

**SERVING TODAY**

**Today's Day:** Todd Camden

Steve Swanson, Mark Franke, Mark DiGiovanni  
Andy Jarady, Peggy Isaacs, Eudora Gardiner

Mark Allen  
Waylee George

Ralph NeSmith & Jack Denton  
Gail & Ted Sawyer

John & Diane Eberhart

\*Jay Gesner, \*Sarah Voiles, Morgan Paulding, Olivia  
Gesner, Gabi Paulding, Kimberly Kiddoo

\*Carol Maneol, \*Matthew Maneol, Caroline Bond,  
Jessica Carson, Zach Bean, Zoey Bean, Katelynne  
Richard, Liz Colinger

John & Heidi Byron, Phyllis Lowery, Katherine  
Reynolds, Jimmy Piechowiak  
Elaine Wilkie, John & Diane Eberhart, Levi Livermont

Janie Croft-Doane, Vicki Conway, Mutty Dixon, Nancy  
Piechowiak, Beth Still, Mary Vore

Sammy Pearson

Patie Robinson and Melanie Thomas

Amanda Livermont, Isaac C.  
Jennifer Papadatos, Melanie Thomas, Carol Manoel,  
Isaac C., Lauren M.

**Officiant:** Eric Prichard

**Readers:** \*\*M.O.M.S \*Senior Acolyte

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**THE REVEREND CANON ELIZABETH PRICHARD**



**THE THIRD SUNDAY**  
**Rite of the Acolyte**

**December 12, 2021**  
**8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.**

Our mission is to continue the Incarnation  
by serving the greater good  
loving its children, caring for the poor,  
and witnessing to the healing power of the Gospel.

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J. Gauntlet

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C. Goudimel

H. Bancroft

Amy Jones and Kelly Taylor, Strings

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re! Please check the welcome table for information on  
leave the leaflet in the basket on the table. That will  
ycomer classes are held several times throughout the  
bulletin, as well as in the monthly newsletter. We in-  
s Sunday between the 8:00 and 10:30 services, or to  
rlish hall or on the patio after the 10:30 a.m. service.

**LESSON**

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**Death, Judgment, Hell, Heaven) Isaiah 25:6-9**

peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured  
ed wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this  
sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up  
tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he  
ken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we  
the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and

**EM**

**s, Quickly Come**

**P. Manz**

s from our sins. Who loved us all and shed His  
our Lord, the Lord Almighty God. Who was and  
heaven, all ye that dwell there-in. Rejoice on  
ming soon. E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,  
r lamp nor sun. For Christ will be their all!

**DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION**

**Today, December 13th, 4:00 p.m. - At The Cathedral**

We are excited to celebrate with those from our parish who are being confirmed, received or reaffirmed at the Cathedral of St. Philip today, December 13th at 4:00 p.m.

Everyone from our parish is invited to join them in celebrating their commitment to Christ.

**Congratulations to:**

Greg Andrews, Meg Grafton, Alison Hux, Brett Johnson, and Jennifer Papadatos

**THE SANCTUARY CHOIR & STRING ENSEMBLE**

**Presents**

The Advent Christmas portion of **Messiah** on

**Friday, December 18, 2015**  
at **7:30 P.M.**

**Rehearsals continue on**  
**Wednesdays from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

**If you sang with us last year,**  
**please join us again.**

**\$10 donation per ticket**  
**Available after each service**



**CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES SCHEDULE**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

Thursday, December 24, 2015

**5:00 p.m.** - Family Service with the Cherubs

**7:30 p.m.** - Family Service

**10:30 p.m.** - Hymn Sing

**11:00 p.m.** - Festive Holy Eucharist

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Friday, December 25, 2015

One service:

**10:30 a.m.**

**BAPTISM SUNDAY IS ON JANUARY 10 , 2016. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION.**

## **MEMBERS**

**PEOPLE** on the shelf in the narthex to use during your

of God by Nancy Griner In celebration of Bob Griner's

y Chapman, Jack Denton, Janis Williams, Kyle Holbrook,  
nda Sharpe, Ann Chavis, Julie Mitchell, William Dove,

, Lorenzo & Jeanne Falgiano, Andrew & Abby Whatley

from 9-9:30, hosted by the Olbon Family, Dave Swan-

following the 10:30 service for coffee and fellowship.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE HANDBELL CHOIR** will not rehearse on Wednesday, December 23rd or Wednesday, December 30th. We will reconvene on Wednesday, January 6, 2016.

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS OFFERING**

Flowers for decorating St. Matthew's for Christmas services are made possible by your generous donations. If you wish to donate toward flowers, forms will be available in the narthex. Please make your check payable to St. Matthew's for Christmas Flowers. Forms may be placed in the collection plate or left in the office. The Deadline is December 14th.

**ANNUAL ST. MATTHEW'S FALL DRIVE "COATS FOR KIDS" AND "SHOES 4 KIDS"** Now through January 2016, outreach is collecting new & gently used shoes & coats for children. Your donations will be brought to Place of Seven Springs who will disperse them to those in need amongst our community. Donations are being collected in the foyer off the parish hall.

**THE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING** will be on Sunday, January 24th with a combined service at 9:30.

### **FLOWER GUILD MEMBERS:**

If you can, please come sit at our table to sell and to promote our Guild. The items for sale will be the bows and items removed from last year's wreaths, which have now been refreshed for this year's church greening on 12/20.

**IF YOU LIKE THE FLOWERS YOU'VE BEEN SEEING** around the church, please come and support our St Matthew's Flower Guild. We will have bows and ornaments on sale in the Parish Hall this Sunday, 12/13, between the services. Funds raised will go back into the budget.

## **Hymn, WLP 724**

"People

- 1 People, look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love the guest is on the way.
- 2 Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flow'r may flourish.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love the rose is on the way.
- 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build,  
guard the nest that must be filled.  
Even the hour when wings are frozen  
God for fledgling time has chosen.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love the bird is on the way.

(Verger leads children to Junior Worship)

## **The Bidding Prayer**

*Please remain standing*

*The people sit for the reading of*

## **THE SECOND L**

[NATE OLBON 8:00 A.M. / CHRIS

## **The Coming of the King a**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; they who sat in the shadow of death, them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing spoils; you have broken across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have said of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood: "This day has been born for us, a son given to us; authority shall not be taken from him. Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his house, and with righteousness from this time onward and forever."

**M  
stars of Night"**

**M. Archer**

lasting light. Jesu, Redeemer, save us all, and  
bridegroom of the bride, as drew the world to  
ne, the Son of Man, yet all divine. At the great  
arts must bow. And things in heaven and earth  
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the  
ory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

**LESSON**

MAXINE STUTES 10:30 A.M.]

**l in the birth of Christ**

**Romans 5:6-15**

ed for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a  
someone might actually dare to die. But God proves  
ist died for us. Much more surely then, now that we  
ough him from the wrath of God. For if while we were  
ath of his Son, much more surely, having been recon-  
, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one  
d to all because all have sinned - sin was indeed in the  
re is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam  
e transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who  
For if the many died through the one man's trespass,  
gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound-

er"

**English Carol arr. Darlington**

RELL, MAXINE STUTES, WARREN DRURY]

; at night on a stone for a pillow he lay; he saw  
was on earth and its top in the sky.

*birth sets us free and hath raised up a ladder of  
er of mercy for me.*

-made, has stood hundreds of years and is not  
ed it and reached Sion's hill, and thousands by

who will; for the angels of Jacob are guarding it  
aith we pass o'er, some prophet or martyr hath

**The Processional Hymn: #56**

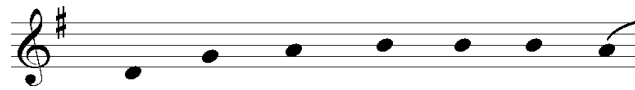
"O Come, O C



1 O come, O come, Em - ma  
2 O come, thou Wis - dom fro  
3 O come, O come, thou Lor  
4 O come, thou Branch of Jer  
5 O come, thou Key of Da  
6 O come, thou Day - spring fro  
7 O come, De - sire of na  
8 O come, O come, Em - ma



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, th  
2 all things might - i - ly; to  
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in  
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny th  
5 wide our heaven - ly home; ma  
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; d  
7 hearts of all man - kind; bi  
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, th



1 here un - til the Son of God  
2 show, and teach us in her ways  
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty,  
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er  
5 high, and close the path to mis  
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put  
7 cease, and be thy - self our King  
8 here un - til the Son of God



Em - man - u - el shall com

**The Dismissal**

*Depart*

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Maria”  
[Soprano]

D. Mitchell

*Thanksgiving*

BCP, pg. 372

BCP, pg. 364

BCP, pg. 364

...ome, Emmanuel”  
...s Handbell Choir

arr. by Lloyd Larson

...eace that dimly”  
...e e’er blooming”

Jerusalem

Es ist ein Ros

BCP, pg. 366

...e)  
...ommunion this week.

**As you take this sacrament of Christ’s presence.**

...trengthened and encouraged in that community we  
**Amen.**

**Congregation: Refrain**

Choir: And when we arrive at the haven of rest,  
O'er, ye blest, here are regions of light,  
Climb such a ladder as this?

**THE FOURTH LESSON**

[KIMBERLY KIDDOO 8:00 A.M./ JERUSALEM]

**The proclamation**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when  
Pontius Pilate was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the  
region of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas,  
Jesus came into the wilderness. He went into all the region around  
him, preaching the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the  
prophets: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, and every mountain and hill shall  
be made low, and every valley shall be raised up, and every ravine shall be  
filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the  
knaves shall be made smooth;’<sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**ANTHEM**

**“On Jordan's Bank”**

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry, announces  
The King of Kings!

Then cleansed be ev’ry Christian breast, and  
our heart prepare, for Christ to come and enter.

For thou are our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and  
waste away, like flowers that wither and decay.

**Congregation: All praise eternal Son to thee; with  
the Father, we adore, and Holy Ghost for ever.**

**THE FIFTH LESSON**

[ALTHEA BENTON 8:00 A.M./ WASHINGTON]

**Preparing for Christmas: W**

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the  
Son, nor the Father, nor anyone else, but the Father alone,  
who has revealed this to his Son. For as the days of Noah were,  
so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days  
they were eating and drinking, marrying and being given in  
marriage, until the flood came and took them all away, so will  
the Son of Man be found sleeping with his companions, and  
one will be taken and one will be left. Therefore, be ready,  
for the day of the Lord is coming. But understand this: if the  
owner of the house had known that the thief was coming,  
he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house  
be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of  
Man is coming.”

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ng Expected Jesus”

Hyfydol, arr. L. Larson

e promised King. Sing to the Lord, Messiah, who  
om God’s throne, Emmanuel, God’s love made  
e us Your own. Come thou long expected Jesus,  
s release; us; let us find our rest in Thee. Israel’s  
ou art. Dear desire of ev’ry nation, joy of ev’ry

**child and yet a King. Born to reign in us forever,  
ernal spirit rule in all our hearts alone. By Thine**

our praise resound.

TH LESSON

m./ JOSH HURST 10:30 A.M.]

s the coming of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 40:1-11

nk tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has  
eceived from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.  
f the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for  
ountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall  
ory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall  
' A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when  
e are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the  
h mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your  
s, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here  
d his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his  
epherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry

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t, Comfort”

arr. Ferguson

ce!” So says our God. Comfort those who sit in  
God’s people now proclaim that God’s pardon  
ver; God will reign in peace forever! For the  
ar. Calling us to true repentance, since the King-  
ow prepare for God away! Let the valleys rise to  
n! Straight shall be what long was crooked, and  
ue and humble, as befits his holy reign! For the  
d. And the flesh shall see the token that God’s

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[THE REVEREND CAN

The Angel Gabriel visit

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to  
to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of Da  
and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you  
dered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel sa  
favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your wo  
will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most Hig  
ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob fo  
said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?  
you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow  
be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth  
sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For n  
"Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me a  
her. In those days Mary set out and went with haste to  
the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When E  
womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit an  
women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why  
comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of you  
blessed is she who believed that there would be a ful  
Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit r  
on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on al  
has done great things for me, and holy is his name. Hi  
generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he ha  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones  
good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has he  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to  
remained with her about three months and then return

ANTH

“Magnifica

[ELAINE WADE,

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit  
regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For  
call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath m  
Name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him  
strength with His arm, He hath scattered the pr  
put down the mighty from their seat. And hat  
the hungry with good things, and the rich He  
mercy, hath holpen His servant, Israel. As He  
seed forever. Forever. He promised forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to  
now, and ever shall be, world without end. Am