

## **GOOD MORNING & WELCOME**

Welcome to everyone joining us for worship this morning. Whether or not you consider yourselves members of this congregation, we are glad you are here. If the flow of worship should seem unfamiliar to you, relax and let God's presence envelop you, without a worry about when to stand, sit or kneel. If you are new to St. John's, please sign our guest register.

The Rev. Nathan Carr – Vicar
The Rev. William Font – Priest Associate
The Rev. Lisa Chronister – Deacon
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Daisy Leyva-Lara – Children's Coordinator
Victoria Moon – Nursery Attendant

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Cantor – Doug Rogez
Greeters / Oblationers – Dana and Stuart Chai
Readers / Chalice Bearers – Xander Rodgers,
Priscilla Pierce, and Nancy Steward
Acolytes – Esther Carr, Olive Kate Carr,
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# The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost – Year A

Rite I - Holy Eucharist - November 19, 2023 - 10:15 AM

## The Word of God

#### **Prelude**

Processional The Hymnal, #290

- 1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home: all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin; God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest-home.
- 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield; wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown: first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; grant, O harvest Lord, that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

- 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home; from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away; give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.
- 4. Even so, Lord, quickly come, to thy final harvest-home; gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin; there, for ever purified, in thy presence to abide; come, with all thine angels come, raise the glorious harvest-home.

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no

secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that he may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie The Hymnal, S91

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3X) Christ have mercy upon us. (3X) Lord, have mercy upon us. (3X) Gloria The Hymnal, S204

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

#### Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

# We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The First Lesson Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from

the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123 Ad te levavi oculos meos

1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*

to you enthroned in the heavens.

- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their **masters**, \* and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her **mistress**.
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our **God**, \* until he show us his **mercy**.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have **mercy**, \* for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent **rich**, \* and of the derision of the **proud**.

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

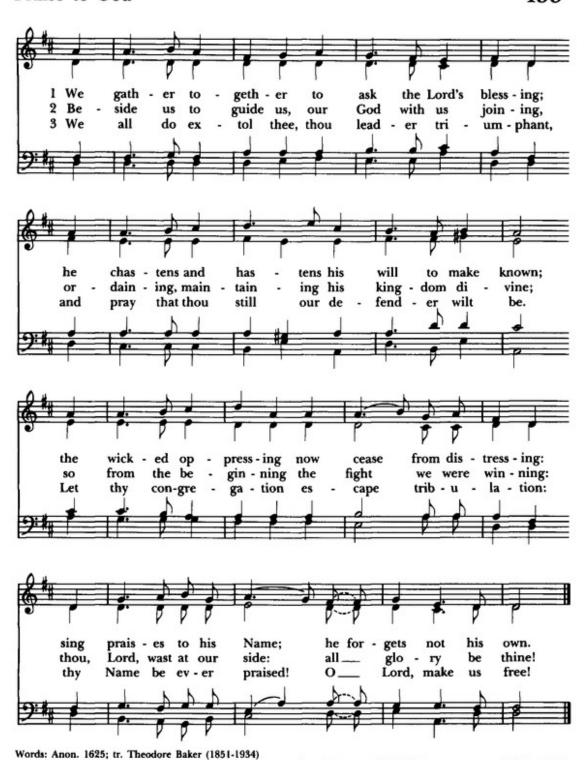
The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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## Praise to God

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Music: Kremser, from Nederlandtsch Gedenckclank, 1626; arr. Eduard Kremser (1838-1914)

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Nathan Carr

The Nicene Creed BCP 327

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 of God, Light of 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 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 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 I BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

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.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For Poulson our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For Joe our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For Oklahoma City, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, including all on our prayer list and recently added, Scott Salladin.

## Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

## Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

#### To thee, O Lord our God.

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

Silence may be kept. Leader and People say together

#### Most merciful God.

we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will,

and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

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 Celebrant may add sentences from scripture

Please stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

#### **Announcements**

**Birthday and Anniversary Blessings** 

## **Blessing Prayer**

O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; strengthen their trust in your goodness, and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Offertory

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

Offertory Anthem

Behold, the Tabernacle of God St. John's Choir William Harris

Behold, this tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit, the Spirit of God dwelleth within you:
for the temple of God is holy,
Which temple ye are:
for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple for the love of whom ye do this day, celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Doxology The Hymnal, #380 (verse 3)

Eucharistic Prayer I BCP 333

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus The Hymnal, #S114

Holy, holy holy Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by

his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,

and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. 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 The Hymnal, S158

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

## **Prayer of Humble Access**

**BCP 337** 

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## We Share the Gifts of God

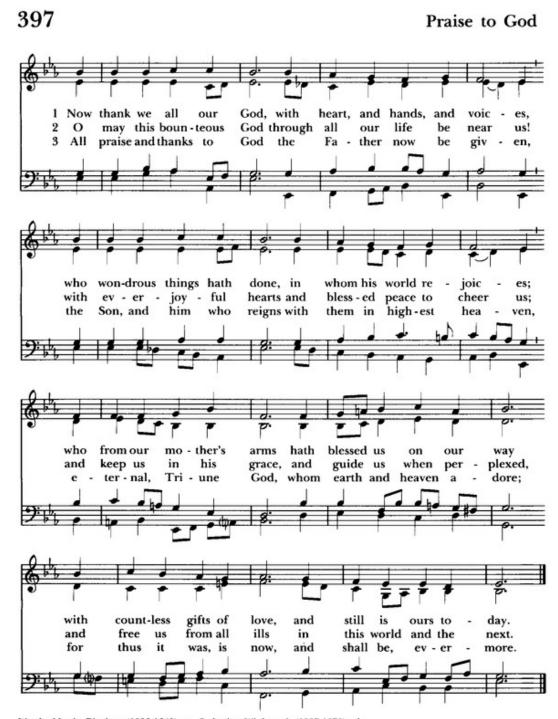


Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

Recessional The Hymnal, #397



Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: Nun danket alle Gott, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662);

harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

## Please hold these souls in your ongoing prayers:

Sarah Kramer Kathleen Rhodes Audrey Steven Barnes Jean Ledet & Chad Rob, Ruthie and Beverly Bradley Dixon Samuel Bob Denys Lenets Adrienne Robertson Braiden Kara Lynn Sahar Scott Salladin Lewis Honor Carr Ron Marlett Tony Marruchella Nancy Carr Seth Sue Collins **Betty Sinclair** Mary Leland Mayo Sir Michael Dawson Family of Kenneth Stephanie Dunham Betty & Delbert Millican Sosna John Steward and Dru and Ryan Lightfoot Ed Trish Morgan Lee DeWitt Christina Morris Martha Steward Sharon Ellington Jim Freeman Paul Mosier Nancy Steward Tom Freeman Deborah Nelson Susan Myrna Gowman Sydney and Troy Joy Nelson Ed Tebow John Greiner The Nichols Family Steve Hammontree Pam Sarah Tracy Babette Patton Tyler and Dru Aimee Hanneman Dr. J **Donna Walters** Pattv Jack Mary Jo Watson Penny Pat Westervelt Jessica Peter Judd Monte Pratt Gordon Welch Drew Kolb Mathew Reynolds Will

Ginny Wynn

### Altar Gifts

Priscilla and Ron Pierce in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.

Altar flowers are now reserved through the end of the year.

We do need donors for the sanctuary candles both this year and next.

Suggested donation for the

for the sanctuary candle is \$10.

## **Birthdays This Week**

20 – Nema Maney 23 – Sue Patterson

## **Anniversaries**

18 Gary and Kathleen Lee 19 Ron Marlett

## **November Services and Events**

## Sunday, November 19, following morning worship

Birthday Party for Nema Maney in the WD Hall
All are invited to help Nema celebrate her birth
Sunday, November 19, Noon – BC Meeting at special time/date
Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Day
Sunday, November 26, following morning worship – Advent Event on front lawn
Thursday, November 30, 5:30 pm -- Feast of St Andrew the Apostle
Evening Prayer – 5:30 Wednesdays, Nov 15, 22 and 29

**The Stewardship campaign is underway.** Would you be interested in giving a testimonial about your giving and what it means to you? If you are willing to speak, **please contact Fr. Nate this week**.

We are continuing Bake Sales with proceeds going to an important new ministry. We are raising funds to purchase an adult-sized changing table. Please help us raise these funds by bringing your favorite baked goods to sell and/or purchasing some goodies when you are here on Sundays.

Our Christmas outreach project is our annual collection of food for the St. James Food Pantry. This year we are collecting boxed stuffing, instant mashed potatoes and instant gravy packets to help complete holiday meals for their patrons. There will be a bin ready for donations in the Narthex through Sunday, December 10.

Forms for donations toward Advent Flowers and Christmas Eve Music will be included in your bulletin starting Sunday, December 3.