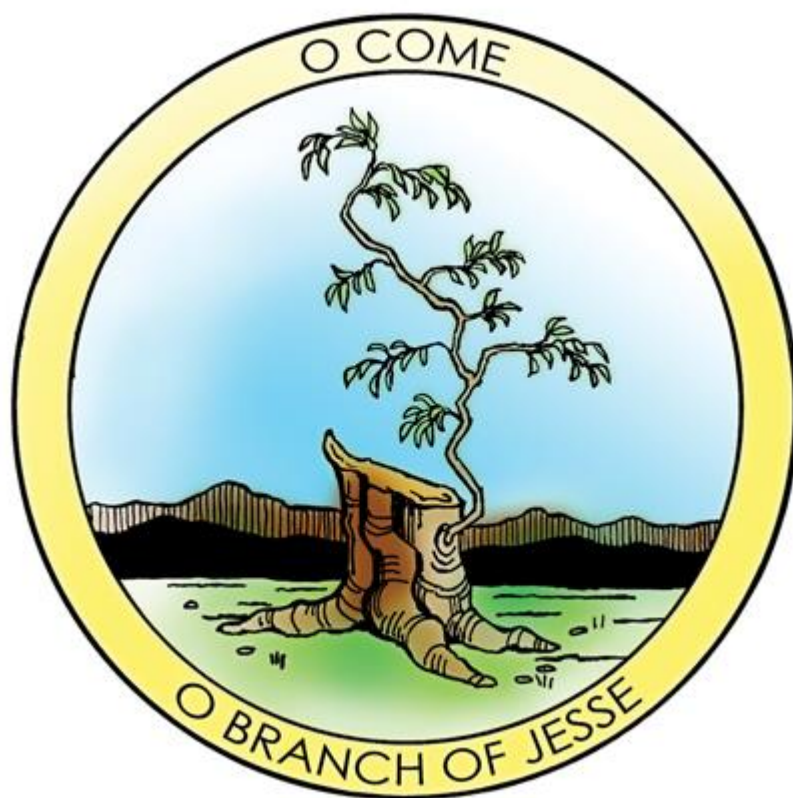


St. Edward's Episcopal Church



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II The Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025 @ 10:00 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.

This leaflet is your guide to the liturgy and is a resource for the material needed for this service. You will find three books in the pew rack in front of you - *The 1979 Book of Common Prayer* (red book), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue book), and *LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing II)* - black and red cover). Hymn numbers preceded by 'S' are from the Service Music at the front of *The Hymnal 1982*. It is customary to stand during the singing of hymns and either stand, sit, or kneel for prayers.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All items in bold are to be read aloud by the people.

PROCESSIONAL

Prepare the way, O Zion

BLUE HYMNAL 65

All stand, if able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: † Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: **You come to your people and set them free. Amen**

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

Pastoral Care Ministry

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.**

ADVENT CANDLE MUSIC

Peace will not fail

All sing

Peace will not fail, no, peace will not fail.

**Though vengeance and violence seem to prevail, no, peace will not fail;
peace, peace will prevail.**

Believe in the coming, the coming of peace!

**Though vengeance and violence seem to prevail,
no, peace will not fail; (sing 3 times)**

peace, peace will prevail.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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. 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: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

The People sing as indicated.



Choir 1A I was glad when they said to / me, *
"Let us go to the house of the / Lord."

Choir 2B Now our feet are / standing *
 within your gates, O Je-/rusalem.

Choir 3A Jerusalem is built as a /city *
 that is at unity with it-/self;

Choir 4B To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the / Lord, *
 the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the / Lord.

Choir 5B For there are the thrones of / judgment, *
 the thrones of the house of / David.

All 6A **Pray for the peace of Je-/rusalem: ***
 "May they prosper who / love you.

All 7B **Peace be within your / walls ***
 and quietness within your / towers.

All 8A **For my brethren and companions' / sake, ***
 I pray for your pros-/perity.

All 9B **Because of the house of the Lord our /God, ***
 I will seek to do you / good."

THE EPISTLE

ROMANS 15:4-13

A Lesson from the book of Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Comfort, comfort ye, my people

BLUE HYMNAL 67

All stand, if able.

St. 4 will be sung after the Gospel

THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 3:1-12

Presider: †The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

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."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON *Please be seated.*

Rev. Fabio Sotelo

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand, if able.*

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider: 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, saying: Blest is God's glorious Name forever; may all the earth be filled with your glory.

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.

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.

Presider: God of steadfastness and encouragement, hear our prayers for the whole creation: Baptize us with Holy Spirit and fire; fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope in the power of your Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *Please stand.*

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY AND A BLESSING TO VANESSA AND CHARLES

(see insert)

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

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

Savior of the nations, come

Parish Choir

(Text is found in Blue Hymnal, #54)

PRESENTATION HYMN

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

BLUE HYMNAL 59

All stand, if able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: RITE II, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

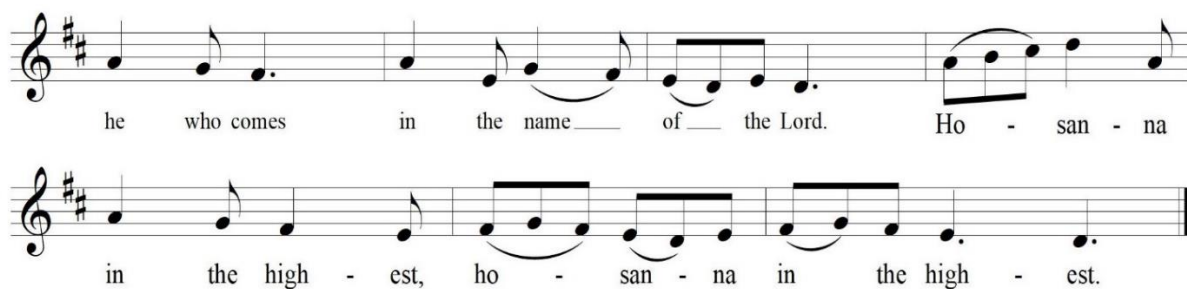
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THE SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Setting: Richard Shephard

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r, of
pow'r and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he, is



THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD Eat this bread

From *Enriching Our Worship*



THE INVITATION The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion is served at the altar rails by intinction.

Please indicate to the minister if you take bread/host or gluten free host.

COMMUNION HYMNS From the following, as time permits.

Come, fill our hearts

Setting by Cliff Brock

Lo, how a rose e're blooming

BLUE HYMNAL 81

Sts. 1-2

SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Presider: We send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the mystery of the presence of Christ our Lord.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER Please kneel or stand.

BCP 365

NOTICES

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.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

On Jordan's banks

BLUE HYMNAL 76

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*We are so glad you were here to worship with us today,
We pray God's blessings upon you this week.*

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Verger – Leslie Nystrom
Assisting – Alyssa Sali
Crucifer – Nicole Harrison
Torches – Bryson Whigham & Bryleigh Pope
Eucharistic Ministers – Marck Morman & Denise Robinson
Advent Wreath Lighting – Pastoral Care Ministry
Eucharistic Visitor – Gabrielle Mayes
1st Lesson – Darcey Tatum
Psalm – Choir
2nd Lesson – Denise Robinson
Intercessor – Charmaine Mitchell
Flower Guild – Marvella Martin
Altar Bread – Joy Sibley
Altar Guild – Jewel Ffrench & Christiana Jones
Ushers – Joseph Varney, Choco Harmon, Rob Wilson, Comfort Pratt, Jennifer Khaleel
Sound & Video – Kevin Lee
St. Ed's Coloring Squad – Kathy Ruchalski
Piano & Organ – Carla Strott
Flutes – Sanya Simmons & Lee Ann Sipe
Guitar – Rich Van Slyke
St. Edward's Parish Choir
VPOD – Jennifer Khaleel

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The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, Diocesan Bishop
The Rev. Fabio Sotelo, Rector
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Kathy Yukishige, Charmaine Mitchell, Lee Ann Sipe.
Youth Representatives to the Vestry: Lawrence Toomey III
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Mary Lu Rogers, Clerk of the Vestry.



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