

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CANTICLE 15

THE SONG OF MARY (THE MAGNIFICAT/LUKE 1:46-55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."



**WE REMEMBER BEFORE GOD ALL PEOPLE THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN DISRUPTED
BY VIOLENCE OR WAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE
AND FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.**

AS WE PRAY, LET US REMEMBER

✠ Those in special need, especially Wally; Christopher; Kay; Krista; Roland; Nathan & his family; Brayden; John; Ken; Karen; Larry & Leslie; Keira.

✠ We pray for those who have died, *especially* Teri Lyman, Sarah Clark, Carol Hand and Robert Lewry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hi SANTA'S HELPERS!! If you haven't brought in your **gifts for the Angel Tree**, please have them at the church by noon Tuesday, as that is the last day that will allow me to get the gifts to the families in time for Christmas. Some things to remember — wrap gifts and include the tag so we'll know whose gifts they are. If you have any questions call me 602-439-3594. Many thanks — Dan B.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has signed up.
If you'd like to celebrate an event in your life or honor a loved one, Tuesday is the last day to sign up in the Parish Hall.

GENTLEMEN: OUR MEN'S MINISTRY WILL MEET THIS SATURDAY IN THE PARISH HALL. Breakfast will be served at 8 am. We will briefly recall 2019 and give an eye to possibilities for 2020. Your thoughts and comments will enhance our ministry. Please come!

POWWOW NEWS During this busy time of the year, December's POWWOW had 32 wonderful volunteers and served 126 supporters — many thanks! Please mark your calendar — Saturday, January 4th is our next Produce on Wheels Without Waste (POWWOW).

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from the POWWOW Ministry Team

OUR WOMEN UNLIMITED GROUP does NOT meet this month. They will get together Saturday, January 18 in Chilton Hall Rooms 4 & 5 for a potluck breakfast and planning meeting.

DIOCESAN WINTER FAMILY CAMP Treat your family to Christmas in the Pines. To end our twelve days of Christmas, let's keep celebrating and ring in Epiphany together in a beautiful place. We will have stories, a campfire, carols, cocoa, crafts, and lots of holiday fun to finish the season. Give yourselves the gift of time together at Chapel Rock in Prescott. January 3-5.
https://www.azdiocese.org/digital_faith/events/3182326
or call (928) 445-3499.

**PLEASE JOIN REV. JACKSON AT 6 PM EACH WEEK
FOR OUR TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY
OF THE EPISTLES OF PAUL.**

Our altar flowers are given by
Joshua Janetzke-Meiner
For the gift of Christ

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	Card signing between services (PH)	9 AM
	Nursery care	9:30–11:15 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	10 AM
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
Wed.	Bible Study	4:30 PM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II	6:30 PM
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
Thu.	Stewardship meeting	6:30 PM
Sat.	Men's Fellowship, Breakfast & Study	8 AM
	Christmas Pageant	
	Rehearsal & Party	10:30 AM
Sun.	Holy Eucharist Rite I	8 AM
	DOK meeting (CH 3)	9 AM
	Nursery care	9:30–11:15 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	Holy Eucharist Rite II/Youth Sunday	10 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Carol Sing (Joyful Noise Choir /Congregation)	6 PM
Christmas Pageant/Holy Eucharist Rite II	6:30 PM
Carol Sing (Chancel Choir/Congregation)	8:30 PM
Holy Eucharist Rite I	9 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Holy Eucharist Rite II 10 AM

FOOD PANTRY

mac and cheese, grape jelly
green beans, corn
tooth paste, toothbrushes
pancake mix and syrup

BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please
Cheezits, snack size Oreos,
granola bars, Rice Krispie treats