



The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
Holy Communion  
December 24, 2020

*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.*

*The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting*

THE ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* For unto us a child is born,  
*People* **Unto us a son is given.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant prays (and the People may be invited to join)*

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.*

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

**O Come All Ye Faithful**

Hymn 83

Verse 1

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels:  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Verse 2

God from God, Light from Light eternal  
Lo! he abhors, not the Virgin's womb;  
Only begotten Son of the Father;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Verse 3

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above:  
Glory to God, glory In the highest:  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Verse 4

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Verse 5

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,  
We would embrace thee, with love and awe;  
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Verse 6

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given; Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

**Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

Hymn 87

Verse 1

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.  
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

Verse 2

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail the incarnate Diety.  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King.

Verse 3

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## A COLLECT FOR HEALING

Almighty God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people: Continue in our hospitals and research centers his gracious work among us, especially those ministering to people affected by the Covid-19 coronavirus; console and heal the sick; grant to the researchers, physicians, nurses, and assisting staff, wisdom and skill, diligence and patience; prosper their work, O Lord, and send down your blessing upon all who serve the suffering; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Isaiah (9:17)

<sup>1</sup>But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. (ESV)

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 96

<sup>1</sup> Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

\* sing to the LORD, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

\* tell of his salvation from day to day.

<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations,

\* his marvelous works among all the peoples!

<sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

\* he is to be feared above all gods.

<sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

\* but the LORD made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup> Splendor and majesty are before him;

\* strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,

\* ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

<sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
 \* bring an offering, and come into his courts!  
<sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
 \* tremble before him, all the earth!  
<sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, “The LORD reign!  
 \* Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
 he will judge the peoples with equity.”  
<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
 \* let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
<sup>12</sup> let the field exult, and everything in it!  
 \* Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
<sup>13</sup> before the LORD, for he comes,  
 for he comes to judge the earth.  
 \* He will judge the world in righteousness,  
 and the peoples in his faithfulness. (ESV)

*Stand*

Reader            The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2:1-20)  
 People            **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” <sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. (ESV)

Celebrant        The Gospel of the Lord.  
 People            **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON...The Very Rev. Dr. Herb Hand

***If Jesus Had Not Come*** (sermon outline)

I. If He Had Not Come

## II. Jesus Has Come!

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” – Luke 2:11

### 1. Savior

The Surfer Savior

Jesus the Savior – Matthew 1:20-21, Mark 2:17

The Yoke of Sin – Isaiah 9:4, John 1:29

### 2. Christ (Messiah)

### 3. Lord

“Jesus Christ will be Lord of all, or he will not be Lord at all.” – St. Augustine of Hippo

Jesus Shall Reign as Lord Forever and Ever – Revelation 17 & 18

## THE NICENE CREED *(Stand)*

*On Sundays, other Major Feast Days, and other times as appointed, all stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Celebrant first saying*

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

*Celebrant and People*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

## NIGERIAN INTERCESSIONS

*Intercession and thanksgiving are led by the Reader or by other person appointed. One of the forms below or other suitable forms may be used. This form may be used: with the insertion of specific subjects between the paragraphs: as a continuous whole with or without brief biddings. Not all paragraphs need be used on every occasion: individual names may be added at the places indicated. This response may be used before or after each paragraph.*

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for His goodness.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You promised through Your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Strengthen Foley our Archbishop, Frank our Assisting Bishop, and all Your Church in

the service of Christ, that those who confess Your name may be united in Your truth, live together in Your love, and reveal Your glory in the world.

Reader: Lord in your mercy.  
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless and guide our rulers, especially Donald our President; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that people may honour one another, and seek the common good.

Reader: Lord in your mercy.  
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors; that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as He loves us.

Reader: Lord in your mercy.  
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit [*Church Prayer List...*], give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of Your salvation.

Reader: Lord in your mercy.  
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we remember, those who have died in the faith of Christ ..., according to Your promises, grant us with them a share in Your eternal kingdom.

Reader: Lord in your mercy.  
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Merciful Father.  
All: **Accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#### PRAAYER FOR MISSION

**Lord Jesus Christ, You stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace. So clothe us in your spirit, that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your name. Amen.**

We praise you, Lord God, for the communion of saints, and for the glorious hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

Hear us, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
**who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

*The Deacon or other person appointed says the following*  
Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence      The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Bishop or Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

*The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

*Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

*John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*1 John 2:1-2*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE OFFERTORY

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

The 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 *Amen*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

## THE SURSUM CORDA

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface (pages 152-158) is normally sung or said*

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

SANCTUS (*sung*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord**

**God of power and might**

**Heaven and earth are full, oh Lord**

**Full of your glory**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name**

**In the name of the Lord**

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**In the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna in the Highest**

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Credit- City of Lights Anglican Church

## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here\* may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ 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, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. 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 forever. Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Celebrant then says*

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

*Celebrant and People together pray*

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE FRACTION

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, once for all upon the Cross.

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

#### THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation*

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

*The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.*

*The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

### **Away in a Manger**

Hymn 101

Verse 1

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Verse 2

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Verse 3

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay;  
Close by me forever, and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

### **God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen**

Hymn 105

Verse 1

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.  
O Tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O Tidings of comfort and joy!

Verse 2

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.  
O Tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O Tidings of comfort and joy!

Verse 3

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "Let nothing you afright;  
This day is born a savior of a pure virgin bright,  
To free all men who trust in him from Satan's power and might."  
O Tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O Tidings of comfort and joy!

Verse 4

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love and charity each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace.

O Tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O Tidings of comfort and joy!

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

#### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant and People*

**Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

#### A HOLY LAND BLESSING

May the babe of Bethlehem bring you peace;  
May the child of Nazareth bring you joy;  
May the man of Galilee bring you strength;  
May the Christ of Calvary bring you courage;  
May the risen Jesus bring you hope  
and the ascended Christ a foretaste of His glory

Fr. Potter of Peckham

*Celebrant:*

The peace of God, which passes 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 among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

#### **Silent Night**

Hymn 111

Verse 1

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin, mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Verse 2

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Verse 3

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiance beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

#### THE DISMISSAL

*The celebrant dismisses the people*

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## **Christmas Poinsettias are given to the Glory of God**

AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

**Bill and Barbara Shields and Charles and Irene Semler**

*by Bill and Chris Shields*



AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

**The Monday Night Ladies Bible Study and the Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study**

*by Bill and Sudy Fisher*

### **Today's Team**

**Reader:** Kelly Shipman  
**Ushers:** Bill and Sudy Fisher  
**Altar:** Janice Badgett

### **Sermon Series...Jesus: God Incarnate**

- If Jesus Had Not Come (Luke 2:1-20)
- The Incarnation of Jesus (All Nine Lessons)

December 24

December 27

### **Faith Anglican Church Zoom Meetings You Can Join**

**Youth Sunday Morning and Evening...**Contact Tripp Bond at 601-479-8216 or [trippbond@faithanglicanchurch.org](mailto:trippbond@faithanglicanchurch.org)

**Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study...**Contact Bill Fisher at 901-604-6454 or [wmfisher@bellsouth.net](mailto:wmfisher@bellsouth.net)

**Christmas Eve Offering ...**Your Christmas Eve offering is 100% dedicated to reducing our church mortgage. Our mortgage balance is currently \$134,000. Prayerfully consider what your Lord would have you give.

**Fr. Herb will be away...**on vacation from Christmas Day to January 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Frank Myers (901-494-9449) or Fr. Frederic Ndaruhutse (662-816-9463). Or you may contact our Senior Warden, James Zachary (901-335-1782).

**Laqueta...**will be out of the office December 24 through December 31. Tripp will be in the office December 29-31 from 9:00 to 11:00.

**New Directories...**We are working on a new directory. If you have any change for the directory (new address, new work number, etc.), call (755-4848) or e-mail ([laqueta@faithanglicanchurch.org](mailto:laqueta@faithanglicanchurch.org)) the church office with this information. We want the directory to be as accurate as possible.

**WELCOME to a New Class for 2021...**January 10th starts a new year of an adult study class on Sunday mornings from 9:15- 9:50. You can join in person or with Zoom. For Zoom participants, please contact Rita Barnett and you will be sent an invitation. Joining in person? Wear a mask and meet in the adult class room which is the room next to the nursery. Class will be a combination of prayer and discussion of a short Scripture reading from each Sunday's Lectionary readings.

**8<sup>th</sup> Street Mission for Jesus Christ...**Our next meal visit to 8th Street Mission is Monday, December 28. Staples needed this month include Eggs, Bacon, Butter, Syrup, Coffee, Creamer, Sugar and Rice.

**Please pray for...**the healing of Mansell Lancaster, Nancy Ebbing, Bill Walsh, Janie Beth Covington, Kendal Horne, Betty Ellard, Jonathan Hays, Susan Fones, and Janice Badgett. Please pray for the family of John Evans, who died this past week. Please pray for Foley, our archbishop, Frank, our assisting bishop, Herb, and Noland, our priests, Frank and Frederic, our pastoral associates, and the lay leaders of this parish. Through the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the people and clergy of the world, asking you Lord to bless and strengthen their ministry and fellowship to be good witnesses for Jesus Christ. Amen

**Giving ...**You may give through your phone by downloading the Tithe.ly app; or online at [https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/113742](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/113742); or you may send your donation to Faith Anglican Church at 9555 Walnut Grove Road, Cordova, TN 38018.

## **WORSHIP DIRECTIVES**

**Facemasks ...** Everyone (over two years of age) will wear a facemask (for speaking and singing) while in the building, including clergy. The only exception is while using a microphone or receiving the consecrated bread.

**Social Distancing ...** includes no handshakes or physical touching at any time in the church building keeping at least two seats between family groups, and passing the Peace by voice and wave only.

**The Offering ...** The offering plate will not be passed, but placed on a table in the center aisle.

**Prayer Ministry...** will be available each Sunday at the end of the service or following Communion in the prayer corner. Distancing will be observed during prayer.

**Holy Communion Instructions...** The worshipers will follow the floor arrows for the center aisle going forward and the side aisles going back one person at a time. In-building worshipers may receive the consecrated bread while staying six feet from the priest and each other. Only the Priest will receive the consecrated wine. The priest will be wearing latex free gloves and place the consecrated bread and wine on individual plates for the people to receive. **Preceding Communion Sundays, you may pick up consecrated bread at the church building Monday through Thursday, 9:00 to 3:00, so that you may receive Communion at home during the Sunday service.** *Holy Communion will be on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.*

**The Nursery is closed...**however, seating for families with children is available in the Narthex and you may use the diaper changing station in the Nursery. Children's Worship is available during 10:00 worship; it is especially geared toward children ages 4-9.