; the loving kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.
- 6 **By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.**

- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water skin and stores up the depths of the sea.
8 **Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.**
9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; he commanded, and it stood fast.
10 **The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; he thwarts the designs of the peoples.**
11 But the LORD'S will stands fast for ever, and the designs of his heart from age to age.
12 **Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**
13 The LORD looks down from heaven, and beholds all the people in the world.
14 **From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth.**
15 He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works.
16 **There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.**
17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save.
18 **Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, on those who wait upon his love,**
19 To pluck their lives from death, and to feed them in time of famine.
20 **Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.**
21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy Name we put our trust.
22 **Let your loving kindness, O LORD, be upon us, as we have put our trust in you.**

Celebrant & People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, Amen.

Isaiah 22:20-25

In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your girdle on him, and will commit your authority to his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a sure place, and he will become a throne of honor to his father's house. And they will hang on him the whole weight of his father's house, the offspring and issue, every small vessel, from the cups to all the flagons. In that day, says the LORD of hosts, the peg that was fastened in a sure place will give way; and it will be cut down and fall, and the burden that was upon it will be cut off, for the LORD has spoken."

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 56

“O come, O come, Emmanuel”

December 3 (Verse 1)

December 10 (Verse 4)

December 17 (Verse 5)



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



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

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with “The Song of Mary” on the dates given.

Meditation for December 3**Fr. Mark Michael, *Interim Rector***

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the Expected of the Nations and their Saviour, come to save us, O Lord our God.

Meditation for December 10**Fr. Mark Michael, *Interim Rector***

O Root of Jesse, Who dost stand for an ensign of the people, before Whom kings shall keep silence, and unto Whom the Gentiles shall make their supplication: come to deliver us, and tarry not.

Meditation for December 17**Fr. Mark Michael, *Interim Rector***

O Key of David and Sceptre of the house of Israel, Who dost open and no man doth shut, Who dost shut and no man doth open, come and bring forth from his prisonhouse the captive that sitteth in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Advent Litany

Server: Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer. That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Server: That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Server: That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Server: That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen, let us pray to the Lord:

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Server: That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord:

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Server: That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord:

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Server: We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father.

Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: The Lord bless you and keep you.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

December 3

Hymn 60

Creator of the Stars of Night

Conditor alme siderum

December 10

Hymn 81

Lo, How a Rose

Es ist ein Ros

December 17

Hymn 67

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Psalm 42

Dismissal

Celebrant: *Let us bless the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Join us for our annual

Holiday

POTLUCK *AND* SING ALONG

Saturday, December 19th

at 5:30 p.m.

at the home of

John, Susy, Timothy, & Elizabeth Nixon

12712 Builders Road

Herndon, VA 20170

We will provide the entrée. Please bring an appetizer, side dish, beverage, or dessert to share.

If you cannot join us for dinner, please come around 6:30 to join us for singing and dessert.

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Celebrate Christmas @ Saint Timothy's!

Feel free to invite friends, family, & neighbors to attend one of our Community Christmas Services!



Community Christmas Eve Services, Thursday, December 24, 2015

4:00 p.m. Children's Service with Nativity Play and Eucharist

7:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist *with Music Prelude at 6:30 p.m.*

10:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist *with Music Prelude at 9:30 p.m.*

Community Christmas Day Service, Friday, December 25, 2015

11 a.m. Bi-lingual (*English & Spanish*) Christmas Day Service