



# Holy Family Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday of Advent  
December 13, 2020

## Welcome to Holy Family's Online Worship!

If you would like more information about Holy Family or otherwise want to communicate with the clergy or office, please email [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org). Thank you for being part of the community this worship time! Alleluia Christ is Risen!

References marked BCP are for pages in The Book of Common Prayer.

*You are invited to check in on social media.*

### Entrance Hymn

*H 56*

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

- 1 **O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!**

- 2 **O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.**
- 3 **O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the law,  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.**

### Greeting and Announcements

#### The Word of God

*BCP 355*

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now  
and for ever. Amen.**

*Officiant* 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.**

### Kyrie

*Hymnal S96*

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy, have mercy.**

### Lighting of Advent Wreath

#### The Collect of the Day

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* 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.**

### The First Reading

*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the  
Lord has anointed me he has sent me to bring good  
news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the  
prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and

the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

## **Psalm 126**

**1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.**

**2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

**3 Then they said among the nations,  
"The Lord has done great things for them."**

**4 The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.**

**5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses of the Negev.**

**6 Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.**

**7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their  
sheaves.**

## **The Second Reading**

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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

## **The Holy Gospel**

*John 1:6-8, 19-28*

*Officiant*       The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                          according to Mark.

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*Priest*           The Gospel of the Lord  
*People*           **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Homily**

*The Reverend Bruce Gray*

## 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 worshipped  
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 Form III BCP 387

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the  
Clergy and staff of St. Johns, Bedford.  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word  
and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the  
nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

In our parish cycle of prayer we pray for the Bogeman,  
Bohlander, and Bond families and for those who serve  
as our Daughters of the King Ministries. We thank  
you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for  
those expecting babies soon especially Anne & Max.  
We pray in Thanksgiving for our church community.  
Even when we are physically separated, we are one  
body in prayer. Give us grace to do your will in all that  
we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Especially remembering those on our prayer list  
Linda, Faye, David, Laraine, Shannon, Barb, Laura,  
Butch, Ed, Joe, Barbara, Darrell, and Mary have  
compassion on those who suffer from any grief or  
trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into  
joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly  
kingdom.**

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

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Lord, you have apportioned to your people the  
manifold gifts of the Spirit: Grant amid the changes of  
the world that your Church may abide, and be  
strengthened in ministry through continuous  
outpouring of your gifts; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

## Confession of Sin BCP 360

**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.**

## **Absolution**

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**

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

**Offertory Anthem** *Creation Will Be at Peace*  
*Williams and Page*

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

*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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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 S124*

*Celebrant and People*  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*  
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. 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." 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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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

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

*The congregation prays the Lord's Prayer together.*

**The Lord's Prayer** *BCP 364*

**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.**

**Dismissal Hymn** *H 60*  
*Creator of the Stars of Night*

- 1 Creator of the stars of night,  
your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,  
we pray you hear us when we call.
- 2 In sorrow that the ancient curse  
should doom to death a universe,  
you came, O Savior, to set free  
your own in glorious liberty.
- 3 When this old world drew on toward night,  
you came; but not in splendor bright,  
not as a monarch, but the child  
of Mary, blameless mother mild.
- 4 At your great Name, O Jesus, now  
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
all things on earth with one accord,  
like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
- 5 Come in your holy might, we pray,  
redeem us for eternal day;  
defend us while we dwell below  
from all assaults of our dread foe.
- 6 To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
praise, honor, might, and glory be  
from age to age eternally.

## The Dismissal

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

## Announcements:

Welcome to Holy Family! If you would like more information about Holy Family, please email Fr. Bruce at [bgray@hfec.org](mailto:bgray@hfec.org) or go to the Holy Family Website [HolyFamilyFishers.org](http://HolyFamilyFishers.org).

You can use your smartphone to scan this code which opens the Holy Family website.



Social Media: Be sure to check in on social media and talk about today's online worship. Share how you are spending your worship time and spread the Good News!

Online Resource: Fr. Bruce has started a blog for spiritual resources, especially during this time of social distancing. The website is Church From a Distance. Contact Fr. Bruce at [bgray@hfec.org](mailto:bgray@hfec.org).

## Christmas Services 2020:

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| Christmas Eve | 5 PM  | Children's Service |
|               | 9 PM  | Lessons and Carols |
|               | 11 PM | Midnight Mass      |
| Christmas Day | 10 AM | Jammie Church      |

Advent Wreath & Christmas Readers Volunteers: Holy Family has a tradition of different households lighting the candles in the Advent Wreath in church each Sunday. It will continue this year from people's homes or the church sanctuary. In addition readers are needed to fill serving roles for three Christmas services. If you would like to volunteer to fill on of these roles, please sign up [HERE](#).

Ugly Christmas Sweater Zoom Party: Wear a holiday sweater, shirt, jacket, scarf, tie, or other item to Holy Family's first Ugly Christmas Sweater Zoom Party on Saturday, December 19th at 7 PM. Visit with other members of the #holyvillage and catch up on all your holiday happenings. If you cannot attend, feel free to send a photo of your household members in their festive apparel to [youthministry@hfec.org](mailto:youthministry@hfec.org).

Christmas Eve Prelude Music: The 5:00 pm Christmas Eve service has traditionally been a place to showcase the talent of the young musicians in the parish. If your child (or children) would like to perform a piece of music as part of the prelude, please email Bethany Paden at [musicministry@hfec.org](mailto:musicministry@hfec.org). Selections must be sacred and pre-approved. Musicians simply record their piece and send it in! Bethany is happy to help with music selection or any technical questions or concerns.

Christmas Lessons and Carols Music: Holy Family will be putting together a Lessons and Carols service for Christmas Eve. Volunteers are needed to provide a variety of Carols from the hymnal for the service. Carols can be performed with voices or instruments, soloists or household ensembles. Email Bethany Paden at [musicministry@hfec.org](mailto:musicministry@hfec.org) if interested. Musicians simply record their piece and send it in! Bethany is happy to help with music selection or any technical questions or concerns.

Merry Christmas, Peace Be With You! Please consider recording you and the members of your household saying some version of Merry Christmas! and/or Peace be with you! for use in upcoming videos. While we cannot be physically together at this time, greeting others from the #holyvillage can feel like a virtual hug from the congregation. Videos should be taken with your device held sideways (landscape mode) and emailed to [youthministry@hfec.org](mailto:youthministry@hfec.org).

Angel Tree Ministry – FINAL WEEK: Please click [HERE](#) to purchase an item that will be given to a student and his/her family members at Fishers Elementary School. Items may be dropped off at church in a contact-free manner on Thursday, 12/10 from 6-8 PM and Sunday, 12/13 from 10 AM - Noon. *Bring the kids to the Sunday drop-off time, and you might see a real angel!* Please contact Jolene Johnston if you need to make alternate arrangements. [jjohnston@hfec.org](mailto:jjohnston@hfec.org)

**Twelve Days of Christmas with the #HolyVillage:** In the spirit of giving, members of the Holy Village are invited to share their talents and have some fun during the Twelve Days of Christmas! Think of a talent/gift you would like to share (see a list of possibilities at Sign Up Genius link). Sign up [HERE](#) and then record a 3-4 minute video to share your idea. Please record in LANDSCAPE mode so that the video fills the screen and send it to Ruth Everett at [youthministry@hfec.org](mailto:youthministry@hfec.org). Your video will be edited/packaged and sent out during the Twelve Days of Christmas beginning on December 25th. All are welcome to participate!

**Book Club:** The next book will be *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. There is no December book club meeting. The next virtual gathering will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, January 12th at 2 PM. Questions regarding the book club can be directed to the church office. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)  
ID: 82532953961 Password: 988099

**Make a Pledge of Financial Support to Holy Family:** Holy Family is a congregation that runs on generosity. More than 90% of the funds needed to support our congregation's activities comes from parishioners who make a financial commitment to Holy Family. To help Holy Family become an even bigger blessing in 2021, please prayerfully consider a pledge of financial support. Learn more and submit your pledge online [HERE](#).

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| November | Income     | \$15,036  |
|          | Expense    | \$16,500  |
|          | Difference | -\$1,464  |
| YTD      | Income     | \$184,761 |
|          | Expense    | \$195,724 |
|          | Difference | -\$10,963 |

**Donating to Holy Family Online:** Make a contribution via [this link](#), and The Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis will absorb 100% of the payment processing fee, so every cent you give will go to Holy Family. *Be sure to select Holy Family in the drop-down menu.* Other ways to donate are using your online banking, using the giving link on the [parish webpage](#) (which works using PayPal), or mailing a check to the church office. Everyone's support of God's work through Holy Family is needed and very appreciated!

**Personal Prayer:** During this difficult time, Father Bruce is available to pray with individuals or families by text, phone, or videochat such as FaceTime, Skype, or Zoom. Please reach out by text first (if possible) to set up a time to pray together. The Reverend Bruce W. Gray (317) 363-6412

#### Christian Formation:

**Children's and Youth Ministries:** The next Zoom opportunities for children and youth are as follows:

**Children's Ministry Zoom** - Sunday, December 13th at 11 AM  
**Youth Group Zoom** - Sunday, December 13th at 1 PM

**Adult Forum:** Fr. Bruce will be hosting Sunday Morning Adult Forum each Sunday in Advent at 10 AM via [Zoom](#). This week's topic is COVID Christmas-How to Celebrate this Year. The topic for next week is The Virgin Mary in the Episcopal Church. Contact Fr. Bruce at [bgray@hfec.org](mailto:bgray@hfec.org) if you have any questions, or if you have trouble signing in on Sunday

**Advent Word 2020:** During your Advent preparations, spend some time pondering the daily word and find or take a photo that speaks to you. Share your picture and be sure to tag your post with [#AdventWordHFEC2020](#). When you tag your photo with the hashtag, it will be added to a collection of photos that others have shared. Contact Ruth Everett for more information. [youthministry@hfec.org](mailto:youthministry@hfec.org)

**Advent Music:** Holy Family's Children and Youth Ministries have created an Advent music playlist that is available for free in Spotify. Listen [HERE](#).

**Shortcut to Sunday Podcasts:** Holy Family has a weekly podcast that focuses on the bible readings for each week. New podcasts will be released [HERE](#) each Tuesday in preparation for the following Sunday.

**In Case of Emergency:** Please contact Fr. Bruce at this number 317-363-6412 via voice or text.

#### Upcoming Events:

Angel Tree Drop Off: December 10 6-8 PM  
Online Worship: December 13 9 AM  
Children's Ministry Zoom: December 13 11 AM  
Angel Tree Drop Off: December 13 10 AM – Noon  
Youth Group Zoom: December 13 1 PM  
Vestry Meeting: December 15 7 PM  
Ugly Christmas Sweater Zoom Party: December 19 7 PM  
Twelve Days of Christmas: December 25-January 5  
Book Club Zoom: January 12 2 PM

**Prayer List:** Linda, Faye, David, Laraine, Monique, Shannon, Barb, Laura, Mary, Butch, Darrell, Ed, Joe, and Barbara

#### Serving Sunday:

Officiant: The Rev. Bruce Gray  
Homily: The Rev. Bruce Gray  
Music Director: Bethany Paden  
Readers Online: Betty Bogeman and David Emerson  
Prayers Online: Scott Wilson

#### Thanks Be to God

- Ben Paden and Ruth Everett who work to create the online worship service each week
- Those who make financial contributions to support the ministry work of Holy Family
- Scott Wilson and Bob Murray for their interview with St. Nicholas

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