



"ALL SAINTS IS A COMMUNITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE
CALLED TO LIVE AS THE BODY OF CHRIST
IN AUSTIN FOR THE WORLD
THROUGH WORSHIP, SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND SERVICE."

Before the service, there is a time for silent prayer and meditation. You are invited to use this prayer as a part of your individual preparation for worship:

"Faithful God,
your promises stand unshaken through all generations.
Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert
watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ,
our judge and savior,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen."

-The Book of Common Worship

A NOTE FOR OUR GUESTS:

If you are joining us for the first time today, welcome! We are thankful to have you worship with us this morning. After the service, we invite you to stop by the Welcome Table in the foyer to find out more about All Saints and to pick up a small gift as a token of our appreciation for you and your presence with us today. If you have any questions, please contact one of the staff members listed in the back of this bulletin or visit our website at allsaintsaustin.org.

DECEMBER 17, 2017

OFFERING STONES

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PROCESSIONAL

O COME, MESSIAH, COME




Oh come! Oh come, Mes - si - ah! Oh come, our
Oh come! Oh come, Me - si - ah! Oh come, our



Al - le - lu - ia! Oh sing! Oh sing Ho -
Al - le - lu - ia! Oh sing! Oh sing Ho -



san - na! Oh come, Mes - si - ah, come!
san - na! ||: Oh come, Mes - si - ah, come! :|| (repeat)



Com - fort and joy, Al - pha, O - me - ga He



Sor - row and toil no long - er ru - lers be.

(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell, arr. Isaac Wardell, Mason Neely, & Alex Foote; arr. David Lutes, 2014; CCLI License #2476739)

ENTRANCE

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

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

Minister: LORD, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

People: *Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

Minister: So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

People: *Return, O LORD! How long?*

(from Psalm 90)

COLLECT

Minister: Let us pray:
God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: *Amen.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Minister: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
Advent means “coming,” and we are preparing ourselves for the days
when 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.

People: *Let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

HYMN OF PRAISE

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n to earth come down,
2. *Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spi - rit in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;*
3. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
4. *Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less let us be;*



fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the pro - mised rest.
sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er more thy tem - ples leave.
let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
Take a - way the love of sin - ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,



vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, ent - er ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

(Words: Charles Wesley (1747); Music: HYFRYDOL, R.H. Prichard (1830); arr. David Lutes, 2012; CCLI license #2476739)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: God of power and might, you promised through the prophets
that the day is coming when you will bring all nations under your rule.

People: *We confess that we have not expected your coming kingdom.
We live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.
We accept lies as truth, exploit our neighbors,
abuse your creation, resist your justice, and refuse your peace.
In your mercy, forgive our wandering and rebellious hearts.
Grant us the humility to return to you,
the strength to walk in your way,
and the wisdom to seek those things that will endure;
for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ
who will come again to judge the world in righteousness. Amen.*

(adapted from the *Book of Common Worship*)

(PAUSE FOR A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION)

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

CHOIR: O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!

ALL: O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appears. (Chorus)

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. (Chorus)

O come, Thou rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. (Chorus)
(Repeat Chorus)

(Words: Tr. John Mason Neale, Music: arr. Thomas Helmore, addtl. arr. David Lutes, 2007; CCLI license #2476739)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of
all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and
consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen.*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE



1. Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence, and with fear and trem-bling
2. *King of kings, yet born of Ma-ry, as of old on earth He*
3. Rank on rank the host of heav-en spread its van-guard on the
4. *At His feet the six-winged ser-aph; cher-u-bim, with sleep-less*



stand; pon-der no-thing earth-ly mind-ed,
stood, Lord of Lords, in hu-man vest-ure,
way, as the Light of light de-scen-deth
eye, veil their fa-ces to the pres-ence,



for with bless-ing in his hand, Christ our God to earth de-
in the bo-dy and the blood. He will give to all the
from the realms of end-less day, That the pow'rs of hell may
as with cease-less voice they cry, "Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-



scen - deth, our full ho-mage to de - mand.
faith - ful His own self for heav - nly food.
van - ish as the dark-ness clears a - way.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!

(Words: Liturgy of St. James; Music: French melody; arr. David Lutes, 2011; CCLI license #2476739)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 61:1-4, 10

- The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
- 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
- 3 to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.
- 4 They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations...
- 10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

EPISTLE READING

I THESSALONIANS 5:14-24

And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. 15 See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies, 21 but test everything; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil.

23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

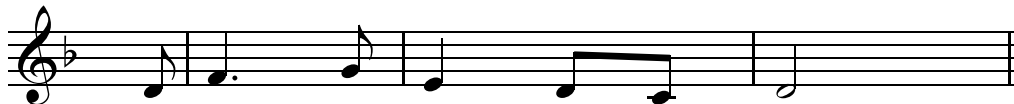
GOSPEL PROCESSION

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

* AFTER THE GOSPEL READING, REPEAT REFRAIN AS THE READER RETURNS TO THE FRONT.



* For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness waits;



tru - ly my hope is in You.



1. O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of glo - ry,
2. O Key of Know - ledge, guide us in our pil - grim - age;



Your ra - diance shines in all who look to You;
We ev - er seek, yet un - ful - filled re - main;



come, light the hearts of all in dark and sha - dow.
Op - en to us the path - way of your peace.

(Words: Psalm 95 and "O" Antiphons, Marty Haugen; Music: Marty Haugen, 1982, arr. David Lutes, 2011; CCLI license #2476739)

PLEASE TURN AND FACE THE BIBLE AS IT IS PROCESSED INTO THE AISLE.

GOSPEL READING

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John 1:1-9, 19-28

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world...

19 And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." 21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." 22 So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

24 (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) 25 They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" 26 John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, 27 even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." 28 These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise be to you Lord Christ.*

SMALL SAINTS DISMISSAL

AT THIS TIME, CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN - 3RD GRADE MAY GO TO THE CHAPEL FOR A LESSON AND ACTIVITY. THEY WILL RETURN TO THE SANCTUARY DURING THE PASSING OF THE PEACE.

11:00 AM SERVICE ONLY: ANY CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE WHO WISH TO SING WITH THE CHOIR IN THE 10:00AM SERVICE ON DECEMBER 24 ARE INVITED TO REHEARSE THE MUSIC IN THE CHAPEL AT THIS TIME. (SEE PAGE 23 FOR DETAILS.)

HOMILY

"REJOICE ALWAYS"

MR. JORDAN GRIESBECK

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Celebrant: Christian, what do you believe?

People: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy catholic Church;
The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. Amen.*

-The Apostles Creed

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH A SIGN OF PEACE, SUCH AS: "THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU" & "AND ALSO WITH YOU."

RETURN OF CHILDREN

DURING THE PASSING OF THE PEACE, SMALL SAINTS TEACHERS WILL BRING THE CHILDREN BACK TO THE SANCTUARY. FEEL FREE TO PICK UP YOUNGER CHILDREN AT THIS TIME AS WELL. THEY WILL RECEIVE A BLESSING WHILE YOU RECEIVE COMMUNION. YOU MAY ALSO WAIT TO RETRIEVE THEM, AS CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED FOR THE DURATION OF THE SERVICE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE BACK OF THE BULLETIN.

SIGN-IN

IF YOU ARE ON THE END OF A ROW, PLEASE TAKE THE BLACK NOTEPAD FROM UNDERNEATH THE CHAIR IN FRONT OF YOU AND SIGN IN SO WE HAVE A RECORD OF YOUR ATTENDANCE.

YEAR-END GIVING ANNOUNCEMENT

DAVID HOWELL, DEACON

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the tithes and offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY HYMN

GAUDETE

CHOIR

*Gaudete, gaudete!
Christus est natus
Ex Maria virgine,
gaudete!*

Rejoice, rejoice!
Christ is born
Of the Virgin Mary –
Rejoice!

Now the time has come at last,
Bringing joy and gladness
Time foretold by sages past
Healing earth's deep sadness.

Nature marvels at the sight,
Earth looks on in wonder:
For the Lord of Love and Light,
Rends the heavens asunder.

Christ is born: Emmanuel,
Hope of every nation!
Therefore, let us sing noel
With the whole creation.

(Words: 14th cent. Latin, tr. M.B. Music Arr. by Michael Burkhardt)

TITHES & OFFERINGS

WHILE THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO GOD'S KINGDOM, THE CHURCH IS THE PRIMARY MEANS BY WHICH THAT KINGDOM IS ESTABLISHED ON EARTH. THUS, GOD CALLS US FIRST AND FOREMOST TO BE FAITHFUL IN THE REGULAR, ONGOING SUPPORT OF ONE'S LOCAL CHURCH BODY THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS. IF YOU HAVEN'T MADE TITHING A PRACTICE, PLEASE CONSIDER ADOPTING TITHING OR GENEROUS GIVING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE—THAT YOU MIGHT GROW IN FAITH AND THAT TOGETHER WE MIGHT INCREASE ALL SAINTS' CAPACITY TO BE THE BODY OF CHRIST IN AUSTIN FOR THE WORLD.

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Minister: Let us pray:

People: *We do not presume to come to this, Your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(PLEASE STAND)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ your Son. He is the one foretold by all the prophets, whom the Virgin Mary bore with love beyond all telling. John the Baptist was his herald and made him known when at last he came. In his love Christ fills us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth, so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

Celebrant: Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name; evermore praising you, and singing,

People:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 Hea - ven and earth are full, full of your
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

(Music: Franz Peter Schubert; adapt. David Lutes, 2012)

(PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED)

✠ Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks, 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 of 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 often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

✠ AT THIS TIME PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED.

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Celebrant: We now celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

People: *Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.*

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 for ever.

People: *Amen.*

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

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore, let us keep the feast.*

INVITATION

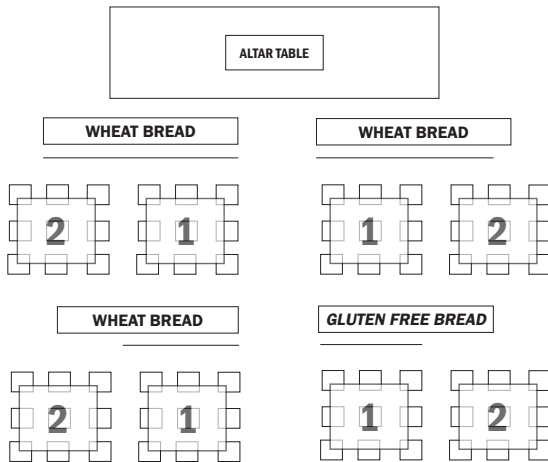
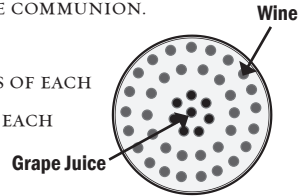
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him by faith, with thanksgiving.

WE COME TO HIS TABLE

ALL SAINTS WELCOMES ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS WHO BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL (GOOD NEWS) OF JESUS CHRIST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL. THIS INCLUDES ALL CHRISTIANS, WHETHER MEMBERS AT ALL SAINTS OR ANOTHER CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY. CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED AND INTERVIEWED BY THE ELDERS OF THIS CHURCH OR THE RULING BODY OF ANOTHER CHURCH ARE ALSO WELCOME TO THE TABLE.

IF YOU'RE STILL INVESTIGATING CHRISTIANITY, NOT SURE WHAT YOU BELIEVE, OR SIMPLY CHOOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE, YOU MAY EITHER REMAIN IN YOUR SEAT OR COME FORWARD, CROSS YOUR ARMS OVER YOUR CHEST, AND RECEIVE A BLESSING. NON-COMMUNING CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME FORWARD AS WELL TO RECEIVE A BLESSING WHILE THEIR PARENTS RECEIVE COMMUNION.

THE USHERS WILL GUIDE YOU TO THE SERVING LINES. THE OUTER CIRCLES OF EACH TRAY CONTAIN WINE. GRAPE JUICE IS PROVIDED IN THE INNER CIRCLE OF EACH TRAY. GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IS SERVED IN THE BACK RIGHT SECTION.



HYMNS FOR COMMUNION

JESUS, I COME



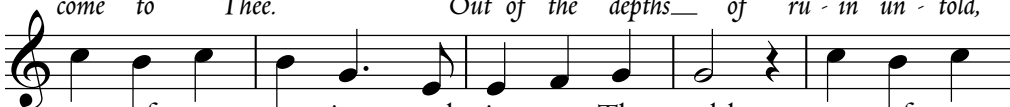
1. Out of my bon - dage, sor - row and night, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I
2. Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I
3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I
4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I come; Je - sus, I



come. In - to Thy free - dom, glad - ness, and light, Je - sus, I
 come. In - to the glor - ious gain of Thy cross, Je - sus, I
 come. In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide, Je - sus, I
 come. In - to the joy and light of Thy home, Je - sus, I



come to Thee. Out of my sick - ness — in - to Thy health,
 come to Thee. Out of earth's sor - rows — in - to Thy balm,
 come to Thee. Out of my self — to dwell in Thy love,
 come to Thee. Out of the depths — of ru - in un - told,



out of my want - ing and in - to Thy wealth, out of my
 out of life's storms — and in - to Thy calm, out of dis -
 out of des - pair in - to rap - tures a - bove, up - ward for -
 in - to the peace of Thy shel - ter - ing fold, ev - er Thy



sin — and in - to Thy - self, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 tress in - to ju - bi - lant psalm, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 ev - er on wings like a dove, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
 glo - ri - ous face to be - hold, Je - sus, I come to Thee.

(Words: William Sleeper; Music: Greg Thompson; CCLI license #2476739)

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma-ry's lap is sleep - ing?
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

(Words: William C. Dix, Music: English melody, CCLI license #2476739)

GOD REST YE MERRY, GENTLEMEN



1. God rest ye mer-ry, gen-tle-men, let noth-ing you dis-may;
2. From God our heav'n-ly Fa-ther, a bless-ed an-gel came,
3. "Fear not, then," said the an-gel, "let noth-ing you af-fright;
4. The shep-herds at those ti-dings re-joic-ed much in mind,



re-mem-ber Christ our Sav-ior was born on Christ-mas day
and un-to cer-tain shep-herds brought ti-dings of the same:
this day is born a Sav-ior of a pure vir-gin bright,
and left their flocks a-feed-ing, in temp-est storm, and wind:



to save us all from Sa-tan's pow'r when we were gone a-stray.
how that in Beth-le-hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa-tan's pow'r and might."
and went to Beth-le-hem straight-way, the Son of God to find.



O ti-dings of com-fort and joy, com-fort and joy,



O ti-dings of com-fort and joy.

BENEDICTION

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you always. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL

DOXOLOGY

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.

(Words: Thomas Ken, Music: Louis Bourgeois)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- SUN, DEC 24** **Christmas Eve Services:** This year, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. Therefore, All Saints is planning four services that day:
10AM Sunday morning worship: 4th Sunday of Advent
3PM & 5PM Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols service
11PM Christmas Eve Eucharist service
To help us be prepared to welcome many guests that day, **please let us know which service(s) you plan to attend:** allsaintsaustin.org/christmas.
- SUN, DEC 31** **New Year's Eve, One Service:** Next Sunday, December 31, we will have one worship service at 10 AM. Normal schedule (9:15 AM & 11:00 AM) will resume Sunday, January 7.
10:00 AM
- SUN, JAN 7** **Children's Ministry Training:** Mandatory training for all new volunteers* and those who missed prior training. Questions? Contact Taylor Williams (twilliams@allsaintsaustin.org). **This training is not required for members volunteering just twice a year as Helping Hands.*
9:30 AM or
SUN, JAN 14
11:00 AM
- TUE, JAN 9** **Women's Study of Amos & Jonah:** Join us for this 8-week study of two minor prophets. Lunchtime study meets Tuesdays at 11:30 AM at the church. No childcare. Join us and bring a brown bag lunch. Contact Kim (khal@allsaintsaustin.org).
11:30 AM
- TUE, JAN 9** **Young Adults Retreat Early Deadline:** Register by January 9 for an early-bird discount at this year's Texas Young Adult Retreat: Feb. 9-11 at Balcones Springs Retreat in Marble Falls. Register at allsaintsaustin.org/yaretreat
DEADLINE
- FRI, JAN 12** **Men's Father/Son Camp Out:** Please join us for a time of bonding as fathers and sons at Laity Lodge Youth Camp, Friday, January 12 to Sunday, January 14. Please contact Paul Pearson (paul@pearson-properties.com) with any questions. RSVP: allsaintsaustin.org/campout
- SUN, JAN 21** **Sunday Classes Resume:** Classes for adults and children resume for the spring on Sunday, January 21 at 9:30 AM. Details at allsaintsaustin.org/classes.
9:30 AM

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed for Christmas December 25-29. You may still drop off end-of-year checks at any time in the exterior in-wall drop slot by the church office or in the Sunday offering.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Dementia Caregivers Group

1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 2PM
Contact Lise Rollert (214-679-6939)

Men's Sexual Integrity Group

1st & 3rd Thursdays | 7:30 PM
Contact Garrett (glathan@allsaintsaustin.org)

Women's Infertility Group

4th Tuesdays | 7:30 PM
Contact Joelle (jwbeisner@gmail.com)
or Caitlyn (caitlynmaryallen@gmail.com)
*Resumes January 23

MOSS

Jan 10 - Apr 25

Join women of all life stages for a mid-week gathering (with accompanying children's program*) on Wednesday mornings 9:30 - 11:30. MOSS is a time for the women of All Saints to enjoy worship, large group teaching, mentoring, small group discussion, prayer, and fellowship. Register online at allsaintsaustin.org/moss.

*Childcare is now full. For new registrations, children may be added to the wait list.

KIDS CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to participate with the adult choir during the 10:00 AM service on Christmas Eve, December 24. Rehearsals occur during the first 10 minutes of Small Saints during the 11:00 AM service today, Sunday December 17.

RSVP: Please let us know if your child will be singing with us - allsaintsaustin.org/parents

Questions? Contact Jamie Taylor (jtaylor@allsaintsaustin.org)

HELPING HANDS

During worship on October 29, Tim announced that, starting January 1, each able adult in our All Saints family will be asked to serve one Sunday each semester (*only 3 hours per year*) as "Helping Hands" for our growing Children's Ministry. As one of our Helping Hands, you will not be required to teach; instead, you can assist the current Children's Ministry Team in sharing Jesus by loving and being present with our many children. This fulfillment of our congregational baptism vows requires no preparation, but only a desire to help God's kingdom come in the next generation.

You likely received an email from Sally Bryant with instructions on how to use Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) to enter your availability for the spring. If you missed the opportunity or have questions, please contact Sally (sbryant@allsaintsaustin.org).

SPONSOR A POINSETTIA

All Saints has decorated the sanctuary with poinsettias for Advent. If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of someone, you may do so at allsaintsaustin.org/poinsettia. You may take home a poinsettia after one of All Saints' Christmas Eve services (3pm, 5pm, 11pm).

QUESTION FROM TIM: WILL YOU GIVE THIS DECEMBER?

Friends,

Will you prayerfully consider giving sacrificially to All Saints this December through a financial gift?

We have just entered Advent, a time of expectation and preparation to celebrate Christmas. Advent anticipates and Christmas celebrates what the Apostle Paul proclaims in Philippians 2: "Christ Jesus... did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of man." What love! What grace!

How are we to respond to such an infinitely prodigal act as the Incarnation? Reverence. Wonder. Action. This was the shepherds' response in hearing of Jesus' birth: "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened..." (Luke 2:15). Joy. Worship. Giving. This too was the wise men's response: "They fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh" (Matt 2:11). **How will we respond this year to God emptying Himself?**

Pastors ponder questions like this right now, because it's not just the beginning of a new Church Year; it's also the end of the calendar year. And our budget for next year (and plans for ministry and mission) is largely determined over the next few weeks.

What will ministry and mission look like at All Saints in 2018? Will we continue to support our many ministry partners as planned? Will we be able to set aside funds for local church planting? Will we be able to continue all the ministry programs the Lord has used at All Saints over the years or the ones initiated this past year? Will we be able to hire any new staff or initiate any new ministry programs? **This month, December 2017, will tell us.**

Through November, our church has sacrificially given \$1,634,000 this year to the General Fund. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! That's a 5% increase from 2016. However, our church body has grown by more than that. And with new people come new needs and a growing budget. Last December, our general fund received \$555,000. **This December, I'm praying we'll receive \$900,000 in order to maintain our current programming levels. By God's self-emptying grace, it is possible for us.**

Will you join me in that "sacrifice of praise" initiated by the wise men who were the first to open their treasures and lay them at the feet of our Incarnate Lord?

Many of you have asked **if All Saints is planning a new capital campaign to build additional facilities for our church.** Our final sanctuary? Maybe. The church leadership, our architects, and I have been working on various plans and scenarios for how/if we take that step. Much of our campus is stretched at the seams, especially on Sundays.

But I want to make sure the timing is right and that we, as a church, are willing and able to "count the cost" and sing the "sacrifice of praise" that a new capital campaign would require. This December's giving will indicate our church's readiness and the Lord's leading in this potential endeavor.

If you haven't made tithing or sacrificial giving a practice, please consider doing so that together we might increase All Saints' capacity to be the body of Christ in Austin for the world. A quarter of All Saints members have not given financially to the church, and **we need everyone's participation to fund the ongoing work of God's Kingdom through All Saints.**

As always, **thank you for giving sacrificially to the ministry and mission of All Saints.** It is such a privilege to be your senior pastor for another year! My hope and sincere prayer is that we would all, as a community, be prepared this Advent to "go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened."

Come, Lord Jesus, Come!



One of All Saints' ten spiritual formation practices is Tithing & Sacrificial Giving. While there are many ways to contribute financially to God's Kingdom, the Church is the primary means by which that kingdom is established on earth. Thus, God calls us first and foremost to be faithful in the regular, ongoing support of one's local church body through tithes and offerings.

GIVE ONLINE (by Dec. 31)

allsaintsaustin.org/give

Via mobile app (allsaintsaustin.org/app)

GIVE BY MAIL (postmarked by Dec. 31)

7808 Rialto Blvd.

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GIVING STOCK

Did you know All Saints accepts contributions of stock? Even better, if you have appreciated stock that you have owned for at least a year, giving it to All Saints may allow you multiple tax benefits: you may receive a charitable deduction on your income taxes for the stock's fair market value and avoid capital gains taxes on the appreciated stock value. For more details or to make a stock contribution, visit allsaintsaustin.org/stock or contact David Breeding (dbreeding@allsaintsaustin.org, 512-953-1676).

YEAR-END GIVING

To all those who have given so generously this year, **thank you for your faithful financial support of All Saints.**

The end of the year is historically a season marked by generosity, both in our church and in our culture at large. As you reflect on 2017 and give thanks to God for His many blessings, please consider how you might respond to God's graciousness in your life. Giving back to God a portion of what He has given us is one way we show our thankfulness to Him.

While there are many ways to contribute financially to God's Kingdom, the Church is the primary means by which that kingdom is established on earth. Thus, God calls us first and foremost to be faithful in the regular, ongoing support of one's local church body through tithes and offerings. If you haven't made tithing a practice, **please consider adopting tithing or generous giving as a spiritual practice**—that you might grow in faith and that together we might increase All Saints' capacity to be the body of Christ in Austin for the world.

So far in 2017, **All Saints members have given \$1,823,000** to support the ongoing work of the church and our ministry partners. In order to stay on track with our budget, our goal is to **raise another \$750,000 by the end of 2017**. Your joyful generosity is needed to help All Saints finish the year strong. Your gift today will make All Saints better positioned for ministry tomorrow. Your regular practice of generosity enables All Saints' ministry not only to continue but to grow as we seek to exercise hospitality with those God brings through the church's doors and to be generous with our missions partners across the city and around the world.

You can give online at allsaintsaustin.org/give or by mail to All Saints (7808 Rialto Blvd, Austin, TX 78735). If you have questions about year-end giving, stock contributions, or any related topic, please contact David Breeding (dbreeding@allsaintsaustin.org).

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DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS

THESE READINGS ARE PROVIDED AS A PERSONAL, FAMILY, OR GROUP WORSHIP RESOURCE. THEY ARE SET IN THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY, A SCHEDULE OF DAILY BIBLE READING IN ACCORD WITH THE CHURCH YEAR. THEY ARE DESIGNED AROUND A TWO-YEAR CYCLE THAT WILL TAKE YOU THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT ONCE, THE NEW TESTAMENT TWICE, AND THE PSALMS FREQUENTLY. WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE "YEAR I" CYCLE.

SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Morning Psalm(s): 63
Evening Psalm(s): 98, 103
Old Testament: Amos 9:11–15
Epistle: 2 Thess. 2:1–3, 13–17
Gospel: John 5:30–47

MONDAY

Morning Psalm(s): 41, 52
Evening Psalm(s): 44
Old Testament: Zechariah 1:7–17
Epistle: Revelation 3:7–13
Gospel: Matthew 24:15–31

TUESDAY

Morning Psalm(s): 45
Evening Psalm(s): 47, 48
Old Testament: Zechariah 2:1–13
Epistle: Revelation 3:14–22
Gospel: Matthew 24:32–44

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalm(s): 119:49–72
Evening Psalm(s): 49, 53
Old Testament: Zechariah 3:1–10
Epistle: Revelation 4:1–8
Gospel: Matthew 24:45–51

THURSDAY

Morning Psalm(s): 23, 121
Evening Psalm(s): 27
Old Testament: Job 42:1–6
Epistle: 1 Peter 1:3–9
Gospel: John 14:1–7

FRIDAY

Morning Psalm(s): 40, 54
Evening Psalm(s): 51
Old Testament: Zechariah 7:8–8:8
Epistle: Revelation 5:6–14
Gospel: Matthew 25:14–30

SATURDAY

Morning Psalm(s): 55
Evening Psalm(s): 138, 139
Old Testament: Zechariah 8:9–17
Epistle: Revelation 6:1–17
Gospel: Matthew 25:31–46

SUNDAY, THE LORD'S DAY, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Morning Psalm(s): 89:1–29
Old Testament: 59:15b–21
Epistle: Philippians 2:5–11