

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BAYSIDE, NEW YORK



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10 , 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II 10:00 AM



ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
214-35 40TH AVENUE, BAYSIDE, NY 11361
THE VERY REV. LAURENCE G. BYRNE, RECTOR
THE REV. MARJORIE BOYDEN EDMONDS, DEACON



WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS

Whether you are a first-time visitor, long-time parishioner, or somewhere in between, we are honored and enriched by your in-person or on-line presence this morning, and offer you a sincere welcome to this parish church. Although many of us may be physically apart, we are together in heart and mind.

As we worship, we encourage you to join fully in the prayers and hymns and in the Holy Communion. If you are joining remotely, sing out the great hymns of the Church and make the responses out loud.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

Veronica Scanlon, Kristen Tonnesen and family, Bill Waid, Paul Parfrey, Carolyn Magruder, Patricia Ravert, Birgit Tonnesen, Carol Tonnesen, The Feller Family, The Arrington Family, Frank Torre, Eugenia Kryphik, Raymond, Diane, Anthony, Joseph Tesar, Sal Vizzini, Skylar and Zachary Matthews, Che'ade Delotte-Bennett, Talley, Kem, Diana, Leola, Jim White, The Lugo Family, Catherine Collins, Harry Stafilis, Ruth Rutigliano, Facchin, Charles Gilmore, Clif Seale, Neil and Caroline Magruder, Ellen, Jonelle McEachern, Linda Scavo, The Ryan Family, Virginia Presinal, Neil Ward, Pete Kroeger, Jesus Muñoz, Roseann Scavo, Michael Madden, Tara Irazarry, Rosanne Kroeger, Kristen Tonnesen and family, Brian Blinn, The Campos Family, Kim McDaniel, Rita Smith, Quaranta, Brad, Paulette, Fred, Sister Mary Owen, Russ, Albert, Donna Winters, Barbara and Paul Kennedy, Debbie and Randy Martin, Andrea Bendanillo, Richard Byrne, Charles Smith, William Newman, Jack Lugo All those served by our Blessing Box Ministry, all victims of gun violence, all those whose lives are torn by war throughout the world





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Prelude

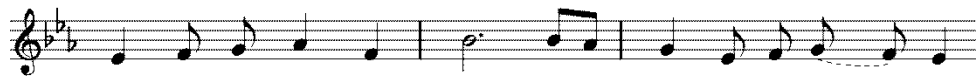
Opening Hymn (H.75)

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

ASCENSION



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
2 O Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
3 but the word of our God en - du - reth, the



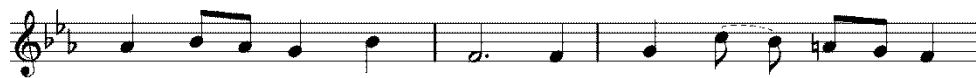
call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
flowers of the field they per - ish, like
feed his flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our God may go!
na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way;
lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

All standing, the Celebrant says Our King and Savior draweth nigh
People *O come, let us adore him*

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Magnificat (H. 437)

BIRMINGHAM

1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;

ten - der to me, the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
 his ho - ly Name—the Lord, the Might - y One.

The Collect of the Day:

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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The First Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 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.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.



Mercy and Truth 13th. Century
Psalter Illustration

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
 and our land will yield its increase.
 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
 and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Second Lesson

I Corinthians 1:3-9

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way,

what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn (H 65)

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Refrain
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Deacon: 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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

Fr. Byrne

The Nicene Creed

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, Geralyn, William, and Daniel, our bishops,
Laurence, our priest, Marjorie, our deacon, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Celebrant says Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace *Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Offertory

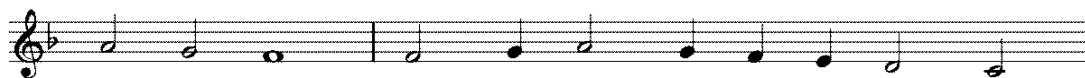
Offertory Hymn (H 67)

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

PSALM 42



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



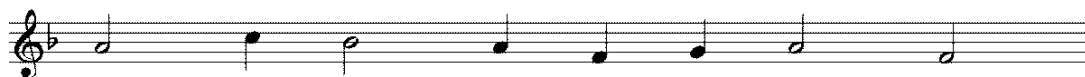
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

The Doxology

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We 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.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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. **AMEN.**

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

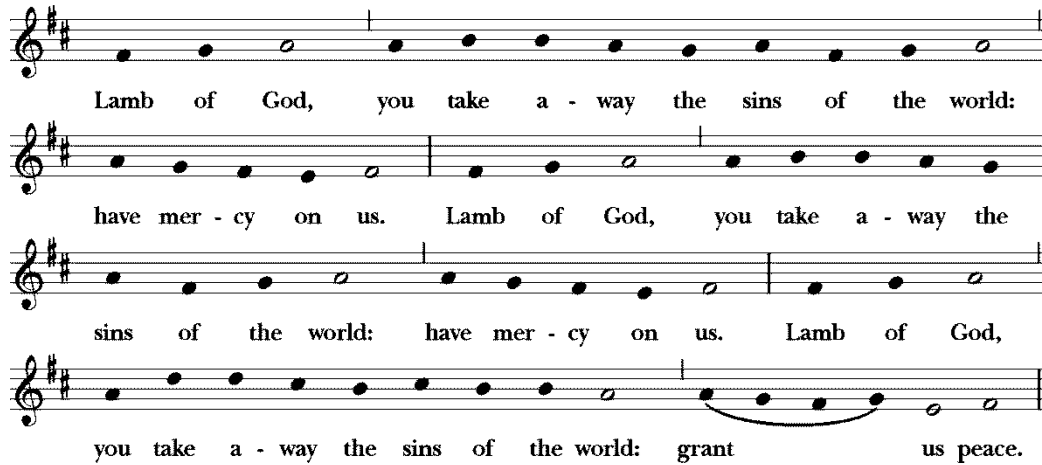
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-161



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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

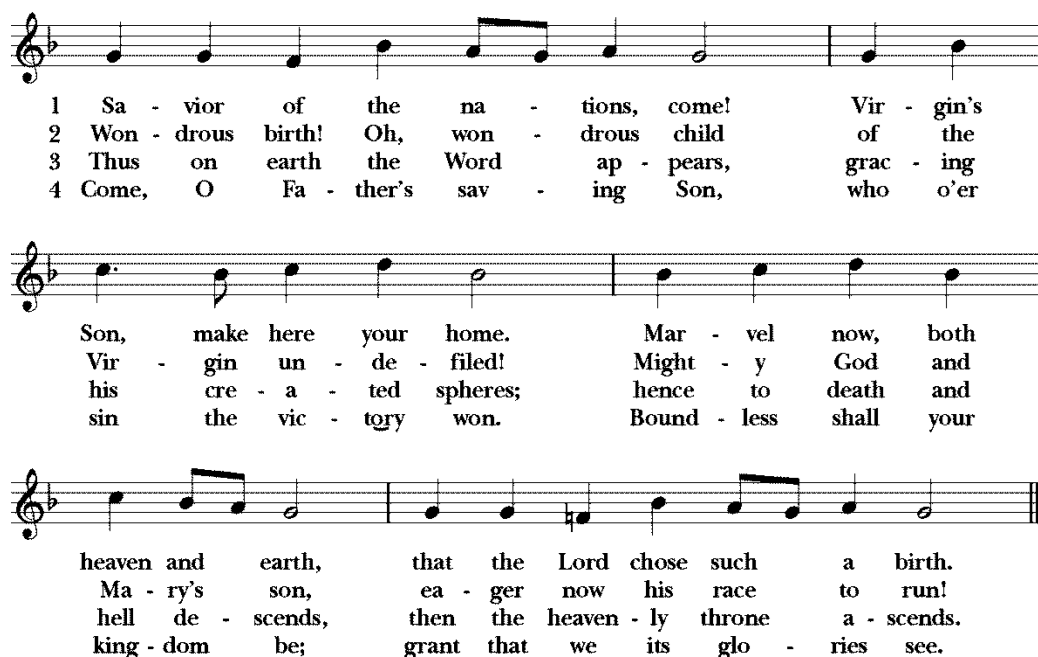
THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. ☸ Those worshipping remotely are invited to pray the Act of Spiritual Communion which will be on your screen.

Communion Hymn (H 54)

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

Musical Meditation

After Communion, the Celebrant says, Let us pray together:

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

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.* ✠ May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.* ✠ May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.* And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn (H 59)

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

MERTON

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex- pect- ed, comes with par- don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo- ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon- or, glo- ry, might, and bless- ing to the Fa- ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a- way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis- pel- ling, shines up- on the morn- ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor- row, one and all to be for- given;
4 may he with his mer- cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev- er- last- ing Spi- rit while un- end- ing a- ges run.

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

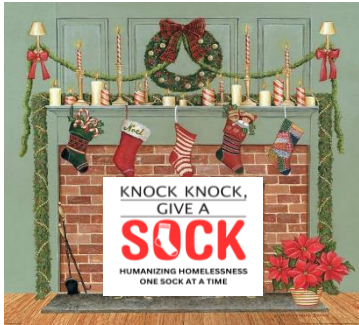
Postlude

Sharing Blessings In Advent.

Adopt-A Family



Wrapped and labeled gifts are due to be returned by today. Unfortunately there are a couple of unfulfilled wishes. **We can accept donations through Tuesday. Let's not disappoint anyone at Christmas!**



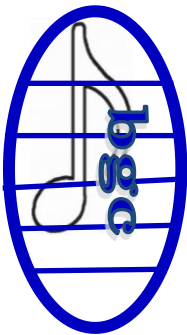
Socks Socks Socks

Our newest giving initiative (brought to you by Team Blessing Box) is simplicity itself! Partnering with the "Knock Knock Give A Sock" organization, we will be collecting socks which will be given to a local homeless shelter. As you may know, socks are the most requested clothing item in shelters. We can help by filling a box with new adult men's socks. We will be collecting socks from Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve. Please bring socks suitable for adult males.

Toys For Tots Drive Concluded

Kathleen Ramsay offers her sincere thanks to all who took part in this year's Toys for Tots drive in honor of her late father, Tom.

BAYSIDE GLEE CLUB WINTER CONCERT TODAY



The Bayside Mens Glee Club will hold its winter concert at All Saints on **Today at 3:00 PM**. All are welcome to attend live or on the All Saints website. Tickets are \$10.00. This year the men of the BGC will have as our special guests the choristers of the Mary Louis Academy.

Christmas Cabaret December 17th 4:00PM

Save Sunday, December 17th for the second annual Rhys Ritter Memorial Christmas Cabaret. Come and be part of a musical Christmas party. There is, of course, no charge, but we ask that you bring an appetizer or dessert, or bottle of cheer to share! All are welcome, so bring a friend or two!



Odds and Ends..... 1. There will be a wrap-up meeting for the Committee on January 28th. 2. There are display tablecloths that need to be laundered. There is a laundry bag in the kitchen. Please, someone, take them home!

Online Advent Calendar 2023

With the dawn of the new church year, it is time once again for the All Saints Online Advent Calendar. Join us each day via Facebook, Instagram, or YouTube! You can also view the videos as they are posted on our website: www.allsaintsepiscopalbayside.org/special-videos/all-saints-advent-calendar-2023.

Christmas Flower Offerings

If the Post Office was on the ball, you will have received the annual flower offering letter. If not, watch for it. Better yet, fill out an envelope **today**. There are extras in the narthex. The calendar is not advent-friendly this year. We can only guarantee that names and intentions received by December 17th will be in the Christmas Bulletins. Late arrivals will be included on Epiphany.

CHURCH SCHOOL REMINDERS

1. Pageant rehearsals continue today and next Sunday.
2. Dress Rehearsal and Christmas Part are on Friday, December 22nd 6:00-8:30 PM

GIFT DEDICATIONS NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday we will dedicate two gifts that have enhanced the church this year: the new sign on the south front of the building and the improved lighting in the Common Room and the church.

LITURGICAL GIFTS

The altar greenery is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Sandrowsky by her family.

The Sanctuary Lamp is given by Paul and Susan Parfrey to the glory of God and in loving memory of Maria Weimar

Quiz: What time is the service on Advent IV?

On the Cover: Engraving of *John the Baptist* by *Gustav Doré*

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