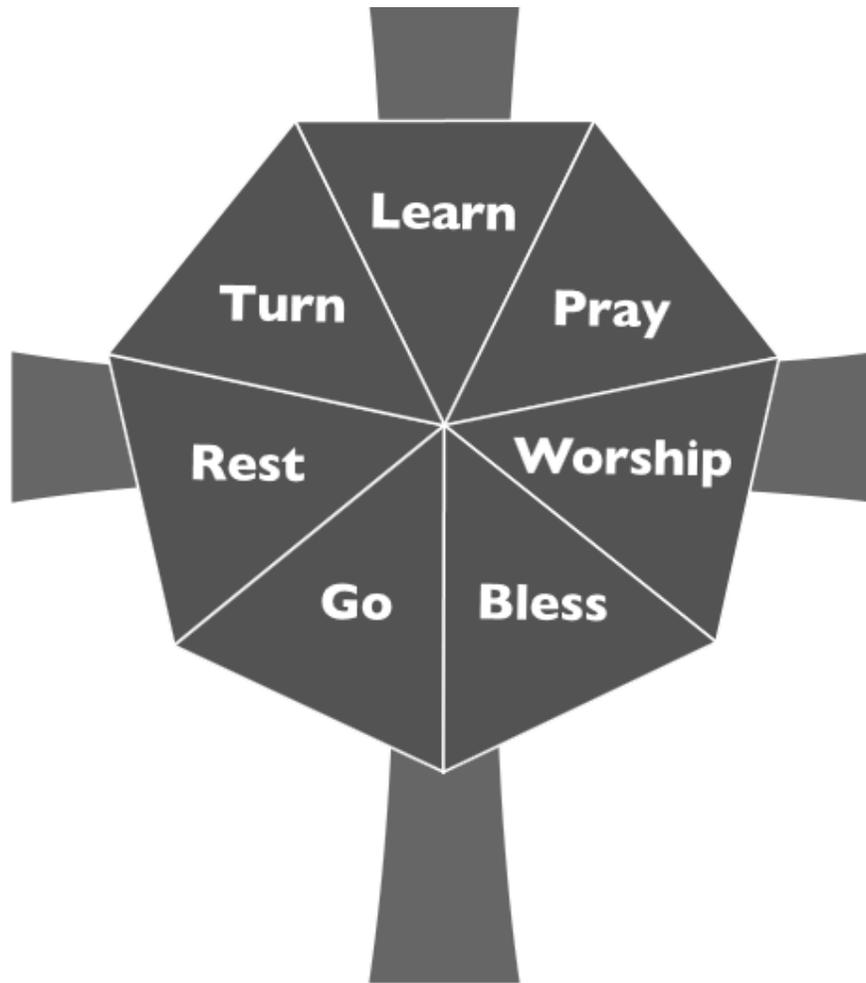


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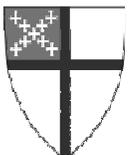
# Prepare the Way of Love



Advent IV

**December 23, 2018**

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30 am



**St. Jude the Apostle Episcopal Church**  
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# Welcome

Welcome visitors! We're happy you're here today. Please sign the guest iPad or connection card at the greeters table near the front entrance so we can get to know you.

Please keep the following people in your prayers. Do you need prayers? Email: [prayers@saintjudes.org](mailto:prayers@saintjudes.org)

## Prayer for the Episcopal Transition Process in The Diocese of El Camino Real

*Holy One, we give you thanks for the ministry of Bishop Mary among us, and pray for her, for all involved in the transition process, and for the whole diocese. Give us listening and prayerful hearts and guide us in our call of the fourth bishop of the Diocese of El Camino Real. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.*

## Prayer of Meditation

My Heart is Moved

My heart is moved by all I cannot save: so much has been destroyed  
I have to cast my lot with those who age after age, perversely,  
with no extraordinary power, reconstitute the world.

Adrienne Rich

## Sunday School

Godly Play begins at 10:15 am. Please sign in your student on the clipboard at the entry. The class of PreK-2nd will hear the story of Advent I-IV with Kathy Disney (storyteller) and William Mason (greeter). Grades 3-6th will hear about the Mystery of Christmas: Nativity & Presentation with Mary Lyn Azar (storyteller) and Valerie Nau (greeter).

### Those serving today:

*Clergy: Wilma Jakobsen ([wilma@saintjudes.org](mailto:wilma@saintjudes.org)), Sarah Lapenta-H ([sarah@saintjudes.org](mailto:sarah@saintjudes.org)), Bruce Bramlett ([bruce@saintjudes.org](mailto:bruce@saintjudes.org))*

*Acolytes: Gwyn Azar*

*Altar Guild: Candy Satterlee, Joellen Stolarik*

*Bread Baker: Dan Putler*

*Chalice Bearers: Paul Hayter, Mary Hultquist*

*Coffee Host: Brock & Lisa Carpenter*

*Greeters: Scott & Pattie Rotondo*

*Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Susan Isetorp, Gordon Mullin*

*Lay Reader: Jennifer Stern*

*Sound: Mike Landis*

*Ushers: Steve Bryson, Gabriel Azar*

*Visitor Host: Emily Holton*

Advent liturgy notes: This advent our theme is 'Prepare the Way of Love.' We are linking our gospel readings each week to the curriculum of the larger Episcopal Church, from the program announced by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, 'The Way of Love'. This means we are using different gospels to the lectionary readings, all from Luke chapters 1 and 2. Bishop Mary Gary-Reeves has given us permission, as well as to use alternate liturgies produced by the Diocesan Liturgy Commission. The Eucharistic prayer during advent is from 'Celebrating Eucharist', by the Anglican Church in New Zealand. The advent blessing is from 'A New Zealand Prayer Book.'

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Welcome

Wilma Jakobsen

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Hymnal 66

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed are you holy and living one.

People: **Come Jesus, the gift of Love.**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Karen Buck, Matthias Baumhof & family, SJ & Graham Phillips & family

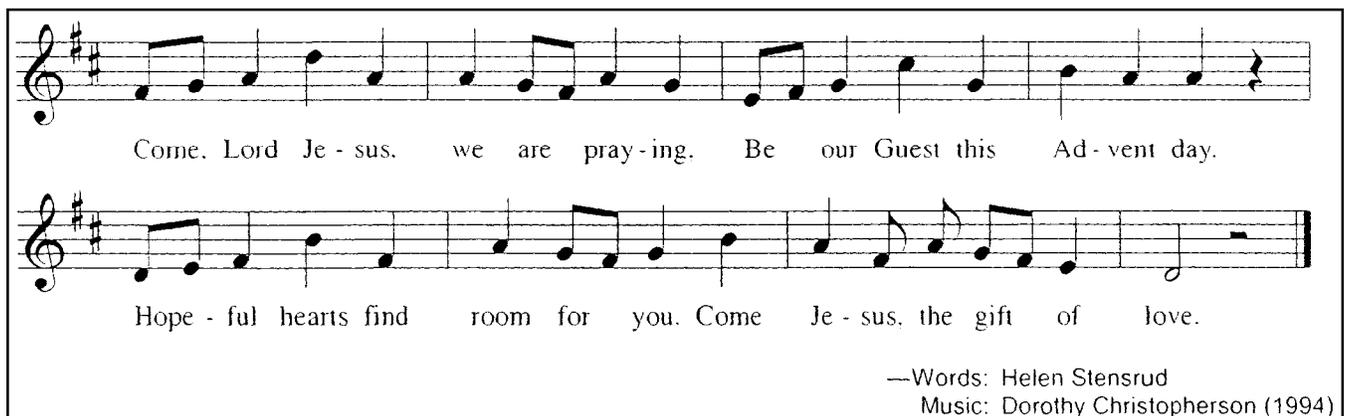
"...from you [Bethlehem] shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel...And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace." (Micah 5.1, 4b-5)

The first candle we light for love, the second for hope, the third for joy, and today, we light the fourth candle for peace: peace in our hearts, our homes, and our world.

Let us pray: **God of Peace, you seek for us far greater good than we imagine for ourselves. As we move toward celebrating Christmas, help us to be a part of the peace you desire for all creation. In the name of Love, Amen.**

Hymn: "Come, Lord Jesus"

*Sung while Advent Wreath is being lit*



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Come, Lord Je - sus, we are pray - ing, Be our Guest this Ad - vent day.

Hope - ful hearts find room for you. Come Je - sus, the gift of love.

—Words: Helen Stensrud  
Music: Dorothy Christopherson (1994)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

The First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore shall they be given up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of the kindred will return to the people of Israel. The flock will be fed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord God. And they shall live secure, for now God shall be great to the ends of the earth; and God shall be the one of peace.

*After the lesson, the reader says:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 15

The Song of Mary, Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for the Almighty has looked with favor on a lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is God's Name.  
God has mercy on those who are fearful \*  
in every generation.  
God has shown strength, \*  
God has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
God has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
God has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich were sent away empty.  
God has come to the help of Israel, \*  
for the promise of mercy has been remembered.  
The promise God made to our ancestors, \*  
to Abraham and the children for ever.  
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.

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

(Kybd.)

1. My \_

6 Em C D Em C D

(1.) soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my  
 (2.) I am small, my \_ God, my all, you \_ work great \_ things in me, and your  
 (3.) halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the  
 (4.) na - tions rage from \_ age to age, we re - mem - ber who holds us fast: God's \_

10 Em G D Em C Em

spir - it \_ sings of the won - drous \_ things that you bring to the ones who wait. You  
 mer - cy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your  
 king be - ware for your jus - tice \_ tears ev - 'ry ty - rant \_ from his throne. The  
 mer - cy \_ must de - liv - er \_ us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This

14 G D Em C D

fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you did not spurn, so from  
 ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will  
 hun - gry poor shall \_ weep no more, for the food they can nev - er earn: There are  
 sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the prom - ise which holds us bound, 'til the

18 Em G D Em C Em

east to west shall my name be \_ blessed. Could the world be a - bout to \_ turn?  
 show your might, put the strong to \_ flight, for the world is a - bout to \_ turn. } My  
 ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry mouth be \_ fed, for the world is a - bout to \_ turn. }  
 spear and rod can be crushed by \_ God, who is turn - ing the world a - round. }

22 G D Em C D

*div.* heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a -  
*unis.*  
*unis.* heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires \_ of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a -

26 Em C D Em C Em

*div.* way all tears, for the dawn draws \_ near, and the world is a - bout to \_ turn!  
*unis.*  
 way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world \_ is a - bout to turn!

30 G D Em C Em

2. Through \_  
 3. From the  
 4. Though the

The Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Minister: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

*(Please be seated for a dramatic reading of the gospel.)*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Minister: The Gospel of the Savior.

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

Hymn: "*Canticle of the Turning*"

verse 4

Sermon

Sarah Lapenta-H

*(Silence is observed after the sermon for meditation or reflection.)*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

Prayers of the People

This last Sunday of Advent, we pray once more, Emmanuel, **help us to prepare the way of Love.**

We pray for our Church, that we may be a trusted resource of mercy and justice. Emmanuel, **help us to prepare the way of Love.**

We pray for humans around the globe, creation near and far, that all may live secure and experience your peace, including... and those we name now... Emmanuel, **help us to prepare the way of Love.**

We pray for those struggling physically, emotionally, or spiritually, that we may be extensions of your presence with them, including... and those we name now... Emmanuel, **help us to prepare the way of Love.**

We remember and give thanks for those who now rest in your eternal embrace, including... and those we name now... Emmanuel, **help us to prepare the way of Love.**

We also give thanks for the goodness in our lives, including ... and those we name now ...

O come, Emmanuel: **Save us from fear, heal us of shame, and set us free from all that blocks us from receiving and sharing your love. Continue to form us as bearers of your peace and good news to all the world, trusting you are always with us. Amen.**

Confession of Sin *(Sit or kneel as you are able)*

**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 *(Please offer the Peace to those nearby.)*

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

Prayer for Healing *(Kneel as you are able.)*

*Those who are unable to get to the altar rail are invited to stay in their places and others around them are invited to raise a hand towards them during the prayer.*

**O God, the source of all health: So fill our hearts with faith in your love, that with calm expectancy we may make room for your power to possess us, and gracefully accept your healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing for Celebrations *(Sit or kneel as you are able.)*

**Loving Creator, You are the source of life and the source of love. We thank you for all who celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and special events today. Watch over them as their days increase, bless and guide them wherever they may be. May your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives, and may your love for the world shine through them and the deep relationships they cherish, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of Holy Communion**

Anglican Church of New Zealand

Offertory Sentence

Choir Offertory Hymn: "Mary, Did You Know?"

M. Lowry & B. Green/arr. Schrader

*(Please stand as the ushers present the gifts at the altar.)*

Presentation Hymn: "Soon and Very Soon"

verses 1,3 **LEVAS 14**

Celebrant: The Lord is here.  
**People: God's Spirit is with us.**  
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 offer thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed that we should praise you, God of love, our source and our fulfilment, for you create all things, and in you we live and move and have our being. Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky. When the times had at last grown full and the earth had ripened in abundance, you made us in your image for yourself. And even though we turn from you, again and again you call us to yourself, and in every age, promise liberation.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own to rear them in your way of compassionate love. From your own being you sent Jesus among us, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary, our sister.

Jesus revealed your care for all you have made, and showed us your way of reconciliation. Looking forward to the joy of new life Jesus suffered the pangs of the cross and in rising again became the first-born of the renewed family. You sent your Holy Spirit and gave birth to us your church. Your Spirit stays to nurture and to guide us. Now we join hands around your table, and with all creation we sing this hymn of praise for your unending love,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

To you indeed be glory, Almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me. After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me. And so in this great sacrament we celebrate and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world.

Unite us in Christ and give us your peace. Through your Holy Spirit, burning as a flame, gentle as a dove, may we who receive these gifts live lives of justice, love, and prayer, and be a voice for those who are not heard. In union with your whole church we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise. Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray in the language or version of our choice:

**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.**

## Lord's Prayer in Chinese

我們在天上之父，願人都尊父的名為聖，願父的國降臨，願父的旨意行在地，如同在天。我們日用的飲食，求父今日賜給我們。又求饒恕我們的罪，如我們饒恕得罪我們的人。不叫我們遇見試探；拯救我們脫離凶惡。因為國度、權柄、榮耀，全是父的，從現在至到永遠。阿們。

## Lord's Prayer in Spanish

**Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venganos tu Reino. Hágase tu voluntad, como en el cielo, así también en la tierra. El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy. Perdónanos nuestras deudas, como también nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. No nos metas en tentación, sino líbranos del mal, porque tuyo es el Reino, el poder y la gloria, por siempre. Amén.**

## Lord's Prayer in Korean

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지, 아버지의 이름을 거룩하게 하시며 아버지의 나라가 오게 하시며, 아버지의 뜻이 하늘에서와 같이 땅에서도 이루어지게 하소서. 오늘 우리에게 일용할 양식을 주시고, 우리가 우리에게 잘못된 사람을 용서하여 준 것같이 우리 죄를 용서하여 주시고, 우리를 시험에 빠지지 않게 하시고 악에서 구하소서. 나라와 권능과 영광이 영원히 아버지의 것입니다. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We are one bread, one body.

**People: We will love one another as Christ loves us.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table to receive Communion of bread and wine, and/or to receive a blessing. If you do not wish to receive the wine, or want to receive a blessing, cross your arms in front of your chest when the priest comes to you. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the priest.*

Communion Hymns: "The Angel Gabriel"  
"Jesus, Your Light is Shining"

Hymnal 265

The image shows a musical score for two hymns. The first hymn, "The Angel Gabriel", is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, le Christ, lu - mière in - té - rieu - re, ne lais - se Je - sus, your light is shin - ing with - in us. Let not my". The second hymn, "Jesus, Your Light is Shining", is also in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "pas mes té - nè - bres me par - ler. Je - sus le Christ, lu - mière in - té - doubts and my dark - ness speak to me. Je - sus your light is shin - ing with -". The third hymn, "Jesus, Your Light is Shining", is also in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "rieu - re, don - ne - moi d'ac - cueil - lir ton a - mour. Je - sus le in us. Let my heart al - ways wel - come your love. Je - sus, your".

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

#### Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: In the name of Christ and this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts to those who cannot be with us today: *(names)* .....Let them know that they are in our prayers and that this is holy food for holy people.

**People: We who are many are one Body because we share one bread, one cup.**

#### Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us give thanks together.

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

#### Blessing

May Christ be our new beginning, the hope and salvation of the world, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be with you always. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

#### Announcements

Hymn: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

verses 1,7,8 Hymnal 56

#### The Dismissal

Minister: Go forth into the world to prepare the way of Love.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*You are invited to join us for fellowship and coffee in the hall following the service.*

#### Christmas Services:

- Dec. 24:** 4:00 pm: (Interactive for all ages) with festive music and Eucharist. Wear your favorite Nativity costume! (shepherds, angels, animals of all kinds)  
10:00 pm: Carol Singing  
10:30 pm: Festive music, candlelight, and sermon with Eucharist
- Dec. 25:** 10:30 am: Carols and Eucharist



- Dec. 30:** **ONE service at 9:30 am**, a Healing Service for ourselves and the world as we begin a new year  
**Jan. 5 & 6:** Amahl & the Night Visitors, 7:00 pm performance  
**Jan. 6:** 8:00 am & 10:30 am, Epiphany Sunday with Kings Cakes in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 am service

**St. Jude's administrative office will be closed starting Dec. 24 and reopen Jan. 2. Clergy are available for pastoral care and emergencies. Please call Sarah at (626) 808-8769.**

*Tuesday Morning Prayer, Taizé Prayers, Wednesday noon and Thursday groups will resume January 2, 2019.*