

Lector - Prior to the service please check the service bulletin to confirm the readings and to determine if both the lesson and the epistle will be read. Please ask the celebrant if you have any questions concerning the reading. Thank you.

Candlelight, 7:30 am SMC; 9:00 am Church; 11:00 am Church; 5:30 pm SMC

December 2, 2018
The First Sunday of Advent

The First Lesson

A Reading from the prophet Jeremiah

[Jeremiah 33:14-16]

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord

Saturday Candlelight Mass, Sunday 7:30 am SMC, Sunday 5:30 pm SMC.

The psalm/canticle is read by the lector.

Sunday 11:00 am Church

The Psalm is chanted by the choir. Please step from the lectern and wait to the side by the seated priest during the psalm and then return to the lectern for the reading of the Epistle.

Candlelight

OMIT "Let us read aloud and together".

Please check with the musicians prior to the service to determine when the refrain will be inserted.

The portion of the Psalter appointed for today is taken from Psalm 25

Let us read aloud and together:

[Psalm 25:1-9]

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *

let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, *

and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *

for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *

remember me according to your love

and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; *

therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right *

and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *

to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

[1 Thessalonians 3:9-13]

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord

Sunday 5:30 pm

The Gospel is read by the lector during Evening Prayer as the Second Lesson.

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke

[*Luke 21:25-36*]

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Word of the Lord