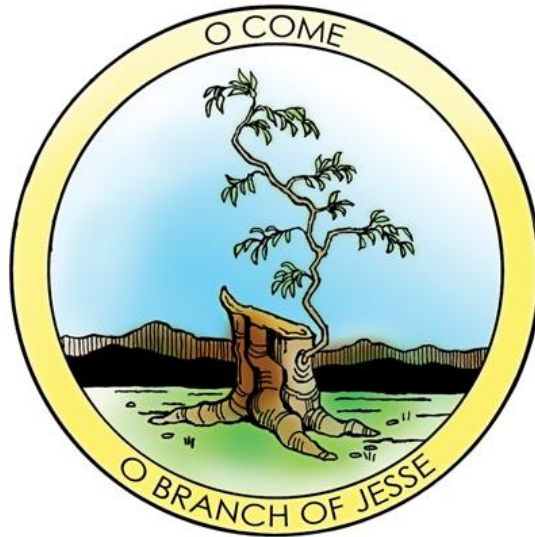


MORNING PRAYER, RITE II & COMMUNION



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT DECEMBER 7, 2025 - 8 A.M.

Welcome to St. Edward's Episcopal Church. Come as you are. St. Edward's affirms the dignity of every human being. God's abundant love is here for all.

PRELUDE

Little Prelude in E Minor

St. Edward's Ringers, 2019

PROCESSIONAL

We're marching to Zion
Parish Choir, 2007

LEVAS HYMNAL 12
stanzas 1, 3 & 4

Officiant: The word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" (Luke 3:2b-6)

WREATH LIGHTING

Austin Thomas & Marver Browne-Thomas

Reader: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, says the Lord of hosts.

People: **The light of hope has awakened our spirits.**

The first Advent candle is relit.

Reader: A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

People: **Renew in us your covenant, O God, that we may be ready for the dawn of your salvation.**

Reader: We light a second candle to bring light to every darkness, and to guide us in the way of peace.

The second Advent candle is lit.

Reader: With gratitude for your light, O God,

People: **We will prepare to welcome a new birth of your love.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Please kneel, if able.*

BCP 79

INVITATORY AND PSALTER *All stand, if able.*

BCP 80

Officiant: Lord, open our lips,

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Antiphon is said by the Psalmist before the Venite and at the end by all.

VENITE *Please remain standing.*

BCP 82

Antiphon: **Our King and Savior now draws near: Come, let us adore him.**

PSALMS 148,149,150 *Please be seated.*

BCP 805-808

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON *Please be seated.*

ISAIAH 11:1-10

A Lesson from the book of Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector: Here ends the Lesson.

THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH *All stand, if able.*

BCP 92

SECOND LESSON *Please be seated.*

MATTHEW 3:1-12

Lesson from the Gospel of Matthew.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of

one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Lector: Here ends the Lesson.

THE HOMILY

Alyssa Sali

APOSTLES CREED *All stand, if able.*

BCP 96

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Officiant: The reign of God has come near. Let us prepare the way of Christ and bear fruit worthy of repentance, as we bring our prayers to God.

Litanist: Gracious and loving One, guide your Church Universal with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, that we may welcome all people just as Christ has welcomed us. Blest is God's glorious Name forever;
may all the earth be filled with your glory.

Infinite One, guide the leaders of the nations and all in authority, that with righteousness they may judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek. Blest is God's glorious Name forever;
may all the earth be filled with your glory.

Source of Wisdom and Grace, pour upon this community the abundance of your peace, that we may live in harmony with one another, and with one voice glorify your Name.
Blest is God's glorious Name forever;
may all the earth be filled with your glory.

We rejoice with gratefulness for the many blessings of life, especially for the birthdays of Breanna Pope, Myia Moulton, Eliana Delira, Gracia Gibson, Mary Christopher, and the anniversary of Ralph & Pamela Parks (*The congregation may add their own petitions*). Blest is God's glorious Name forever;
may all the earth be filled with your glory.

Hear the concerns and intercessions which we bring to your compassion, praying especially for Yoshi, Dan, Marian, Starla, Donald, Nevonne, Robert, Vivian, Barbara, Adolphus, Kendra, Erielle, Kip, Julia & Rick, Ali, Hanna, Ben, Russell, Samuel, Olive, Julie, Cindy, Rosemary, Delores, Jasmine, Sarah, Jan, Joyce, Shandi, Blanding, Vinnie Lee, and for the people of Jamaica in the aftermath of hurricane Melissa (*The congregation may add their own petitions*). Blest is God's glorious Name forever;
may all the earth be filled with your glory.

We commend to your eternal care those who have died (*The congregation may add their own petitions*). Blest is God's glorious Name forever;
may all the earth be filled with your glory.

Officiant: God of steadfastness and encouragement, hear our prayers for the whole creation through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP 360

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2026

"Well done, good and faithful servant." (Mt. 25:21)

We continue to receive pledge commitments for the year 2026. If you have already submitted your pledge card. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card—or if you forgot yours at home—additional cards are available. Please ask the ushers, who will be happy to provide one. We invite you to make a pledge and support the mission and ministry of our parish.

Offertory Sentence

BCP 376

Presider: "Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring an offering, and come into his courts." *Psalm 96:7-8.*

OFFERTORY

O come, O come, Emmanuel

BLUE HYMNAL 56

stanzas 1 & 7

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God

Communion is offered in both kinds by intinction. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Adoration

Carla Strott, piano

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel

BCP 365

NOTICES *Please be seated.*

THE BLESSING *Please stand if able.*

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement inspire you to live in harmony with one another. **Amen.** May Christ's spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might, of knowledge and reverence empower you to bear good fruit in his name. **Amen.** May the Holy Spirit come down upon you like showers that water the earth. **Amen.** The God of hope and the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit bless you and fill you with all joy and peace in believing. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

How far is it to Bethlehem

Carla Strott, piano

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Assisting – Cecilia Midzi

Wreath Lighting – Austin Thomas & Marver Browne Thomas

Altar Guild – Jewel Ffrench, Comfort Pratt, Christiana Jones

Psalm – Cecilia Midzi

1st Lesson & Intercessor – Marver Browne-Thomas

2nd Lesson – Alyssa Sali

Usher – Pat Bush & Mark Heffernan

Sound & Video – Kevin Lee

VPOD – Jennifer Khaleel



*The flowers today are donated by Marck Morman in celebration
of his wonderful sister Holly's birthday*

*Those wishing to donate flowers are asked to contact the
parish office @ 770-963-6128 or via email:*

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