### St. Luke's Episcopal Church The Second Sunday of Advent 6 December 2020 ★ 10:00 A.M.

Holy Eucharist

The Reverend Michael L. Delk, Celebrant The Reverend Allison Caudill, Preacher

#### THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

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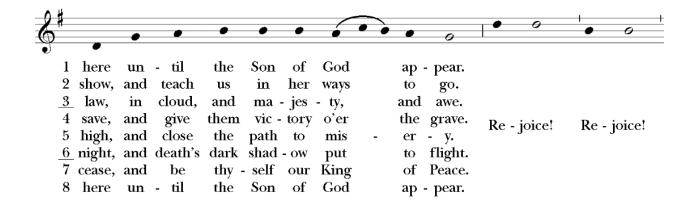
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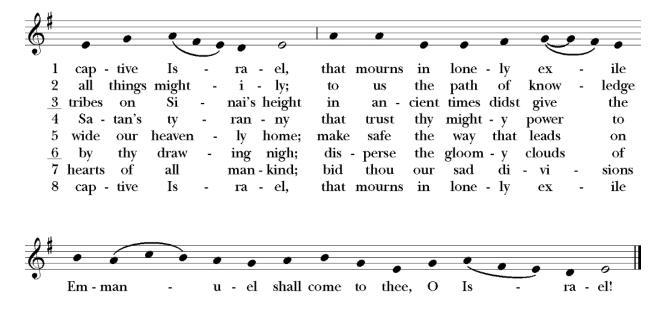
**First Hymn** 

"O come, o come, Emmanuel"

Hymnal, 56 (vs. 3-4)

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

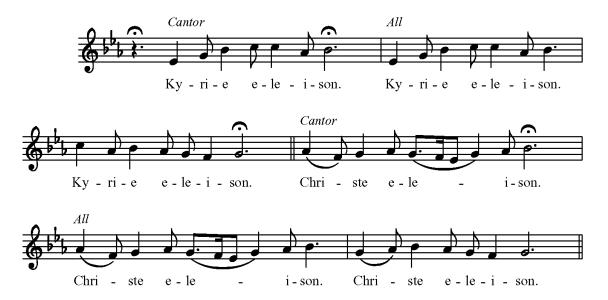
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#### **The Opening Acclamation**

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

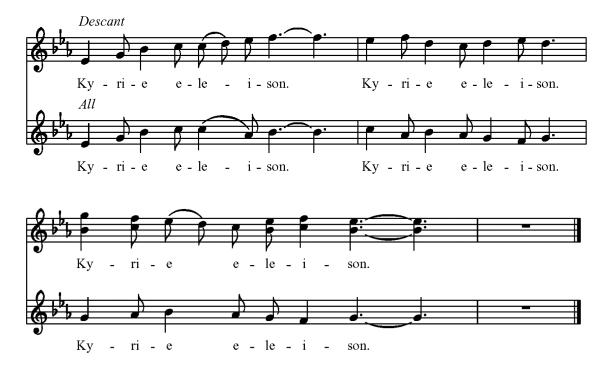
#### The Kyrie

#### Frank W. Boles



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#### The Salutation & Collect of the Day

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Isaiah 40:1-11

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

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*.

#### The Lesson

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

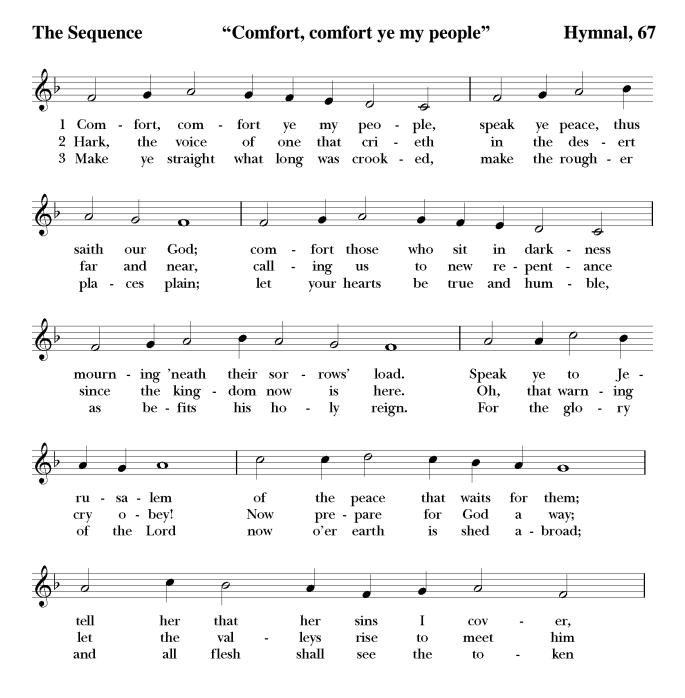
The Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

#### Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

#### Plainsong

- <sup>1</sup> You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \* you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup> You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \* and blotted out all their sins.
- <sup>8</sup> I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \* for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- <sup>9</sup> Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \* that his glory may dwell in our land.
- <sup>10</sup> Mercy and truth have met together; \* righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- <sup>11</sup> Truth shall spring up from the earth, \* and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

- <sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \* and our land will yield its increase.
- <sup>13</sup> Righteousness shall go before him, \* and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.





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#### The Holy Gospel

#### Mark 1:1-8

# The people remain standing. The Celebrant says The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight," John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

After the reading, the Celebrant saysThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon** 

#### **The Nicene Creed**

Said by all, standing

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became Incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### The Prayers of the People, Form II

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In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Terry, our Bishop, for this gathering; for Michael, Allison, Anne, Art, and Jim, our clergy and for all clergy and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

#### Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

#### Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, ... Pray for those who have died.

#### Silence

I ask your prayers for Al, Allen, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Bill, Braxton, Bud, Calvin Riley, Carol, Charles, Christy, Dave, David, Diana, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Gene, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kelly, Ken, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Mary, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Nancy, Nina (Nine-ah), Patricia, Paul, Phil, Rob, Ronald, Sandy, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trent, Trish, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn; for the men and women of our armed forces, especially Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Sinclair, Steve.

#### Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

#### Silence

#### The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

#### **Confession of Sin**

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- Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
- All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### **The Absolution**

**The Peace** 

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

<b>Offertory Anthem</b>	"Comfort ye – Every valley"	G. F. Handel
	from "Messiah"	

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

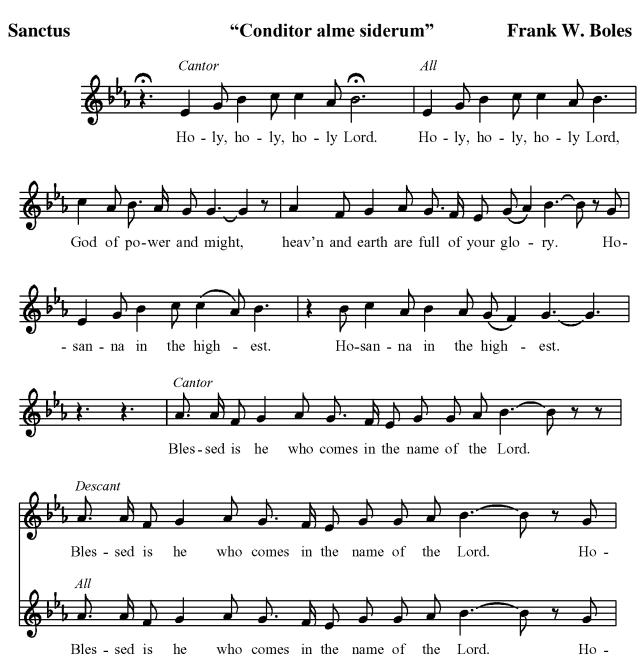
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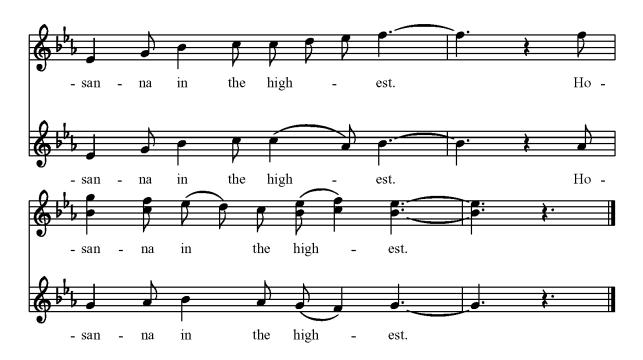


*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### Celebrant and people





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#### The people stand or kneel.

#### Then the Celebrant continues

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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.

#### The Celebrant continues

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

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

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen*.

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

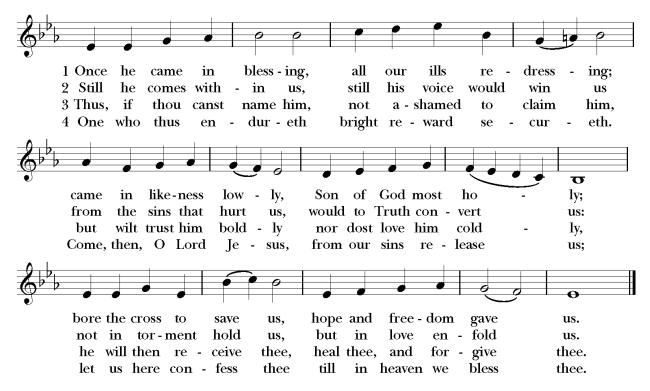
#### The Lord's Prayer

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 Fraction Anthem**

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

**Communion Hymn** 



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#### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

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After the celebrant receives, the congregation prays

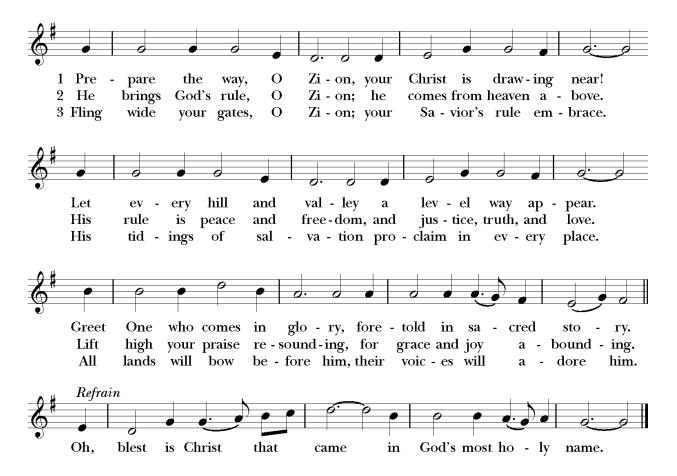
All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

The Blessing

The Final Hymn

"Prepare the way, O Zion"

Hymnal, 65



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## The Dismissal<br/>PeopleThanks be to God.

#### Postlude "Savior of the heathen, come" J. S. Bach

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<u>Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services</u> are still being planned, please watch your email and our Facebook Page for more information!

If you do not receive St Luke's emails, please contact Dawn at <u>admin@stlukesanchorage.org</u> to be added to our email list.



Hold Control and hover Left Mouse button over green button to activate link.

Do you have questions about the Christian faith or the Episcopal Church?

Join us this Sunday at 11:15 AM for a FaceBook meeting where you can share your questions. Go to: <u>https://www.facebook.com/StLukesAnchorage</u>

To see our video go to : <a href="https://www.facebook.com/StLukesAnchorage/videos/246044036847885">https://www.facebook.com/StLukesAnchorage/videos/246044036847885</a>

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### St. Luke's Upcoming Music

**St. Luke's Music Series is pleased to present Dr. Stephen Price in a virtual recital of Advent organ music on December 13 at 3:30 pm**. Dr. Price recently joined Seven Eight Artists, and his upcoming recital will be his first since joining their management. Music of Nicholas Bruhns, Johannes Brahms, J. S. Bach, Hugo Distler and Aldophus Hailstork.

Lisa Lewis and Friends will present a Virtual Christmas concert of sacred and secular carols on December 20 at 3:30 pm. Along with some traditional organ selections, Doug Murray will sing some of your favorite Christmas songs, organ arrangements of dances from "The Nutcracker", and perhaps a zany encore with organ and piano duet and percussion! Wear your favorite Christmas sweater, light the fire and pour your favorite Christmas beverage and prepare to be entertained!

#### **Christmas Outreach for 2020**

This year, instead of hosting an Angel Tree to sponsor individual children and youth at Bellewood & Brooklawn, we have been invited to do something a little different! In your email and on our Facebook page, you will find a list of requests for items needed in the cottages of the children and youth, as well as items needed by the young people who will be transitioning into independent living in 2021. While this list does not include the usual toys and games that we are used to giving, it is a great honor to be asked to provide for the needs of these young people who are preparing to enter adulthood during this tumultuous season. Our family of St Luke's will be a part of easing that transition and ensuring their new homes are well-stocked and comfortable. A donation drop-off will be set up on the porch of Lyman House (the church office) and collected items will be brought to Bellewood during the entire season of Advent.

If you would still like to sponsor a child or make your purchases online, there is more information here: <u>https://bellewoodandbrooklawn.org/wp-content/uploads/Wish-List-2020\_Holidays-page-001.jpg</u>

We hope you will consider making a donation!

#### **Christmas Memorials**

We continue our tradition of decorating the church for Christmas with memorial poinsettias and large wreaths, as well as memorializing loved ones through contributions for special Christmas music. Due to COVID, we sent out an email that you can respond to, or you can email her at <u>admin@stlukesanchorage.org</u>. Please indicate if it is **in MEMORY of** or **in THANKSGIVING of** someone and <u>list their names clearly</u>. **The deadline to receive all memorials is the end of TODAY, Sunday, December 6.** 

**<u>Poinsettia Memorials</u>** – the cost for poinsettias is \$9 per plant with the deadline for ordering is TODAY, December 6.

<u>Wreath Memorials</u> – We will again be hanging large wreaths inside the church on the stone walls between the windows. The cost for each wreath is \$100. We hope parishioners will help subsidize this decorating effort by donating for a wreath, or part of one, in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving. The deadline for this memorial is TODAY, December 6.

<u>Music Memorials</u> – Give to our wonderful music program as God plants in your heart. You may give throughout the year to the music program, but in order to get your memorial in print, the deadline is TODAY, December 6.

#### Advent Study of Mary the Mother of Jesus!

**Beginning December 3<sup>rd</sup> and running through December 17, Thursday nights from 6:45-7:45 via Zoom**, please join Mother Allison for an Advent study of Mary the Mother of Jesus! This study will cover Mary's appearances in scripture, art, and music as well as how we, as Episcopalians, interact with her as part of the Great Cloud of Witnesses. All are welcome to join this study, for one week or for all three Thursdays as part of your preparation for Christmas. Follow the link below on Thursday nights for prayer and conversation, and invite your friends!

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#### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Our Wednesday morning Bible study Zoom, starting at 9:45, we begin on The Gospel of Matthew, led by Father Michael. Please check your email for the invite.

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#### Contemporary Anglican Theologians – Sunday 9am Class

Please join us Sunday mornings, 9:00, as we have begun a new series.

There are several Anglican (including many Episcopalian) theologians who have written during our lifetime, most of them are still working. They have written some fascinating ideas that enrich our understanding of God, Jesus, the Church and spirituality. Their work has added clarity, insight and depth to Anglican Christianity. We will be spending the next couple of months discussing these theologians and their ideas.

For more information, email Dave Kirchinger at episcopaliandave@gmail.com.

The link to the class is:

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#### **Centering Prayer**

Centering Prayer is TWICE a month, every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Join us on **December 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6 – 7pm** on ZOOM until we can all join back in the Lyman Office.

Link to Centering Prayer Group: <u>https://zoom.us/j/85280543522</u> Meeting ID: 852 8054 3522 If prompted to enter a password, please enter our parish office phone number – 2458827

#### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

If you've had a birthday or anniversary over the past several weeks, or have one coming up in the weeks ahead, please let Dawn know, <u>admin@stlukesanchorage.org</u>. Let her know your birthday, or the date of your wedding anniversary and how many years you've been married, and we will offer a blessing over you during our recorded worship.

*The Flowers on the Altar* are given by Doug Sanders & Todd Brown in thanksgiving for Theo Sanders and Sophia Harper's birthdays.

In our prayers ... Al, Allen, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Bill, Braxton, Bud, Calvin Riley, Carol, Charles, Christy, Dave, David, Diana, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Gene, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kelly, Ken, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Mary, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Nancy, Nina (Nineah), Patricia, Paul, Phil, Rob, Ronald, Sandy, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trent, Trish, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn; and our men and women serving in our armed forces and their families. We offer prayers of blessing and thanksgiving for all men and women serving in the armed services, especially these persons known to us: Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Sinclair, Steve. We pray that they have safe journeys and know the loving concern of friends and family. May God watch over them and grant them strength and courage to face perils which beset them.

**Readings for:** 

December 13:	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126;
Advent III	I Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28.