



St. Edward's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025 + 8:00 am
The Holy Eucharist + Rite 1

The Procession into the Church

Violin

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect for Purity

BCP 323

Trisagion

BCP 324

The Collect of the Day

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson:

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? 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. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. 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."

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18

BCP 702

The Second Lesson:

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 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, 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, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, 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.

Gospel:

Matthew 1:18-25

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. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. 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. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke

from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Homily	Rev. Mark Lafler
The Nicene Creed	BCP 327
The Prayers of the People	BCP 328
Confession of Sin	BCP 331
The Peace	BCP 332
Welcome and Announcements	

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	
The Doxology	Hymn 380, vs. 3
Eucharistic Prayer 2	BCP 340
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
The Communion	

All Christians who have been baptized and of a clean conscience are welcome to receive communion. All others are invited to come forward to receive a blessing or remain in their seats in prayer. If you are interested in baptism, please contact the office.

Healing Prayers	
The Post Communion Prayer	BCP 339
The Blessing	
The Procession into the World	Violin
Dismissal	BCP 340

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The Procession

Jesus Does

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The Trisagion

BCP 356

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The Sequence

Who Would Imagine a King

Holy Gospel:

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The Prayers of the People Form 4	BCP 388
Confession of Sin	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 360
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	Glorious
The Doxology	I Bring an Offering
Eucharistic Prayer B	BCP 367
The Sanctus	Holy, Holy, Holy
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	Awaken the Dawn
The Communion	

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Communion Hymn	Made for More
Healing Prayers	
The Post Communion Prayer	BCP 366
The Blessing	
The Procession	Will the Circle
Dismissal	BCP 366

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WELCOME

We are glad you are here this morning. We hope you will sense the presence of the Holy Spirit while you worship God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

If you are seeking a church home, we would love to have you join us. Please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex.

A NURSERY is provided for 10:00 am worship every Sunday for infants through age 4. The nursery is located across from the restrooms in the main hallway.

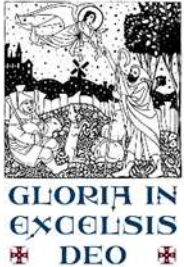
SUNDAY SCHOOL meets every Sunday after communion. The children (Ages 5 to 11) gather and make their way to the classroom located in Hartridge Hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY meets every Sunday at Noon. Middle School and High School students meet in the Shipes House across the campus. Lunch will be provided.

COFFEE HOUR is provided after worship every Sunday. We gather in the Hall for some snacks, drinks, and fellowship. This is a great way to build community.

What is the Gloria in Excelsis?

"Glory in the highest," a short hymn of praise to the Trinity. Its opening verse is based on the song of the angels to the shepherds at the time of Jesus' birth, as reported in Lk 2:14. It is known as the "Angelic Hymn." It is also known as the "Greater Doxology," distinguishing it from the Gloria Patri, the "Lesser Doxology." It dates from the fourth century. In the 1979 BCP it is placed in the eucharistic entrance rite (pp. 324-325, 356). The Gloria is not used at the eucharist on the Sundays or ordinary weekdays of Advent or Lent (BCP, p. 406).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GREENING OF THE CHURCH will take place today at 11:30 am. All are welcome to help prepare the church for Christmas services.

BREAKFAST TODAY following the 8:00 and 10:00 services. Join us in the hall for a biscuit and gravy breakfast provided by Meridith Nagel.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed from December 25th thru January 1st.

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 6th, 2026 at 6:30 pm. Worship will be followed by an Elegant Epiphany Reception.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday	Greening of the Church-11:30 am EYC-12:00 pm AA's and Alanon-7:00 pm
Monday	Christmas Flower deadline
Tuesday	Reading with the Rector-11:30 am
Wednesday	Wednesday Eucharist-will not be held Christmas Eve
Thursday	Christmas Day

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Christmas Eve 12/24

6:30 pm Eucharist (Rite II)

9:00 pm Christmas Carols

9:30 pm Eucharist (Rite II) (With Incense)

Christmas Day 12/25

9:00 am Christ Mass (Rite I)

ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH

Rozann Abato 12/23 Isabelle Ennis 12/26

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

Kathaleen Leavitt	12/21	John Beck	12/22
Janet Ivins	12/23	Esther Sherwood	12/23
Kenneth Foster	12/23	Thomas McBride	12/23
Thomas Carpenter	12/23	Pat McPherson	12/23
Timothy Coyle	12/23	Lillian Woodward	12/24
Grayce Jones	12/25		

PRAYERS

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Libby S. Carole M. Janet M. Lorraine M.
Greg S. Richard S. Mike V.

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

T.J. Glennon	Mary Hyland	Laura Cain
Trevor Orr	Steve Husted	Emma Hogan
Andrew Seley	Zack Ryan	

CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Clermont

St. Mark's Church, Cocoa

For our parish members Walter, Amanda and
Matthias Burkhalter

SERVING TODAY

	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
First Reading	Randall Sluder	Gloria Vest
Second Reading	Tré Conrader	Dennis Hartenstein
LEM 1	Randall Sluder	Gloria Vest
LEM 2	Tré Conrader	
Acolytes	Mandie, Andrew & Seth	
Ushers	Pam Bow	James Cartlidge
	Steve Nichols	Harry Hackney
Deacon	Deacon Mickey	Deacon Dan
Altar Guild	Phyllis Kennedy	Jackie Castiglione
Screens	Walter Burkhalter	Madeline Lafler
Video	Amanda Burkhalter	
Postulant	Dennis Hartenstein	
Music	Mallory Lafler	Shekinah Praise

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Holcomb
Priest: The Rev. Mark A. Lafler
Deacon: The Rev. Mickey Maxwell
Deacon: The Rev. Dan King

VESTRY

Sandy Minkoff, Sr. Warden	Leah Felcher	Steve Wilbanks
Tom Brust, Jr. Warden	Cheryl Hogan	TJ Reeves
Gaines Campbell	Fred Fitte	Janet Martin

OFFICERS

Barbara Minkoff, Treasurer
Jackie Castiglione, Clerk

PARISH STAFF

Admin. Asst. to Rector: Betty Welch
Bookkeeper & Business Asst.: Amanda Burkhalter
Family Ministries Director: The Rev. Dan King
Preschool Director: Heather Fortson
Organist & Choir Director: Libby Sellers
Shekinah Praise Team Director: Elizabeth Maxwell
Nursery Director: Cathy Love
Steward: Walter Burkhalter