



The Episcopal Church of the Advent
February 11, 2026 Newsletter
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



From the 10:30 service last Sunday.
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Sermon Reflection from Father Tryggvi

Prophet Isaiah speaks a hard truth to God's people in this Sunday's Lesson: though they seek to draw near to God, their worship has become hollow. They cry, "Why do we fast, but you do not see?" Yet even on their fast day do they serve their own interests and overlook the needs around them. The silence they experience is not God's absence, but a call to deeper faithfulness. True worship is not a performance; it is a life turned outward in acts of justice, humility, and compassion.

What God desires is clear: to loose the bonds of injustice, free the oppressed, share bread with the hungry, welcome the homeless, and refuse to marginalize our own kin. God is not confined to sanctuaries, but is present in the streets, hospitals, and shelters, and alive in the lives of those in need and in the quiet compassion of those who care for them. Our relationship with God cannot be separated from our relationship with other people; i.e. we cannot hide from fellow human beings without also hiding from God.

In this light, Jesus says, "you are the salt of the earth" and "let your light shine before others." We are called to reveal God's goodness already at work in the world. Through acts of compassion, mercy, and courage, our lives become salt that enriches and light that makes visible the goodness of God that otherwise might go undetected.

For contemplation this week:

Where might God be inviting us to be "salt" by enriching someone's life in a quiet, faithful way?

What is one small way we can let our light shine this week through an act of compassion or justice?

As always, peace and blessings to you, Tryggvi+

Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Supper time!

Advent looks forward to celebrating Shrove Tuesday on **February 17 at 6 PM**. We are asking parishioners to support this fun event. How, you say? We need **precooked sausage and/or bacon, juice, and fruit**. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or you can go online [HERE](#) to let us know what you're bringing or **volunteering for (pancake cook or clean up)**. Please bring your food items to the Parish House by 5:00 PM that day and join us at 6:00 PM for dinner. If you have any questions, please contact Vic Jackson at 404-735-0065.

Donations already committed: <https://adventmadisonga.com/shrove-tuesday-vols-and-food-signed-up/>

Sign up to donate/contribute: <https://adventmadisonga.com/shrove-tuesday-contributions/>

Ash Wednesday

Don't look now, but Ash Wednesday, February 18 is just around the corner! This year, we will have three services with imposition of ashes:

- 9:00 am: Office of Morning Prayer with the imposition of ashes
- 12:15 p.m.: Holy Eucharist with the imposition of ashes (no music).
- 6:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist with the imposition of ashes and music.

Wednesday evenings at Advent in Lent

Lenten Wednesday Nights - Light Supper & Program: On **February 25, March 11, 18 and 25**, we will gather in the Parish House from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm for light supper of soup and bread, fellowship, and conversation centered around the Lenten devotional: **Bless the Lent We Actually Have** - by Kate Bowler, Jessica Richie, Brenda Thomspson and Harriet Putman. "My hope and prayer is that ... our actual days - pain-filled, lovely, ordinary - might be blessed. So let's stop waiting for the perfect life. This is the one we have. Let's bless it all" - Kate Bowler.

**** [Link to the devotional](#) ****

**** RSVP to supper February 25, March 11, 18, 25 ****

**** Volunteer for making soup ****

Episcopal 101 will meet today, Wednesday, February 11.

The fourth and last installment of Episcopal 101 will be Wednesday, this week. Please join us as we learn more about what it means to be an Episcopalian. We'll have soup and bread supper followed by conversation about our Anglican tradition.

First Wednesday was fabulous!

About 30 people gathered for First Wednesday at the home of Janel and Ricardo Urena with amazing fellowship and new insights about everyone in our church family. Thanks to everyone who turned out with our Sleepy Hollow fog and to everyone for bringing dishes and drinks. Incredible fun! If you want to see it for yourself – [HERE'S THE GALLERY!](#)

Rota for the Last Sunday after the Epiphany

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Vestry of the Day: Booker

LEM: 8:00 A.M. Shepherd—10:30 A.M. Crown

1st Reading: Jackson-Lewis

2nd Reading: Ramfos

Altar Guild: Jackson Lewis-Hawkins-Hilsman-Urena-Pike

Flower Guild: Crown

Organ Tech: Simpson

Readings for the Last Sunday after the Epiphany

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[Link to Readings](#)

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

The Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Parish Prayer List

Flossie Dodge, Kate Jackson, Kathy Lehman, Brian Lehman, Jennie Piazza, Lynne Roach, Dick Schmidt, Kathie Schmidt, Betty Thomas, Lynn Cupples, Bob Cupples, Mary Ann Edelman, Anita Hunt, Beth Tamplin Jones, Fr. Dann Brown, Jay Whitcomb, Jack Ward, Gloria Ward, Jack Leo, Eric Wiemann, Susan Crosher, Jennifer Mize, Gloria Leo, Etwanda "Tink" Wade, Robert Boswell, Liz Cunningham, Helga H. Stefnisdóttir, David Medlock, Marcy Lay, Laura, Caroline, Kim Jackson, Monterey Powers

February Birthdays: 4 Emily Buck, 7 Sally Green, 8 Harrison Buck, 11 Doug Adkins, 12 Debbie Permar, 19 Nancy Bush, 21 Grace Yost, Kate Jackson, Francis Ramfos, 23 Woody Burriss, 28 Kathy Lehman, Rick Thompson

Anniversaries: 17 Dianne and Patrick Yost, 21 Annie Hunt and Woody Burriss

Recurring weekly calendar

- Rite I Eucharist: Sunday, 8:00 AM
- Sunday school (adult): Sunday, 9:15 AM
- Rite II Eucharist: Sunday, 10:30 AM
- Morning Prayer service: Wednesday, 9:00 AM

- Off the Rails AA group: M, Tu, Th @ noon
- Madison AA group: Th, F, Su @ 7:00 PM

Volunteer for service: To learn about and volunteer to be a lay reader, organ tech, or lay eucharistic minister, or to be a member of the flower and/or altar guild, click this link!

Pastoral Care Requests: email pastoral-care@adventmadisonga.com for:

- Additions to the Prayer List
- Inquiries about weddings, baptisms, or funerals
- Use of the Memorial Garden
- Requesting Eucharistic visits
- Short-term meals following surgery or during illness

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