

"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:

"Eternal God.

you have called us to be members of one body.

Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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.

OFFERING STONES

If you give financially to All Saints online or by mail, please take a stone as you enter the sanctuary. You may place your stone in the offering basket as it comes your way during the offertory as a physical token of your offering to the Lord. (This is also a great way to teach children and others about sacrificial giving.)

PROCESSIONAL

O COME, MESSIAH, COME



(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: 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.

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 nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,

and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war any more.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS



CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." -1 Timothy 1:15

People: Almighty God, you created us for life together,

but we have turned from your will. We have not loved as you command.

We have broken our promises to you and to one another.

We have taken much and given little.

Forgive our disobedience, O God, and strengthen us in love,

that we may faithfully serve you as your people, and live together in your joy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(PAUSE FOR A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION)

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

CHOIR:

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

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

ALL:

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) (Repeat Chorus)

(Words: Tr. by John Mason Neale, Music: Arr. by Thomas Helmore, Add. Arrg. 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

PSALM 62



(Words and Music: Wendell Kimbrough, 2015; addtl. arr: David Lutes, 2016; CCLI license #2476739)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 64:1-4

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—

- 2 as when fire kindles brushwood
 and the fire causes water to boil—
 to make your name known to your adversaries,
 and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
- When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
- 4 From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.

EPISTLE READING

I CORINTHIANS 1:4-9

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

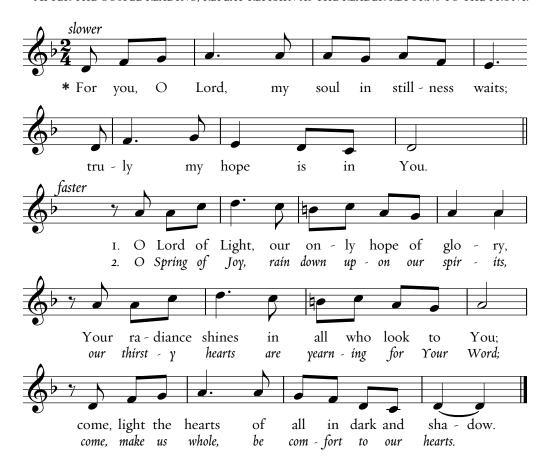
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL PROCESSION

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

f st After the gospel reading, repeat refrain as the reader returns to the front.



(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 Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 13:1-5, 9, 12, 14, 23-36

And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" 2 And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

3 And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" 5 And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray...

9 "But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them... 12 And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death.

14 "But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where he ought not to be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains... 23 But be on guard; I have told you all things beforehand.

24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32 "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. 35 Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— 36 lest he come suddenly and find you asleep."

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.

CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE WHO ARE SINGING WITH THE CHOIR DURING THE OFFERTORY TODAY ARE INVITED TO REHEARSE THE SONG IN THE CHAPEL AT THIS TIME. WHEN THEY RETURN, THEY WILL TAKE THEIR SEATS WITH THE CHOIR DURING THE PASSING OF THE PEACE AND WILL RETURN TO THEIR FAMILIES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SONG.

HOMILY

"A Necessary Longing"

Rev. Tim Frickenschmidt

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.

₩ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,

and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

"Lord, have mercy."

People: Lord, Hear our prayer.

Here the leader will intercede for the congregation, community, and world with the refrain:

Leader: Lord, Have mercy.

People: Lord, Hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION OFFERTORY

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

OFFERTORY HYMN

CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT

ADULT & CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Creator of the stars of night, who shaped the sky's eternal lights, O Christ, redeemer of us all, bend near, and hear us when we call.

O love that wore our human form, O tiny child of lowly birth, Let now your love be born in us 'til peace and justice fill the earth.

Give us a love that never dies, a vision of the world to come: when all oppression finally ends, and all the homeless find a home;

O God who brought all life to birth, O Christ who wore love's human face, O Spirit making life anew, grant us Your wisdom, love and grace.

Creator of the stars of night, who shaped the sky's eternal lights, O Christ, redeemer of us all, bend near, and hear us when we call.

(Words: Conditor alme siderum, 9th century (v. 1, 5), Marty Haugen (v. 2-4). Music: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM, arr. Marty Haugen)

TITHES & OFFERINGS

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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.

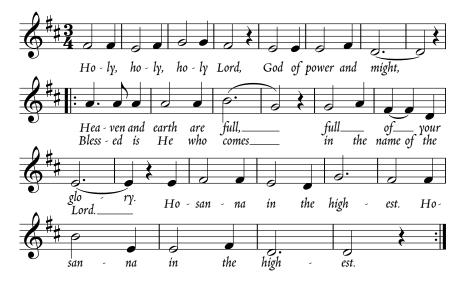
Celebrant: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all

places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting

God.

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:



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

(PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED)

Celebrant: All glory be to you, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, which of your tender mercy, did give your only Son Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by the offering of himself once for all, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world; and did institute in his holy Gospel, a perpetual meal in honor of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

> 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."

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.

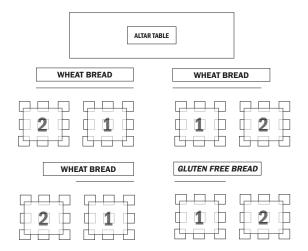
WE COME TO HIS TABLE

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.

Grape Juice



HYMNS FOR COMMUNION

PSALM 130



- 1. Out of the depths I cry to you.
- 2. Out of the woe ful depths I cry,
- 4. Lord, from the depths I wait for you,
- 5. Lord, here I find your mer cy now,

O Lord, please hear my call.

from the depths of sin—my hope is in your Word.

as ev - er was with you.



O Lord, be mer - ci- ful to me; of e - vil done in days gone by,
All through the night till day is nigh,
Be - fore your throne of grace I bow,

at your throne of grace I fall. $\uparrow \tau 0 \# 2$ and of $e \sim vil$ now with-in. $\downarrow \tau 0 \# 3$ my soul waits up-on the Lord. $\uparrow \tau 0 \# 5$ Lord, be $mer \sim ci \sim ful$ to me. $\downarrow \tau 0 \# 6$



- 3. If you, O Lord, should mark in-i-qui-ties, Lord who could then draw near?
- 6. O Is ra el, cast your hope up-on the Lord, and in his Word do trust.

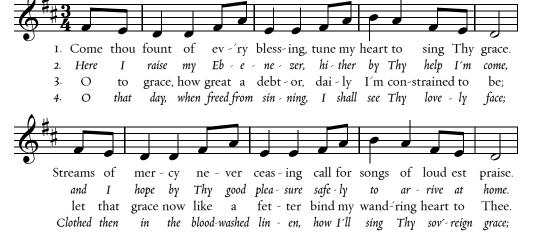


WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS



(Words and music: American folk hymn; CCLI License #2476739)

COME THOU FOUNT





Teach me some mel - o-dious son - net sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove. Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God.

Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.

Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, take my ran-somed soul a - way;



Praise the mount, I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of God's un-chang-ing love.

Here to res - cue me from dang - er in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

Send Thine an - gels now to car - ry me to realms of end - less praise.

(Words: Robert Robinson; Music: American folk tune, NETTLETON; arr. David Lutes, 2006; CCLI license #2476739)

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

TUE. DEC 5 **Dementia Caregiver Support Group:** For fellowship, sharing concerns and

2:00 PM strategies, and options for caregivers of people living with dementia or Alzheimer's.

Contact Garrett (512.771.0838) or Lise Rollert (214.679.6939).

WED, DEC 6 Music & Arts Lunch Gathering: If you are a creative professional or simply

12:00 PM have creative interests, join us in the gallery for lunch and time together.

Please RSVP to David Lutes (dlutes@allsaintsaustin.org).

THU, DEC 7 Christmas Event for Side By Side Kids: Side by Side Kids is hosting a Christmas

6:00 PM party at All Saints for its students from Oak Hill Elementary and their parents.

Contact Michael Clark (mclark@allsaintsaustin.org) if you'd like to volunteer to

bring a dessert (in advance is fine) or serve food that evening.

THU, DEC 7 Men's Sexual Integrity Support Group: Meets every other Thursday,

7:30 PM 7:30-9:00 PM. Contact Garrett (glathan@allsaintsaustin.org, 512-771-0838)

for more information or if you are interested in attending the group.

SUN, DEC 10 Westminster Manor Lessons & Carols Service: Join folks from All Saints in

4:00 PM Redeemer in bringing tidings of comfort and joy to the residents of Westminster

Manor senior living. Service is family-friendly with opportunities to participate.

Visit allsaintsaustin.org/wm for more information.

SUN. DEC 10 E45 Ornament Exchange Christmas Party: The 4th and 5th graders will gather 5:00 PM

for friendship and carols at the Cone Family home (3702 Gilbert St), 5-7PM.

Bring an ornament and merriment!

SUN. DEC 10 Middle School & High School Christmas Parties: Wear your tacky Christmas

5:00 PM & attire and bring a white elephant gift (under \$10). Dinner provided.

7:30 PM Middle school: 5PM at the Dwelles' (9413 Zyle Rd).

High school: 7:30PM at the Saidlemans' (2008 Kev West Cv).

SUN, DEC 10 50+ Fellowship Christmas Party: Please join us from 7PM - 9PM at the

7:00 PM Malachowskis' (3555 Lost Creek Blvd) for dessert and wine. Bring a finger dessert

or a bottle of wine to share. RSVP to Craig (cchapman@allsaintsaustin.org).

SUN, DEC 24 Christmas Eve Services: This year, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. Therefore,

All Saints is planning four services that day:

10 AM Sunday morning worship: 4th Sunday of Advent

3 PM & 5 PM Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols service

11 PM 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.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

All Saints celebrates the birth of George Thatcher Oberle, daughter of Bobby and Priscilla, born November 10; and Speller Huddleston Haley, son of Brian and Caroline, born November 24. Praise the LORD!

SUPPORT GROUPS

Dementia Caregivers Group

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

Men's Sexual Integrity Group

1st and 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)

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. To register, contact Ashley (ahood@allsaintsaustin.org).

Through DEC 10: Regular Registration*
After DEC 10: Late Registration

*You must register by Dec 10 to reserve a spot in childcare. After Dec 10, children will be added to a wait list.

KIDS' CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to participate with the adult choir for Advent. Rehearsals will occur during the first 10 minutes of Small Saints during the SECOND SERVICE ONLY on Sundays in December. Children are invited to sing during either service on the following Sundays:

December 3rd, First Sunday of Advent December 24th, Christmas Eve

RSVP: Please let us know in which service(s) your child will be singing - 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).

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.

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So far in 2017, **All Saints members have given \$1,634,000** 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 \$900,000** 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).

ALL SAINTS CONTACT INFORMATION

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DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS

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

Morning Psalm(s): 146, 147 Evening Psalm(s): 111, 112, 113 Old Testament: Amos 1:1-5, 13-2:8 Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

MONDAY

Morning Psalm(s): 1, 2, 3 Evening Psalm(s): 4, 7

Old Testament: Amos 2:6-16 Epistle: 2 Peter 1:1-11 Matthew 21:1-11

Gospel:

TUESDAY

Morning Psalm(s): 5, 6 Evening Psalm(s): 10, 11

Old Testament: Amos 3:1-11 Epistle: 2 Peter 1:12-21 Gospel: Matthew 21:12-22

WEDNESDAY

Morning Psalm(s): 119:1-24 Evening Psalm(s): 12, 13, 14 Old Testament: Amos 3:12-4:5 Epistle: 2 Peter 3:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

THURSDAY

Morning Psalm(s): 18:1-20 Evening Psalm(s): 18:21-50 Old Testament: Amos 4:6-13 Epistle: 2 Peter 3:11-18 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

FRIDAY

Morning Psalm(s): 16, 17 Evening Psalm(s): 22

Old Testament: Amos 5:1-17 Epistle: Jude 1-16

Matthew 22:1-14 Gospel:

SATURDAY

Morning Psalm(s): 20, 21 Evening Psalm(s): 110, 116, 117 Amos 5:18-27 Old Testament: Epistle: Jude 17-25 Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

SUNDAY. THE LORD'S DAY. SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Morning Psalm(s): 148, 149, 150 Evening Psalm(s): 114, 115 Old Testament: Amos 6:1-14

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12

Gospel: Luke 1:57-68