

**The First Sunday in Advent  
3 December 2017, 10:30 am**



**HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II**  
with Prayers for Healing

*In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Isaiah 40:3*

## Order of Service

*Hymn numbers refer to the blue hymnal; service music (“S-numbers”) are found toward the front of the hymnal. BCP page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer. Some texts may be drawn from authorized supplemental sources, such as Enriching our Worship (EOW), that are not in the BCP. Those texts are in the bulletin.*

*The people’s responses are printed in bold type in this leaflet. Please join heartily in the responses.*

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## **Welcome to All Saints!**

We are a caring community of faith in the Episcopal tradition focused on common worship, a commitment to spiritual growth, and being part of “the Jesus Movement.” Your presence here is a blessing! This leaflet provides a guide for the service. Hymnals and copies of the Book of Common Prayer are available in the pews in the church. Please feel free to use them.

### **Finding Your Way Around.**

- Restrooms are located in the parish house.
- All are welcome at social hour following the Sunday service.
- Welcome Coordinators (wearing nametags) are glad to answer questions and have a gift for each first-time visitor.
- Children are welcome as full participants in all services here. Please explore the children’s table to the right of the nave altar in the church.
- Large print versions of this bulletin are available upon request.

Find us on the web at [allsaintsbrookline.org](http://allsaintsbrookline.org)

### **Leading Worship This Week**

**Presiding and Preaching** – The Rev. Dr. Richard Burden

**Assisting Priest** - The Rev. Anoma Abeyaratne

**Organist** – Christian Lane

**The Choir of All Saints**

**The Schola of All Saints**

**Schola Director** – Jessica Petrus Aird

**Vergers** - Anne Marie Ellis, Sue Leclaire

**Minister of Ceremonies** – Maggie Hogan

**Chalicers** – Harold Petersen, Lucy Roosevelt

**Healing Minister** – Mary Urban Keary

**Lectors** – Alan McLellan, Grace Neary

**Intercessor** – Janelle Mills

**Crucifer** - Tysen Klaus

**Acolytes** - Riley Klaus, Clara Thibault

**Welcome Minister** – Roberta Schnoor

**Ushers** – Susan Cleaver., Aidan Briney, Kendrew Caporal, Jimmy LaCroix , Susan Wheeler

**Altar Guild** - Margaret Hogan, Elinor Horner, Rebecca Mathews, Candy Petersen, Doreen Vittori

**Vestry Counters** – Charlie Rigg, Ted Sturr

**Social Hour Hosts** – Candy and Harold Petersen

## WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF GOD

### VOLUNTARY

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH—Advent I

*Presider* The evening of the year is upon us.

*People* **We enter the darkness and wait for light's return.**

*Lector* People of God: awake! The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face. Remember the ways and the works of God. God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming. You are God's children.

*People* **Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ today and for ever. Amen.**

*Silence*

*Presider* All of our waiting is a waiting for God.

*People* **God of our hearts, we wait for you alone.**

*Silence*

*Please stand as you are able for*

ENTRANCE HYMN: "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us

Hymnal 61

*Presider* Blessed be the God of our salvation:

*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

### CONFESSION

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

*The people remain standing and face the high altar. A period of silence is kept..*

**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.**

*The Presider says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Sung three times.

Ho - - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly, Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider*           The Lord be with you.  
*People*               **And also with you.**  
*Presider*           Let us pray.

Almighty 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.**

## WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Please be seated. Proclamation of the word assumes an oral tradition. Consider just listening to the texts and allowing God to speak to you through them.*

## THE FIRST READING

Reader: Alan McLellan

**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.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE**  
**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

*Sung by the choir*

- 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 SECOND READING**  
**1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Reader: Grace Neary

Grace 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.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able for*

SEQUENCE HYMN: Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands

Hymnal 312

THE HOLY GOSPEL + Mark 13:24-37

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus 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."

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

HOMILY

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Richard Burden

*Following the homily a period of silence is observed.*

*The space below is for notes or reflections on the sermon. What words or phrases stand out? What Good News is being proclaimed? Where is the Spirit leading you/us?*

*At the Presider's invitation, please stand as you are able for*  
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed (*Enriching our Worship*)

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

## **WE PRAY FOR THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Janelle Mills

*Intercessor*            Let us pray to the Lord,  
*People*                    **Lord, have mercy**

*We have been asked to remember the following parishioners, friends, relatives, and acquaintances in our prayers. When the intercessor indicates, please add these or your own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

**We pray for these members of our community.**

Laura, Pat, Audrey, Jimmy, Bonnie, Aldo, Marjorie, June, Lois, Bob, Ingeborg, George

**We have been asked to remember the following in our prayers.**

Pam, Phillip, Missy, Heather, Nancy, Sarah, Moeder family

**Other communities and groups who share our building**

Korean Evergreen Church, Boston Camera Club, Boston Cecilia, MetChorale, Cantata Singers,  
The Corner Co-Op, Chorus Boston, ten separate 12-step groups

## Diocesan Cycle

Parishes of the Alewife Deanery: Church of Our Saviour, Arlington; St. John's Church, Arlington; Order of St. Anne & Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington; The Standing Committee; Brotherhood of St. Gregory

## The Ecumenical Cycle

Myanmar, Thailand

**All the baptized in their daily work who are** in the business equipment industry including manufacturers, managers, sales personnel, and support staff.

*If you would like someone added to the parish prayer list, please visit [allsaintsbrookline.org](http://allsaintsbrookline.org) and fill out a request form, or fill out a prayer card and put it in the offering plate, or let the clergy or one of the Daughters of the King know.*

*The Presider concludes by saying a collect.*

Make ready our hearts for your coming, O Lord, and receive our prayers in the name of one who comes, our gracious savior, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* His judgement is not vengeance, an eye for an eye; his peace is not false, a veil for injustice; he comes to break the spear, to silence the guns and still our warring souls. May the peace of Christ rule our world and heal our hearts, and may the peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*All may greet one another in the name of Christ. This greeting may take many forms, a handshake, a wave, or, if both persons are comfortable with it, a brief hug.*

## WE MAKE EUCHARIST

*Please be seated for the Offertory.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: Restore us, O God of hosts, show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: O Thou, the central orb

Charles Wood (1866–1926)

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,  
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light  
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright  
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.



SANCTUS

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
 Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, then we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept.*

### FRACTION

Proulx

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, grant us peace.

## WE SHARE GIFTS OF GOD

*Presider*     The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to the altar for communion or a blessing. If you desire neither, feel free to remain in your seat. If coming forward for communion, please move at the invitation and direction of the ushers and gather all around the altar rail. You may stand or kneel to receive communion. To receive the bread place one hand on top of the other, palms up. Please assist the person with the chalice of wine, by helping to guide it gently to your lips. It is customary to receive both bread and wine. However, if you wish to receive a blessing or one element only, please indicate this request by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free bread is available at your request. Simply ask the person distributing the bread. If you feel unable to walk up and down the stairs to the High Altar, you may receive Communion at the prie dieu (kneeler) below the pulpit, or notify an usher and someone will bring Communion to you.*

***Prayers for Healing** with the laying on of hands are offered at the Langdon Chapel, for those who desire such prayers, either before or after receiving Communion. Stand or kneel at the rail and, as the Healing Minister approaches, you are invited to say your name and/or the name of the person for whom prayers are requested. Votive candles are near the Columbarium, opposite the Langdon Chapel; feel free to light them for prayer intentions.*

### COMMUNION ANTHEMS

The Call, from Five Mystical Songs

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Come, my way, my truth, my life:  
Such a way as gives us breath:  
Such a truth as ends all strife;  
Such a life as killeth death.  
Come, my light, my feast, my strength:  
Such a light as shows a feast;  
Such a feast as mends in length;  
Such a strength as makes his guest.  
Come, my joy, my love, my heart:  
Such a joy as none can move;  
Such a love as none can part;  
Such a heart as joys in love.

Never weather-beaten sail

Charles Wood

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore.  
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more,  
Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:  
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.

Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise.  
Cold age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:  
Glory there the sun outshines whose beams the blessed only see:  
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!

Thomas Campion (1567–1620)

COMMUNION HYMN: O day of God, draw nigh

Hymnal 601

*At the Presider's invitation, please stand as you are able for*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider* Let us pray.

*People* **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.**

*Please be seated for*

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

*Information about our ministries and our common life is shared. More information is found at the back of this booklet.*

BLESSING

*Then, the Presider blesses the people. Please stand as you are able at the Presider's invitation.*

May God himself, the God of peace, make you perfect and holy, and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Lo! He comes with clouds descending

Hymnal 57

*A leader dismisses the people*

*Leader* As we await our coming Saviour, go in the peace of Christ.

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

*While the dismissal marks the conclusion of the liturgy, some people prefer to remain to listen to the voluntary or to pray privately. Whenever you choose to leave, if you are new to All Saints, please take a moment to introduce yourself to the clergy and welcome ministers.*

**VOLUNTARY: Improvisation**

**Please join us in the Guild Room for Social Hour immediately following the service.**

## **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT ALL SAINTS AND IN THE WORLD**

### **LIFE TOGETHER**

**My House Shall Be Called a House of Prayer.** Our sanctuary is open daily from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Monday through Friday. Come in, pray, or meditate in silence and beauty. To enter the sanctuary during the week, come in through the Parish House door which will be unlocked.

**Come, Pray During the Week.** For a more formal time of prayer during the week, you may join David, your Parish Administrator, for a simple spoken service of Evening Prayer at 4:00 pm. Evening Prayer is said in the resting chapel. This offering combines contemporary and traditional prayers with the reading of scripture, sanctifying ordinary days, and marking

feast days throughout the week. Come join in offering prayers for ourselves and for the world.

**Centering Prayer.** All are welcome to join the Daughters of the King for twenty minutes of Centering Prayer Thursdays at 6:30pm in the Guild Room. Centering Prayer is a Christian practice of silent meditation.

**Long-Term Prayer List.** Every year on Advent I the long-term prayer list is re-set. If you have someone who you want to keep on All Saints prayer list, please fill out the prayer request form at <https://goo.gl/bf8ckt>.

### **Advent and Christmas at All Saints**

**3 December (Today) Advent Wreath Making 11:45 am**

**9 December (Saturday) Advent Retreat 9:00 am**

**10 December (Sunday) Mission and Outreach Alternative Gift Market 11:45 am**

**17 December (Sunday) Festival of Christmas Lessons and Carols 5:00 pm**

**21 December (Thursday) Service of Solace and Hope (a.k.a. Blue Christmas) 6:00 pm**

A Eucharistic service with prayers of healing and hope for any who find these holidays a difficult time of year.

**24 December (Sunday)**

- **10:30 am Advent IV Morning Prayer in the nave**
- **4:00 pm Holy Eucharist Feast of the Nativity led by Schola**  
Anthems and Carols precede the service beginning at 3:30 pm
- **11:00 pm Holy Eucharist Feast of the Nativity led by the Adult Choir**  
Anthems and Carols precede the service beginning at 10:30 pm

**25 December (Monday) 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Feast of the Nativity**

A simple spoken service with carols

**25 December to 1 January Office closed, Christmas Holiday.** Building is open for meetings.

**MUSIC**

**Sunday, 17 December 5:00 pm**

**Festival of Christmas Lessons and Carols**

Chris Lane and the Choir of All Saints leads us in this festive holiday tradition, followed by a reception at the rectory.

**CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

**Advent Wreath Making.** Advent wreath making scheduled for 3 December (today), at 11:45 am. One way to prayerfully move through the season of Advent is to make and use an Advent wreath at home. After worship on this Sunday, 3 December, please plan to come downstairs to the dining room. There you will find everything you need – greens, candles, ribbon, and a metal form – to make a wreath. Suggested donation: \$20 for everything; \$15 if you bring your own wreath form. Just need candles? \$5/package. Take \$1 off your total cost for every nonperishable food item you bring for the Brookline Food Pantry.

**Children, Youth, and Family Programs.** At All Saints, we are committed to providing a loving, inclusive church home for all families. We do this through offering lively Church School programming for Grades Pre K through 5, Youth Group opportunities for Grade 6 through 12 and mission opportunities for kids of all ages and their families. Schola is an amazing opportunity for music and faith education. Do you

know a family searching for a faith community? Invite them to our Sunday morning programs or a youth activity! We will welcome them warmly and help them find a special place in our parish to learn about and to love God. Feel free to contact Kathleen O'Donoghue, our Family Minister, at [familyminister@allsaintsbrookline.org](mailto:familyminister@allsaintsbrookline.org) for more information!

**MISSION**

**Thank You to All Our MANNA Volunteers!** This week's MANNA meal was made possible by 31 folks from All Saints as donors, chicken poachers, and drivers. Close to 150 guests from the homeless community left the Cathedral church on Monday having had a nutritious, delicious meal and welcome fellowship.

This was our eighth MANNA meal since beginning in September of last year. Each time together has been deeply memorable and meaningful.

Our next opportunity to serve the MANNA Community will be on Monday, 22 January. We welcome you to join in. Together we are so much more than the sum of our parts. Come and see!

**Crossroads Family Shelter.** For the last 21 years, All Saints parishioners have given Christmas presents to the adults and children at Crossroads, an East Boston shelter for homeless families. Take an ornament or two

from the tree at the back of the church. Each will have a tag with the first name, age, sex, sizes, and a gift wish list of a person living at Crossroads. Bring unwrapped presents back to the church by 17 December. For adults, we recommend a \$25 gift card for Target. For children, we recommend about the same amount for gifts.

**Alternative Christmas Market – 10 December.** After the service on Sunday, parishioners will be able to choose Gifts of Hope from the tables at the back of the sanctuary. There will be a Christmas tree with ornaments and small slips of paper listing gift ideas for the children and parents at Crossroads Family Center in East Boston. There will also be tables for parish outreach ministries like the B-READY Youth Program in South Boston, the Brookline Food Pantry, Hegongo Holy Cross High School in Tanga, Tanzania, and the MANNA Community Meal Program. Certificates for all these gifts will be available for purchase; they can serve as gifts for others or receipts for tax purposes. We invite you to give these Gifts of Hope to share

God's abundance and blessings with others this Christmas season.

### **FAITH EXPLORATION**

**Loving the Questions: An Advent Retreat.** On Saturday, 9 December, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, All Saints will hold an Advent Retreat. The retreat will be an opportunity to delve deeper into the wondrous mysteries of the Advent and Christmas stories. Music, art, journaling, and other ways of exploring these stories and the questions they raise will be part of the morning. For more information, contact Mary Urban Keary ([murban@bu.edu](mailto:murban@bu.edu)) or Jonas Barciauskas ([jvb924@gmail.com](mailto:jvb924@gmail.com)).

**Women's Book Group.** The Women's Book Group will meet on Saturday, 16 December, from 2:30 to 4:00 pm, in the All Saints Parish library, to discuss the novel *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. *Gilead* won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, as well as the National Book Critics Circle Award. Newcomers are welcome at all women's book group meetings. Come join us.

### **THE WIDER CHURCH**

This Sunday is the First Sunday in the season of Advent. Here, at All Saints Parish, we start the season today with an Advent wreath making event. On Saturday, 9 December, we will be hosting our annual Advent retreat. For more information about these events, see the announcements above.

The Church of the Advent celebrates its feast of title with a Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols at 5:00 pm today. This service features songs and scripture that draw us deeper into the mystery of the season of Advent. Learn more about this exquisite service at <https://goo.gl/E4qkXQ>.

The Society of Saint John the Evangelist, in Cambridge, is offering a number ways to engage with the season of Advent. On the first three Sundays in Advent the brothers will be praying the rosary in their chapel which features stained glass based on the rosary. Thursdays from 5:15 to 5:45 pm in Advent, the brothers will be gathering for silent prayer. The brothers are also offering an Advent retreat this weekend, for which there are still a few spots available. Learn more about these and other offerings of the SSJE at <https://www.ssje.org/>

If time or other circumstances prevent you from participating in any of the above opportunities, you can participate in the popular #adventword campaign. This collaboration between SSJE and the Anglican Communion is a social media campaign in which people around the world respond to a daily meditation with a picture that captures the day's theme. Learn more and sign up for #adventword at <http://aco.org/adventword>

**Almighty 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.**

*(The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent, page 211 of the Book of Common Prayer)*

Our joyous thanks to the 102 individuals and households listed here who have made a pledge for 2018.

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### This Week at All Saints

<b>Sun.</b>	Adult Choir	Sanctuary	9:00 am
<b>3 Dec.</b>	Child Care	Nursery	9:00 am
	Schola/Cherub Choir	Music Room	9:30 am
	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary	10:30 am
	Daughters of the King	Dining Room	12:00 pm
	Mission and Outreach Committee	Vesting Room	12:00 pm
	Evergreen Church	Music Room	1:30 pm
	OA	Dining Room	5:30 pm
<b>Mon.</b>	OA Men's Group	Block Room	6:30 pm
<b>4 Dec.</b>	Women's AA	Dining Room	7:00 pm
<b>Tue.</b>	Evergreen Korean Church	Music Room	3:00 pm
<b>5 Dec.</b>	Metropolitan Chorale	Music Room	6:30 pm
	Boston Camera Club	Dining Room	6:30 pm
	Boston Cecelia Rehearsal	Sanctuary	7:00 pm
<b>Wed.</b>	Cantata Singers	Music Room	6:30 pm
<b>6 Dec.</b>	Ten to Twelve Group	Block Room	6:30 pm
	Rivers Symphony Rehearsal	Sanctuary	6:30 pm
	LGBTQIA Marijuana Anonymous	Guild Room	7:00 pm
<b>Thurs.</b>	Al-Anon	Dining Room	12:30 pm
<b>7 Dec.</b>	Schola Rehearsal	Music Room	4:30 pm
	Brookline Symphony Rehearsal	Sanctuary	6:00 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	Music Room	7:00 pm
	Chorus Boston	Dining Room	7:00 pm
<b>Fri.</b>	Rivers Symphony Concert	Sanctuary	6:30 pm
<b>8 Dec.</b>	Evergreen Church	Music Room	7:00 pm
	Big Book AA	Dining Room	7:00 pm
<b>Sat.</b>	Advent Retreat	Sanctuary	9:00 am
<b>9 Dec.</b>	Big Book Fellowship	Dining Room	9:00 am
	BYPA A	Undercroft	9:00 am
	St. Augustine	Block Room	10:00 am
	All Saints Stitchers	Guild Room	
	Celtic Holy Eucharist	Guild Room	5:00 pm
	There is a Solution-12 step	Dining Room	5:30 pm
	BYPA A	Dining Room	7:00 pm
	Brookline Symphony Concert	Sanctuary	8:00 pm



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