



*St. Augustine's Episcopal Church*

GOING FORWARD IN FAITH

**December 3, 2017      Year B**

**First Sunday in Advent**

**10:00am Jazz Mass with Eucharist and Sermon**

**Special Musical Guests: The Stabe Wilson Band**

*The Rev. Jeffrey L. Frost,  
Celebrant & Preacher*

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

## **The Gathering and Entrance**

### **Call To Worship**      *"We Have Come Into His House"*

*LEVAS II, #245*

1

We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Him; x 2

We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship Christ, the Lord,  
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

2

So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Him; x 2  
So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship Christ, the Lord,  
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

3

Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Him; x 2  
Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Christ, the Lord,  
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

### **Processional Hymn**      *"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"*

*LEVAS II, #226*

1

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword,  
His truth is marching on.

#### **Refrain:**

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory,  
hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.

2

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,  
They have build-ed Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps,  
His day is marching on. **[Refrain]**

3

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat,  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgement seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. **[Refrain]**

4

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;  
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make all free,  
While God is marching on. **[Refrain]**

### **Prayer for Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles**

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

**G**od of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome to this Advent season. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in his glory. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Opening Sentence**

*The people standing*

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

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

### **The Prayer of Intent and the Collect for Purity**

**A**lmighty 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.**

## **The Trisagion** (Sung)

*HYMNAL, #S-102*

All **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.** x 3

## **The Collect**

*The Lord be with you.*

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

*Celebrant* *Let us pray.*

**A**lmighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**L**oving God, we pray for the Search Committee of this parish, asking you to grant them open hearts and minds, a discerning spirit, and confidence in your strength and guidance. Fill them with a vision of your reign, and our participation in its fulfillment. Remove from them any blinders or prejudice that may keep them from seeing your face all those they encounter in their discernment, and give us grateful hearts for the good work and ministry they do. In Jesus name we pray, **Amen.**

## **The Ministry of the Word**

### **THE FIRST READING**

Isaiah 64:1-9

**O** that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil--  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

**PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18**

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?

- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**THE EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 1:3-

9

**G**race to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

**Sequence Hymn**

*Stabe Wilson Band*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

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

**Congregation: Glory to You, Lord Christ**

**J**esus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**Congregation: Praise to You, Lord Christ**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Jeffrey L. Frost**

## **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 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.**

## Prayers of the People

In peace we pray to you, Lord God

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all those who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Marc our Bishop,  
and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God and God's Church**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation and those named now;

*Ithon Babb, Ruth Barbour, Eleanor Barnes, Gary Baugh, Bill Begg, Olivia Brathwaite, Suzanne Cervantes, Dann Conley, Denise Conley, Marcella Conley, Joyce Eldridge, Elizabeth and Aiden Evelyn, Barbara Fuller, Nellie Richardson-Gardere, Rodessa Gordon, Kenneth Hart, Dorothy Haynes, Katy Peters Howard, Faye Johnson, Raphael Johnson, Gregory Jones, The Rev. Zelda Kennedy, Carol Knight, Peter, Tupac, Trevon Leahy, Regina Lewis, Lois Logwood, LaVergne Malone, Lamar Marcelle, Hamisi Marshall, Richard Miller, Edward Parsons, Nan Parsons, Kathy Pither, Tiffany Reeves, Amy Jo Richardson-Edgerly, Belinda Sanders, Monica Selter, Sandra Soderland, Jacqui Thornell, Elmer Troublefield, Bishop Desmond Tutu, Alice Walker, Rev. Katherine Ward, Lisa R. White, Anita Wilkerson, Guy Williams.*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

*The people may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

*The people add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may love and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

### **Life Celebrations, Thanksgivings, and New Friends The Peace**

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

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn      *Stabe Wilson Band*

### Doxology

*HYMNAL #380, vs 3*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

*The people remain standing.*

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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth . . .

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:

### ***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.**

*The people stand, sit or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made know to us in creation . . .

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

### ***Celebrant and People***

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all . . . 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.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer**  
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*LEVAS II,*

**Our Father, which 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 debts  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Fraction Anthem**     *"Make Us One Lord"*

**Make us one, Lord, make us one  
Holy Spirit make us one, let your love flow  
So the world will know, we are one in You**

**Invitation**

**THE COMMUNION**

**Communion Music**                 *Stabe Wilson Band*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Celebrant and People**

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of you eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Hymn**     *"Let the Church Say Amen"*

**Let the church say Amen!  
Let the church say Amen!  
God has spoken.  
Let the church say Amen! (x3)**

## **Announcements**

### **Recessional Hymn**     *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

*LEVAS II, #136*

1

I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back!

2

Though no one join me,  
still I will follow,  
Though no one join me,  
still I will follow,  
Though no one join me,  
still I will follow,  
No turning back, no turning back!

3

The world behind me,  
the cross before me,  
The world behind me,  
the cross before me,  
The world behind me,  
the cross before me,  
No turning back, no turning back!

### **The Blessing**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH EDUCATION**

Lessons and Activities each Sunday for young people aged 5-18. Ask an usher or a person sitting near you to bring you into Trinity Chapel to our schoolroom. We begin at 10:00 and end in time for the young people to join you for communion. Children under 5 welcome with an adult.

### **FOOD PANTRY SUPPORT ITEM OF THE WEEK**

**NEXT WEEK please bring CANNED SOUP and PEANUT BUTTER** to support our food pantry ministry. Also, personal hygiene items are needed - toothpaste, tooth brushes and deodorant.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING TODAY**

This morning following the 10:00am service. Discussion to focus on plans for 2018.

"I would like to propose that we host a series of educational events in 2018, to educate ourselves and our community before the mid-term elections. These events can include panel discussions on issues such as housing, education and jobs, that affect the local Oakland community and beyond.

Please bring your own ideas for events or panels that you would like to see in 2018. While we will consider all ideas, we are looking for people who can champion individual events.

Social Justice Committee members can volunteer/assist with outreach, logistics, and day-of details for an event. I hope that after Sunday's discussion, we can get a sense of other event ideas and who is interested in taking leadership roles.

As a reminder, I have included the mission of the Committee below."

Blessings ~ Sushil Jacob

*The mission of the Social Justice Committee at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church is to "grow God's church and serve God's people" by educating our congregation, advocating in our community, and integrating with the church outreach ministry on issues that comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. We will partner with other faith groups, community organizations and social movements to advance the Committee's mission and to create the beloved community.*

## **SAVE THE DATE**

The Holiday Art and Craft Show will take place December 16-17 in Bakewell Hall.

## **ADVENT CALENDAR**

Second Sunday in Advent, Service at 10:00am, December 10

Third Sunday in Advent, plus Greening of the Church with Reception – December 17

Fourth Sunday in Advent, Service at 10:00am – December 24

Christmas Eve Worship, Service at 8:30pm

## **BIRTHDAYS**

George Hill, Barbara Redmond

## **TRANSITION**

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR RAPHAEL JOHNSON**

On Sunday, November 26, our brother in Christ, Raphael Johnson, passed from this life in to the greater kingdom of God's eternal care. There will be memorial service at Saint Augustine's on **Saturday, December 9, at 11:00am.**

*Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon him.  
May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,  
by the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## **UPCOMING SERVICES /CHURCH EVENTS**

- ◆ AA Meeting, Monday, December 4 @8:00pm
- ◆ Bible Study, Wednesday, December 6 @6:30pm
- ◆ AA Meeting, Thursday, December 7@8:00pm
- ◆ One Good Meal Food Distribution, Saturday, December 9 @10:00am
- ◆ Raphael Johnson Memorial Service, Saturday, December 9 @11:00am
- ◆ Sunday, December 10, Service@10:00am

## **RECEIVING THE BREAD AND WINE AT HOLY COMMUNION**

To help the servers know your intentions, please consider using the following signals as you come to the altar rail:

- Arms crossed in front of you - receive a prayer in blessing instead of the bread and wine
- Hands one atop the other, palms up - receive the bread, and then the wine from the chalice
- Hands clasped together - by intinction, the server will dip the bread in the wine and place it on your tongue
- Gluten Free wafers are available upon request

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table. Please signal an usher if you would prefer that the bread and wine be brought to you where you are seated.

### **SERVING TODAY AT 10:00AM**

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Jeffrey L. Frost  
*Officiant* Sonja Correa  
*Lectors:* Danielle Dashiell, Mark Michaud  
*Intercessor:* Carolyn Gaines  
*Music:* Leslie DeBique, The Stabe Wilson Band  
*Altar Guild:* Brenda Paulin, Mary Borders, Linda Joseph  
*Counters:* Susan Ginsky, Sheila Smith



*St. Augustine's*  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### Clergy

Interim Rector: The Rev. Jeffrey L. Frost  
Clergy Associates: Rev. Charles Ramsden

### Vestry

Senior Warden – Alice Walker  
Junior Warden – Ferdinand Hinds  
Treasurer – Donald R. White  
Asst. Treasurer – Joseph Dashiell

Class of 2017: Nancy Duranteau, George Higgins, Alice Walker,  
Donald White

Class of 2018: Joseph Dashiell, Ferdinand Hinds, Jeri Robinson,  
Coyness Ennix

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St. Augustine's Office Hours: Tues. – Fri. 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

St. Augustine's Worship Service Hours: Sunday 10:00 am