



# Holy Family Episcopal Church

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

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## Welcome!

*Holy Family seeks to bear witness to the Light of Christ by serving as the heart and hands of Jesus, nourishing people and transforming lives.*

Holy Family Episcopal Church is a young and growing congregation with an emphasis on children, youth, and intergenerational ministry, spiritual growth, and community outreach.

If you would like more information about Holy Family or to schedule a meeting, you are invited to fill out a Welcome Card which may be found on clipboards in the sanctuary chair pockets. Completed cards can be dropped in the offering plate, handed to an usher or Father Frank, or placed in the clear box on the Welcome Desk. Thank you for being part of the community this morning!

References marked BCP are for pages in The Book of Common Prayer; those marked as H refer to hymns in The Hymnal 1982 (blue hardback book); those marked as S refer to service music hymns in the front of The Hymnal 1982 (blue hardback book); those marked as G refer to hymns in the songbook Gather (blue paperback book), those marked as WLP refer to hymns in the songbook Wonder, Love, and Praise (dark green paperback book).

## Holy Eucharist – Rite II

### Entrance Hymn

Hark! The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes H 72

### The Word of God

*Presider* Blessed are you, holy and living God.  
*People* **You come to your people and set them free.**  
**Amen.**

### Advent Wreath Lighting

*Three candles are lit by a member of the congregation while the following prayer is read.*

O Lord, this is a time for caring and sharing, a time for joy and singing, a time for rejoicing in life itself! Let us open our hearts fully to you and to others. Let our faces radiate the joy of your presence so that everyone we meet will know of you and the gift of life you bring. O Christ, we rejoice in your love and the opportunities to share it with generosity and hope; in your name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## Kyrie

Refrain  
all: *mp a tempo* G 96

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, Chri-ste e-le-i-son,

To verses

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.

1. Lord Je-sus, you came to gath-er the na-tions  
in-to the peace of God's King-dom.  
*rit. To refrain*

2. You come in word and sac-ra-ment to  
strength-en us in ho-li-ness.  
*To refrain*

Verse 3

3. You will come in glo-ry with sal-va-tion for your peo-ple  
*rit.*

**The Collect of the Day**      *Please stand as you are able.*

*Presider*    The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Presider*    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 Lessons**

### **A Reading from the Book of Isaiah**

35:1-10

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.**

### **Psalm 146:4-9**

We will pray the psalm responsively by half-verse, breaking at the asterisk.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!  
\* **whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \* **who keeps his promise for ever;**

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
**and food to those who hunger.**

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \* **the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; \* **he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, \* **your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

### **A Reading from the Letter of James**

5:7-10

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.**

### **Sequence Hymn**

What Is the Crying at Jordan

H 69

### **The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 11:2-11

*Presider*    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.”

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

**Homily** Father Frank Impicciche

### 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 II

*In the course of each silence, please offer your own prayers,  
either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer our Bishop, Bishop  
Mauricio and the Diocese of Brasilia, for Frank our priest,  
and Kay and Matt our Wardens; for this gathering; and for  
all ministers and people. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we  
pray for the clergy and parishioners of St. John's, Bedford.  
Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;  
and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and  
peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the  
oppressed, and those in prison. Together, we pray for:  
**Raymond, Barb, Terri, Patty, Judi, William and Norma,  
Katja, Alex, and William.**  
Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for those in our parish cycle of prayer, the  
Emerson, Erdman, and Ericksen families, and those who fill  
serving roles during Holy Family's Christmas services. Pray  
for our parish family. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the young adults of our parish,  
especially remembering Sophia, Lily, Charlie, Josh, Jenny,  
Alex, Zoe, Noah, Matt, Matthew, Lauren, Lexi, Zoey, Maci,  
Sophia, and Cooper. Pray for those who are in transitional  
phases of their life. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all expecting babies, especially  
Michele and Adam, and Liv and Taylor. Pray for all who are  
awaiting a child. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper  
knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by  
him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially remembering  
Ben. Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has  
been honored, especially those whom we remember today.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.  
*Silence*

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect.*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that  
we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold  
thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ,  
our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## The Confession and Absolution

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

*People* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Presider* 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 Blessing of Gifts – Angel Tree Ministry

**The Peace** *Please stand as you are able.*

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

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

## Announcements

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Anthem

The Promise is Near Martin

**Doxology** *Please stand as you are able.*

Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

**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. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving** Eucharistic Prayer B

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Then, the Presider 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. 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

G 101

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel, the Presider 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. 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 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,

*Presider and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Presider 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 your Holy Family 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. **AMEN.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

**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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**  
**Fraction Anthem** G 107  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Fount of Joy, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Holy Gifts, for God’s Holy People.

**The Invitation**  
*This table is for everyone. All who seek God are invited to share in Holy Communion. If you wish to participate, but prefer not to receive Holy Communion, please join everyone coming forward. Cross your arms over your chest and we will be glad to offer you a blessing. A gluten free option is available for those who need it. If you wish to have Holy Communion brought to your seat, please let one of the Ushers know.*

**Communion**  
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People H 67  
Once He Came in Blessing H 53

**Meditation after Holy Communion**  
Be still and know that I am God  
Be still and know that I am  
Be still and know  
Be still  
Be

**Blessing of St. Francis Ministers**  
*All children and those who are “young at heart” are invited to come forward for a blessing before going outside to spread birdseed for all God’s creatures. They will be accompanied by at least one adult.*

**Post Communion Prayer**  
*Let us pray*  
**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 Blessing**  
May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**  
Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding H 59

**The Dismissal**  
*Presider* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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Serving on Sunday:  
Presider: The Rev’d Frank Impicciche  
Homily: The Rev’d Frank Impicciche  
Music Director: Bethany Paden  
Piano/Organ: Heather and Doug Tannas  
Ushers: Joel Asmus, Marcus Dial  
Lectors: Peter Mulhall, Betty Bogeman, Ellie Tannas, Sharon Naatz  
Intercessors: Betty Bogeman, Stephen Beard  
Acolytes: Mara Manuszak, Emily Hendrickson, Isabella Asmus, Evelyn Asmus  
Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Marty Blake, Ruth Everett  
Bread: Chris Beldin  
Almoners: Matt Okerson, Susie Beard  
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