

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
November 8, 2020 - 10:30 am

# The Word of God

Prelude-Aria- Handel

Wendi Gustafson- Organ

Opening Hymn- *Jerusalem, my happy home (v. 1&5)*

Hymnal 620

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when  
2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they  
3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as  
4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with  
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows  
2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they  
3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would  
4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's  
5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.  
3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.  
4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.  
5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

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

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

*Celebrant* 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.***

# Gloria

Hymnal S280 - BCP p. 356

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Lesson**

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Joshua (24:1-3a,14-25)

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: 'Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.' Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People*           *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Psalm Appointed**

*Reader* The portion of the Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 78 verses 1-7 beginning on page 694 in the BCP. Let us read in unison.

*Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.*

*I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.*

*That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.*

*We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.*

*He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, \*  
which he commanded them to teach their children;*

*That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; \*  
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;*

*So that they might put their trust in God, \*  
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;*

### **The Epistle**

*Reader* A reading from Paul's First letter to the Thessalonians (4:13-18)

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.  
*People*           *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn *Rejoice, rejoice, believers (v. 1)*

Hymnal 68

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

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*All stand*

**The Gospel**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:1-13).

**People** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

*Celebrant*           The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**            ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**Sermon**

Fr. Stephen Shortess

**Nicene Creed**

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*All stand.*

***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 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.*

*After the Creed: You may sit, kneel, or remain standing for the Prayers.*

**The Prayers of the People: Form III**

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*Reader* Father, we pray for the members of Trinity, Victoria; Grace Church, Weslaco; for our Vestry and staff; and for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* ***That we all may be one.***

*Reader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

*Reader* We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and his wife Caroline; for Michael our Presiding Bishop and his wife, Sharon; for David our bishop and his wife, Patti; for Stephen our rector and his wife, Jennifer; for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

*Reader* We pray for Donald our President, Greg our Governor, Don our Mayor, for the Congress and Supreme Court of this nation, for all legislators and jurists in our state, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

*Reader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

*Reader* Have compassion on Ann Benham, Carolyn Lehman, Amy Bethel, Elizabeth Walker, Audrey Herron, Ralph Boehnke, Mozzelle Dempster, Susan Neuman, Ardith Perry, Penny Sengler, Theresa Zapata, Jean Norris, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

*Reader* Preserve those who travel, surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger;

*People* ***and bring them in safety to their journey's end.***



*Reader* Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit,

*People* ***That by their ministries, the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified;***

*Reader* Give to the departed eternal rest;

*People* ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

*Reader* We praise you for Blessed Andrew and all your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

*Reader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For those who give their time to help with Child Protective Services in Seguin.

For the families forced to evacuate their homes by forest fires.

For all healthcare professionals and their families.

For our armed forces and their families at home and abroad.

For all who suffer from the effects of the novel coronavirus.

For our friends and family who are homebound or residing in care and recovery facilities, especially: Betty Rainey, Judy McClendon, Patsy Creager, Ruth Burges, and Rose Foegelle.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

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*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People*

***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.***

*Celebrant* 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.***

## Peace

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

*People* ***And also with you.***

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

## Announcements

### Birthdays & Anniversaries Prayers

#### Birthdays

*Celebrant and People*

***O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Claire Cockerell, Melinda Ingersoll, and Robin Walker as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

#### Anniversaries

*Celebrant and People*

***O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon your servants, Jim & Betty Anderson, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

## Holy Communion

**Offertory Anthem-Keep your Lamps-African American Spiritual**

Leo Garcia- Soloist

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

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**Sursum Corda-**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

Hymnal S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and'. The second staff contains 'might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff contains 'san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fourth staff contains 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) over the notes 'ly', 'ry.', and 'est.' in the first three staves.

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***After the Sanctus: You may kneel or remain standing for the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer.***

*Celebrant* 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.

*Celebrant* 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."

*Celebrant* 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.***

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, 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 you 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.**

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

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*Celebrant and People*

***Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.***

***Give us this day our daily bread.***

***And forgive us our trespasses,***

***as we forgive those who trespass against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation,***

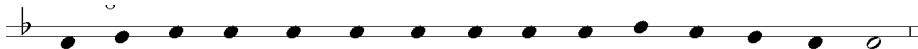
***but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

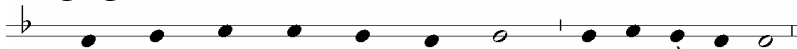
**Breaking of the Bread**

Hymnal S152

*Cantor*

  
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

*Congregation*

  
There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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*All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not baptized, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will know to give you a blessing. If you would like to be baptized, please speak with Fr. Stephen!*

Communion Hymn- *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

Hymnal 324



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 he will give to all the faith - ful  
 that the powers of hell may va - nish  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 as the dark - ness clears a way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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**Postcommunion Prayer**

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

***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.*

**Blessing**

**Postcommunion Hymn- *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah***

Hymnal 690

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

**Dismissal**

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*Celebrant* Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

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

**Postlude-** *Hymn to Joy- Burkhardt*

Wendi Gustafson- Organ



*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Linda Lynn in loving memory of Dennis Lynn; also by Betty and Jim Anderson in celebration of their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

**Ministers in the Lord's Service**

Celebrant- Fr. Stephen Shortess

Lay Reader- Chuck Ingersoll

Altar Guild- Dorothy Bauer, Martha Bruns, Marty Keil, Linda Williams, Jackie Ball

Ushers- Carlotta Coffman, Margaret Taylor, & Jackie Ball

Offertory Tellers- Margaret Taylor & Syd Bauer

Musicians- Leo Garcia- Choir Director/Cantor

Wendi Gustafson- Music Director/Organ

Cameramen/Technicians- Aaryn Perry, Gil Merkle, Jack Merrell, Betty Anderson,  
 Warren Wundt

Sound- Jim Anderson

## Announcements

**Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells!** It's time to sign up for bell ringing at Walmart for the Salvation Army! St. Andrew's has been assigned to the Home & Pharmacy doors on **Saturday, November 28th** (the Saturday after Thanksgiving) **from 9am-9pm**. We need 24 volunteers to cover the 12 shifts (2 volunteers for each 1-hour shift). If you are interested in volunteering, call **Charlene at the church office to sign up at 830-372-4330**.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the first ever Honduras Night Under the Stars **December 10<sup>th</sup>** at the **Stars & Stripes drive-in** starting at **5 pm!** There will be 3 raffle prizes, live music, a private screening of *A Christmas Story*, and Christmas cheer. All proceeds go to the Manos Scholarship Program to pay for the education of 70 underprivileged students in Danli, Honduras. Contact Henry Moore for raffle tickets or you can purchase them at the event.

In observance of Veteran's Day, the Church office will be **closed Wednesday, November 11th**. We will reopen Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. We hope you all have a safe and happy holiday. To every Veteran; **Thank you for your service!**

**Commitment Sunday is November 15th-** We ask you to bring your pledge cards to church this day. We will receive them and bless them at the altar.

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the church office will be **closed from noon on Wednesday, November 25th through Friday November 27th**. We will reopen Monday, November 29th at 9 am. We hope you have a wonderfully filling holiday! A special Thanksgiving service will be held on **Tuesday, November 24th at 7 pm in the chapel**.

**St. Andrew's Day is November 29th-** It will be a bit different from years past, but nothing is going to stop us from celebrating St. Andrew's Day! The day will start at 9 am in the prayer garden for our outdoor family service. We will then have an outdoor breakfast of breakfast tacos, coffee, and OJ. Then, Bishop Gary Lillibridge will join us at the 10:30 service and receive 5 new members into the Episcopal Church! Be sure to bring a chair and join us in the prayer garden for the start of the celebration! See you there!

**The Angel Tree will start, Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. More information to come!**