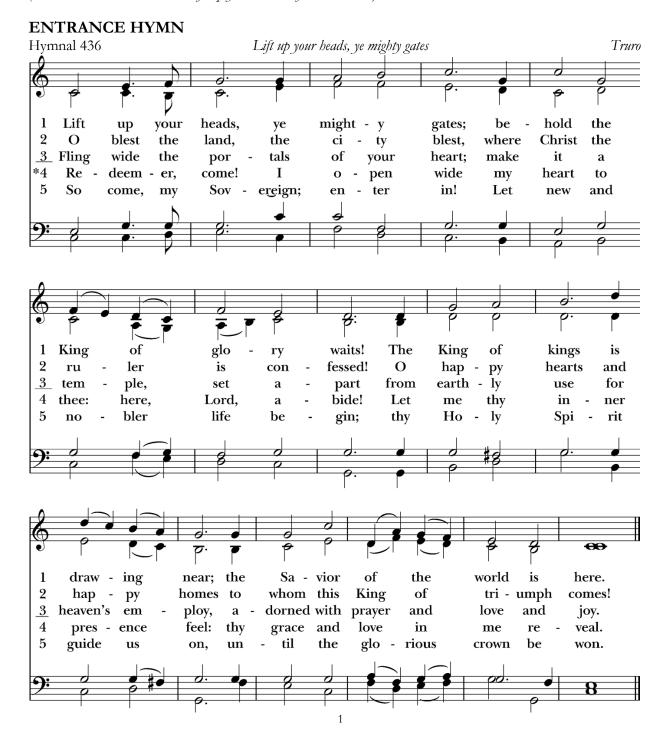
# Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)

December 18, 2022 \* 9:00 am

# The Word of God

## **PRELUDE**

March on a Theme of Handel (based on Handel's chorus "Lift up your heads" from Messiah) Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)



## **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

# LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lighting our Advent Wreath today are Evans and Elisabeth Henry and Sebastian Faller.

Reader Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea into a

world that had no room for him. As we light these candles, help us to make room

for him; may our hearts and minds be filled with his light and his love.

People Almighty God, you came among us that we might have abundant life.

Grant that we may wait in hope for the joy promised by your Son our

Savior Jesus Christ.

## **KYRIE ELEISON**



#### THE 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*.

# The Lessons

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \* shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \* stir up your strength and come to help us.

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; \*

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

#### 4O LORD God of hosts, \*

how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears; \* you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \* and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; \*

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

<sup>16</sup>Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \* the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

<sup>17</sup>And so will we never turn away from you; \* give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

<sup>18</sup>Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

#### **SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7**

Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup>the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup>including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.



#### GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

\* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us."<sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

Please join in singing the last verse of the hymn as the procession returns.

**SERMON** The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart

A period of meditative silence follows the Reflection.

#### THE 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 worshiped 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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness- on them light has shined." (*Isaiah 9:2*)

You who dwell in darkness and light, in silence and sound, dwell in the hearts of your people. In hope, peace, and joy may we await with anticipation the coming of Christ, the Morning Star.

Christ, be our light.

All

#### Shine in our hearts.

Intercessor

You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation, guide and strengthen your church, remembering especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, John, our Bishop, and all who serve you. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth.

Christ, be our light.

All

## Shine in our hearts.

Intercessor

You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise, set us free from enslavement to division, disunity, and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision. We pray for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Christ, be our light.

All

#### Shine in our hearts.

Intercessor

You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender, and ethnicity may be reconciled and shaped into one common humanity.

Christ, be our light.

All

#### Shine in our hearts.

Intercessor

You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost, and the least, shower the light of your compassion on the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering, especially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.

Christ, be our light.

All

## Shine in our hearts.

Intercessor You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity those who have died,

welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare, and strife,

and those whom we remember now \_\_\_\_\_

Shine the light of hope.

Christ, be our light.

All Shine in our hearts.

Intercessor You who delight in the complexity and splendor of creation, help us to delight in

the diversity of this earth, our island home. Inspire your people to care for all you

have made.

Christ, be our light.

All Shine in our hearts.

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our parish as we seek a new rector.

All Almighty God, giver of every good gift, grant us the guidance of your Holy

Spirit as we seek a new rector for Saint Michael and All Angels. Bless us with patience, courage, and foresight as you shepherd our parish family on this journey. Give us an open spirit, discerning hearts, and clear minds, that we may trust your will for us. Raise up for us, we pray, a rector who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion; through Jesus Christ our

Lord.

Celebrant May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with

the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope. Amen.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All 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.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# The Holy Communion

#### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

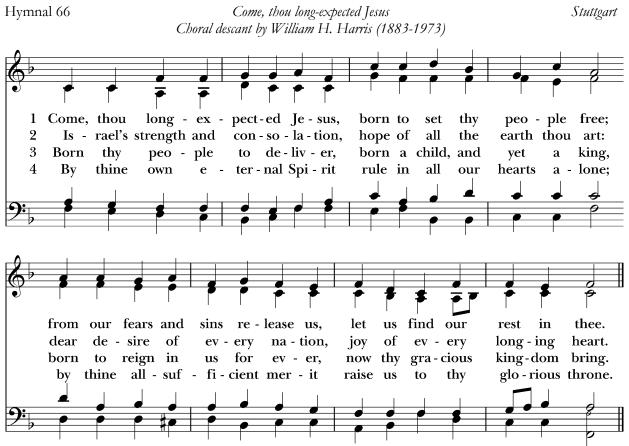
Dixit Maria

Hans Leo Hassler (c. 1564-1612)

Dixit Maria ad angelum:
Ecce ancilla Domini, fiat mihi
secundum verbum tuum.
Mary said to the angel: "Behold, I am the
handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me
according to your word."

Luke 1:38

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**



# The Great Thanksgiving

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

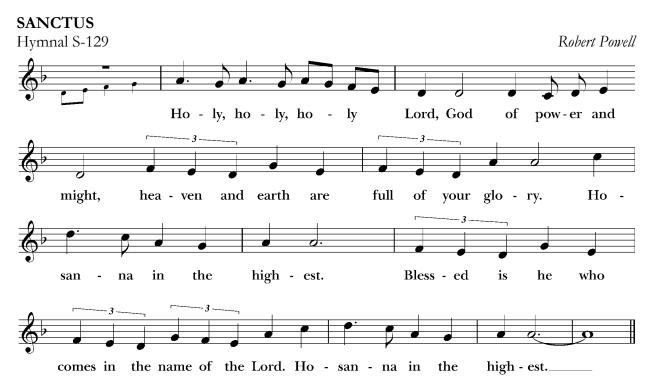
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Michael and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN* 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

#### FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey you are welcome to come forward to receive the consecrated wine and wafers. Wine will be served by our chalice bearers from the common cup. In keeping with the pandemic safety guidelines from our bishop, the communicant may drink from the chalice or, in the alternative, the priest will dip the wafer into the wine and place it directly on the communicant's tongue. If you prefer not to have wine, simply cross your arms over your chest after receiving the wafer.

Congregants worshiping on Zoom or Facebook Live may say the following:

## A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen*.

#### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

Ave Maria Jean Mouton (c. 1459-1522)

Ave Maria, gratia plena Dominus tecum in corde, tecum in ventre, tecum in utero.

O Maria, Genitrix Dei, ora pro nobis.

Hail Mary, full of grace,

The Lord is with you in your heart,

with you in your viscera, with you

in your womb. O Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

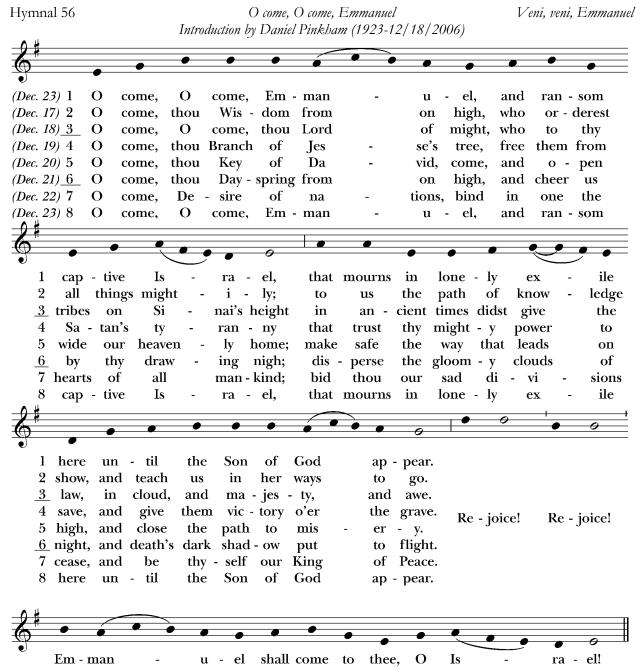
#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Celebrant 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.

#### **BLESSING**





The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

## **DISMISSAL**

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

# **VOLUNTARY**

Voluntary on "Sleepers, wake! a Voice is calling"

Lionel Rogg (b. 1937)

# We are delighted to welcome you this Sunday morning.

No matter your background, you are welcome to be part of our community as we gather in this sacred space to encounter the Mystery of God through beautiful liturgy and inspiring music. Please be assured that all children, no matter their ages, are invited to join us in worship as a powerful reminder that we are all beloved children of God. Again, welcome!

Please take a moment to silence your cell phone. Thank you.

# We publicly livestream our Sunday worship via Zoom and Facebook Live.

Join on Zoom: https://bit.ly/stmikessunday (Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: 080100) Join on Facebook Live: https://facebook.com/SMAACDM

## **Important COVID Safety Reminder**

All worshipers who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks at indoor gatherings. However, if you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask as required by the state COVID guidelines. Masks are available at the entrance to the church. Thank you all for your help in keeping our church a safe place for those most vulnerable.

# Today's Worship Team

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart

Organist: Dr. Ray Urwin

Choir: Cecilia Rogers, (Interim Section Leader), Michele Dulson, Susan Zevnik, Mary

Bailey (Section Leader), Pat Albers, The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart, Vincent Loza (Section Leader), Richard Zevnik, Scott Ziemann (Section Leader)

# **Sunday School**

Godly Play (ages 3-10) 9:00 am in the Yellow Room

This week:

The Story of Advent. Storyteller: Anne Conover.

(Children's Christmas Program rehearsal

and prep follows the story.)

Contact: Anne Conover (annabananacaddie@aol.com)

# Youth Group (ages 11-14) 9:00 am in the Sanctuary

On the third Sunday of the month, our youth will support worship hour as acolytes, readers, ushers and hospitality.

Contact: Susan Caldwell (scaldwell@stmikescdm.org)

# Parish Prayer List

Dick Tom Mary Ann Bob Ron Steve Meredith Norris Bob Lucius Kitty Jeanine Pat

Prayer requests remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.

To submit a name to the prayer list contact Brooke Pauley (kookiepauley@gmail.com or 949-514-7917), or The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart (barbarastewart001@gmail.com).

# **Altar Flowers**

Members of the congregation may sponsor altar flowers, chapel flowers, and the sanctuary light in thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life or in memory of loved ones. The flowers are arranged by our Flower Guild with donors acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin.

Call the church office at (949) 644-0463 or make your donation via our website: https://www.stmikescdm.org/altar-flower-and-sanctuary-light-donations/

# Today at St. Mike's:

# Music Notes from Ray Urwin

The season of Advent is rich in the repertoire of great hymns, both words and music. Though there are probably several candidates, perhaps the quintessential Advent hymn is our final one today, "O come, O come, Emmanuel." The words are derived from the "O" Antiphons of Advent, each sung as antiphons for the Magnificat (the Song of Mary) on the seven days before Christmas Eve (given in the hymn), and each stanza using a key word or phrase (Wisdom, Lord of might, Branch of Jesse, etc.). There are services constructed based on these Antiphons, and I hope to do one of these next year as a new tradition at St. Michael's, with our new Rector in place. The introduction by the American composer Daniel Pinkham is constructed using the first three notes of the tune, the first, third, and fifth of the key, known as a triad, which is very unusual in a plainsong (the only other one I know of using a triad is "Humbly I adore thee," Hymn 314).

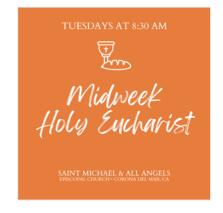
Today's Offertory hymn includes a choral descant by Sir William H. Harris. Organist at St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle for many years, Harris (d. 1973) taught piano to Princess Elizabeth and her sister as children. Some of his music was sung at the Queen's funeral last September, and by coincidence he is buried near her in the Chapel's crypt.

# Worship with us:

# Tuesday Morning Holy Eucharist Tuesdays at 8:30 am

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart celebrates and preaches each Tuesday.

Featured saint for Dec. 20: Katharina von Bora, Church Reformer, 1552.



# Prayer Vigil for Peace Fridays at 6:00 pm

Join us every Friday at 6:00 pm in the St. Michael's sanctuary and on Zoom as we pray for peace in our community and around the world.

Join on Zoom: https://bit.ly/stmikessunday (Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: 080100)

Worship bulletins: https://www.stmikescdm.org/worship-bulletins/



# At a Glance:

# This Week at St. Mike's

# Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Bible Challenge 9:00 am Holy Eucharist

4:00 pm Children's Christmas Program

# Monday, December 19

10:30 am Inklings!

# Tuesday, December 20

8:30 am Holy Eucharist

7:00 pm Tuesday Night at Mike's

# Thursday, December 22

8:30 am Men's Fellowship 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

# Friday, December 23

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry6:00 pm Prayer Vigil for Peace

# Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Family Service Holy Eucharist

7:30 pm Gift of Music 8:00 pm Holy Eucharist

# Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

# Friday, January 6, 2023

6:00 pm Prayer Vigil for Peace and Epiphany Celebration

Details on this week's events can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

For more information, contact the church office by calling 949-644-0463 or email church@stmikescdm.org.

# Today at 4:00 pm: Children's Christmas Program

Please join us this afternoon for the Christmas Program at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Angels, shepherds and Magi gather around the Holy Family to celebrate the birth of Our Savior, Jesus.

Anne Conover will be directing this wonderful Godly Play program. Come sing the traditional Christmas carols and support our children and youth!

Following the program, Fr. Christmas will be joining us in the South Wing for refreshments.

All are welcome!



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Tuesday: 8 am to 3 pm Wednesday: 9 am to 3 pm Thursday: 9 am to noon

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Jim Palda, Junior Warden
Keith Lumpkin, Stewardship
Kim Montgomery, Christian Education
Louise Stover, Senior Warden
Mary Bailey, Mission
Stacie Tibbetts, Treasurer
Steve Morris, Ombudsman

# Adult Christian Education and Small Discussion Groups

All are welcome to join one or more of the groups listed below. For more information, visit our website: https://www.stmikescdm.org

# St. Mike's Sunday Conversations

10:30 am in Michael's Room and on Zoom

Sunday, Dec. 18: we will show the Menotti opera *Amahl and the Night Visitors*.

Join on Zoom: https://bit.ly/sundaysat10 Meeting ID: 966 632 5340 / Passcode: 221426

View our updated schedule:

https://www.stmikescdm.org/blog/sunday-conversations-1030-am/

Contact: Kim Montgomery

# Tuesday Nights at Mike's

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Currently studying The Church Cracked Open by Stephanie Spellers.

On Dec. 20 we will consider what gifts we have given.

Join on Zoom: https://bit.ly/tuesdayatmikes Meeting ID: 834 2976 3754 / Passcode: none

Contact: Beth Bianchi

## Bible Challenge

Third Sundays at 8:00 am in the Conference Room Bible Challenge will resume Sunday, January 8. The Advent now Christmas Study "O Wisdom" continues through Epiphany.

Join on Zoom: https://bit.ly/thirdsundaybiblechallenge

Meeting ID: 958 1933 0475 / Passcode: 018474

Contact: Susan Caldwell

# **Inklings Book Group**

Third Mondays at 10:30 am in the Davis Library and on Zoom

Monday, January 16

Join on Zoom: https://bit.ly/inklingsbookgroup Meeting ID: 938 4250 5095 / Passcode: 573156

Contact: Susan Caldwell

# **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Fridays at 10:00 am

Please join us as we knit or crochet and pray! Contact: Barbara Stewart+ at (949) 378-9780

# Men's Fellowship Group

Thursdays at 8:30 am

Dedicated to studying the Bible and the works of Christian theologians. Open to all adult men of the parish.

Contact: Kim Montgomery

#### Visit our church calendar for more:

https://www.stmikescdm.org/events