Cathedral Church of St. Mark

Salt Lake City, Utah



The Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

Advent & Christmas Schedule



Christmas Eve Wed, Dec. 24	5:00 p.m.	Family Christmas Service with Pageant
	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Mass
	10:30 p.m.	Caroling
	11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve 'Midnight Mass'
Christmas Day Thurs. Dec. 25	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass
Sun, Dec. 28	10:30 a.m.	The First Sunday after Christmas: Christmas Lessons & Carols
Sun, Jan. 4	10:30 a.m.	Second Sunday after Christmas
The Epiphany Tues, Jan. 6	7 p.m.	Holy Eucharist

+Holy Eucharist Rite II+

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant & Preacher —The Reverend Holly Huff, Associate Priest

Prelude *Meditation on "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* Jacob Weber

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

As the candles of the Advent Wreath are lighted, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. *Isaiah 60:1*

People The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. *John 1:5*

Celebrant Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8:12*

Celebrant Let us pray.

A short period of silence is observed

Celebrant and People

Ever faithful God, your prophets foretold the coming of the light. In your name they promised that the eyes of the blind would be opened. We confidently await the coming of your Son, and the day when he will gather all people to live in your light, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(Please stand as you are able)

Processional Hymn *Come, thou long expected Jesus* Hymnal 66

Opening Acclamation

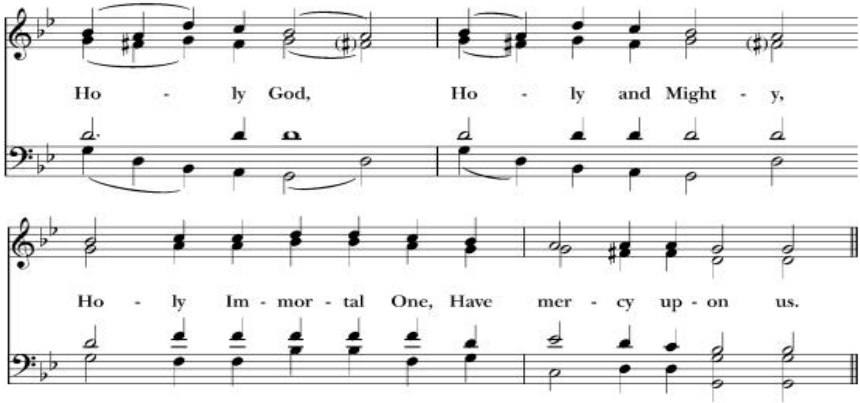
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Collect for Purity

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

Trisagion *sung three times* Hymnal S 102



The Collect of the Day

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

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

(You may be seated)

The First Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall

become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

Magnificat *The Song of Mary* Luke 1:46-55



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
REFRAIN

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit. **REFRAIN**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty. **REFRAIN**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever. **REFRAIN**

The Second Lesson James 5:7-10

Reader A reading from the Letter of James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gradual Hymn *The desert shall rejoice* WLP 722



5. The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
as the ransomed return to God
and come singing back to Zion.

6. The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
unto Zion we come with joy,
for our God has come to save us.

Alleluia



The Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.



(You may be seated)

The Homily The Reverend Holly Huff

(Please stand as you are able)

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People *Praying the Scriptures 5*

Sisters and brothers, strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Let us seek the Lord, praying, "Let us see your glory, O Lord; *come to us and save us!*"

Lord, save your Church from weakness of heart. Give us strength to prepare this world for the coming of your Christ and give us patience when it seems Christ's kingdom does not come quickly enough.
Silence
Let us see your glory, O Lord; *come to us and save us!*

Lord, save this nation for disordered priorities and misplaced hope. May our values mirror your values. May we be a nation that offers justice to the oppressed, food to the hungry, and care to the stranger.
Silence
Let us see your glory, O Lord; *come to us and save us!*

Lord, save your creation from human misuse. Bless us to play a part in the redemption you have planned for all creation.
Silence
Let us see your glory, O Lord; *come to us and save us!*

Lord, save this city from hopelessness. Give us a vision and a future. Raise up prophets who will speak hope and encouragement to the people of our region.
Silence
Let us see your glory, O Lord; *come to us and save us!*

Lord, save the sick and the sorrowful in the midst of their affliction. May they experience the healing work of their Messiah. We pray especially for ____. Make glad all those who have you for their help.
The congregation may add their own petitions, followed by silence
Let us see your glory, O Lord; *come to us and save us!*

Lord, bless all members of your heavenly kingdom. We pray for those who have died [especially _____]. May they obtain eternal joy and gladness in your presence—where sorrow and sighing are no more.
Silence
Let us see your glory, O Lord; *come to us and save us!*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.



Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Deacon
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister 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.

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

The Peace

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



+The Holy Communion+

+++This altar does not belong to this church or this denomination.
All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
It is Christ Himself who calls you and Christ Himself
who meets you here. Please feel welcome.+++

Offertory *O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion* G.F. Handel
from *Messiah* Aoife Shanley, soloist

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain!
O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength!
Lift it up, be not afraid! Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!
O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, arise, shine, for thy light is come;
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Isaiah 40: 9

(Please stand as you are able)

Doxology *From all that dwell below the skies* Hymnal 380

From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung
through every land by every tongue!

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.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

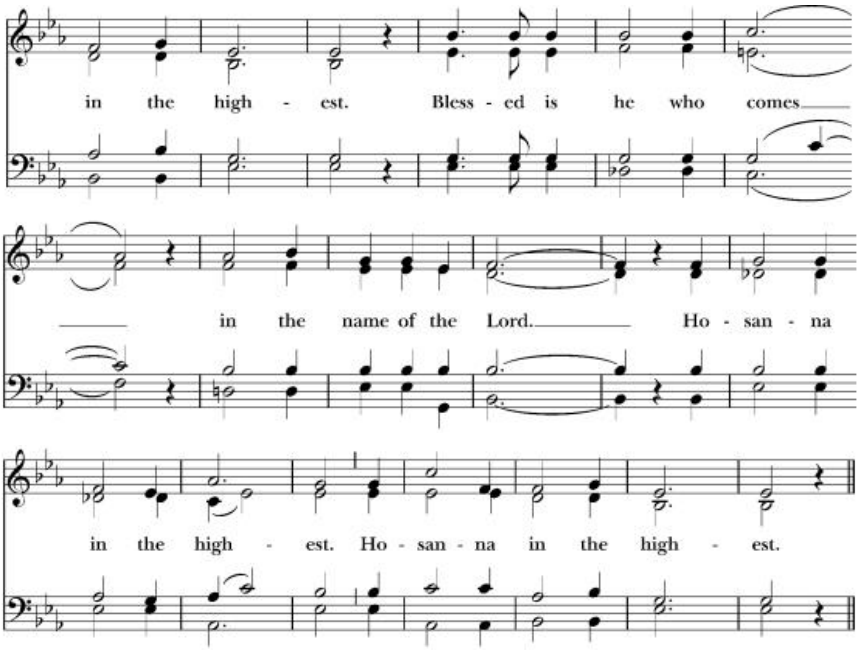
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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 130





The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.



As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem *Agnus Dei* Hymnal S 164



Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

+Gluten-free wafers are available at the high altar.
If you do not wish to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward, cross your arms over your chest and bow your head.+

Communion Hymn *Watchman, tell us of the night* Hymnal 640

Communion Music *O heavenly Word, eternal Light* Hymnal 64

Commendation of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

+Chris LeCluyse is taking Holy Communion to Bonnie Donohue+

Deacon
In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People
We who are many are one body,
because we all share one bread, one cup.

(Please stand as you are able)

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

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.

The Advent Blessing BOS 10

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen*.

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen*.

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen*.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn *Comfort, comfort ye my people* Hymnal 67

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Prepare the Royal Highway!* 17th-century tune

Please join us in the parish hall following the service
for a time of fellowship and refreshment at Coffee Hour!

Service Assignments

Many thanks to those who served in worship for today's service!

Greeters
Esther Mathieu
Ingrid Hurley

Usher
Monica Daly
Dean Daly
Katharine Luce
Bill Downes

Readers
Jacob Franklin
Kurt Cook
Craig Miller

Eucharistic Ministers
Carolyn Ershler
Bill Leach
Ernie Hale

Counters
Katharine Luce
Michael Rasmussen

Altar Guild
James Gallyer
Bonnie Weiss

Acolytes
Bill Leach
Eden Gallyer
Brogan Gallyer
Camille Biexei

Organist
Adam Hansen

Cantor
Emily Nelson

Coffee Hour
Sign up to help!

Next week's assignments: December 21, 2025

Greeters
Brice Sheeler
John D'Arcy

Usher
Mark Bloom
Lisa Bloom
Katharine Luce
Michael Riding

Readers
Donavin Girard
Miguel Galindo
Marc Stevens

Eucharistic Ministers
Julie Gillogly
Laurel Caryn
Bob Lloyd

Altar Guild
Julie Gillogly
MaryLaura Newman

Acolytes
Cody Hatch
Heidi Hatch
Sofia Dunstan
Jack Hatch

Organist
Chris Wootton

Cantor
Chris LeCluyse

Coffee Hour
Sara Wheelwright
Kristan Peterson

Counters
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The Reverend Canon Elizabeth Hunter, Deacon (retired)

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Alexandra Bishop (Children's Formation Coordinator)
Sofia Dunstan (Communications Coordinator)

+The Right Reverend Phyllis A. Spiegel, Bishop of Utah+

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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this land — which is named for the Ute Tribe — is the traditional and ancestral homeland of the Goshute, Paiute, Shoshone, and Ute tribes. We are grateful to these ancestral keepers of the land for their long-standing stewardship, the strong heritage they have passed along, and for the wisdom they hold for our collective future.

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