Service of Holy Eucharist The Chird Sunday of Advent



December 16, 2018 8:00 AM

Calvary Episcopal Church 806 Thompson Road Richmond, TX 77469 www.calvaryrichmond.org

The Rev. Paul B. Wehner, Rector The Rev. Lecia Brannon, Associate Rector The Rev. Nancy Wilkes, Deacon

Holy Eucharist - Rite I 8:00 AM

The Word of God (B.C.P., PG. 323)

Processional Hymn

HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING

Hymn # 59

The people standing, the Presider says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

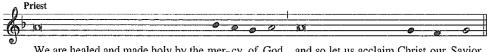
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Presider continues

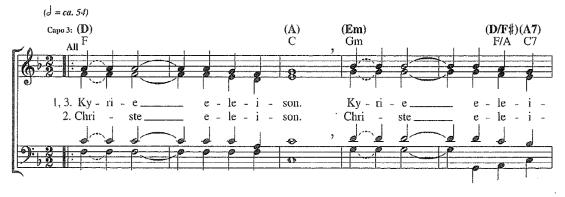
Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

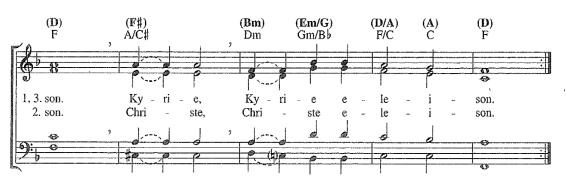
Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie Eleison



We are healed and made holy by the mer-cy of God. and so let us acclaim Christ our Savior.





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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider says the Collect.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lessons (seated)

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

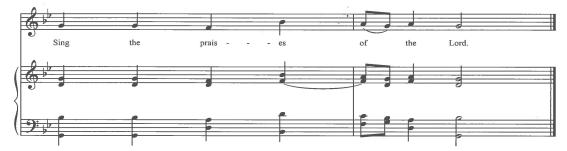
Reader The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

Cantor sings antiphon, then the congregation sings the antiphon.

Verses are sung by the cantor; the congregation sings the antiphon after vs. 2, vs. 5, and vs. 7.

RCL Advent 3C Canticle 9

based on "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" (H82-54)



- Surely, it is God who saves me; *
 I will trust in him and not be afraid.
- For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, * Antiphon and he will be my Savior.
- Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing * from the springs of salvation.
- And on that day you shall say, *
 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
- 5 Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
 see that they remember that his Name is exalted. *Antiphon*
- 6 Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, * and this is known in all the world.
- 7 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, * for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. *Antiphon*

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks Be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN (STANDING)

ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

Hymn # 76

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke **People** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came

to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord. **People** Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The SermonThe Rev. Paul Wehner

The Nicene Creed (standing)

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

Advent Prayers of the People

Leader For the church everywhere, that we may be one and that your Holy Spirit may be with us, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord have mercy.

Leader For a blessing on all those who seek to be your people; for a better understanding of our faith, that we may follow you more nearly and come to understand the gift and beauty of diversity, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord have mercy.

Leader For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Dena, Jeff and Hector, our Bishops; Paul and Lecia, our priests; Nancy, our deacon; and for all of us who are called to be a Light to the world; that we may be given your words to speak wherever we go, and that your will may be done and not our own, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord have mercy

Leader For an awakening of your will for our nation and for our leaders, especially Donald and Greg, and for all in authority, that together we may come to truly understand and rejoice in your will, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord have mercy.

Leader For the nourishment of the earth and all people; for the fruit and provisions given to us by you,

our Creator; that all the people of the world will come to enjoy the blessings of your creation and

that there may be an end to all suffering, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord have mercy.

Leader For the young and the old, for widows and orphans, for the sick and the infirmed, for the poor

and the unemployed, for those who mourn and for those who rejoice; for comfort and restoration for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially, that they may know the power of your

healing love, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord have mercy.

Leader For prisoners and all who care for them, for captives and all who remember them, for refugees

and all who shelter them, and for the hungry and all who feed them, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord have mercy.

Leader In thanksgiving for those who have died in the faith and those whose faith is known to you

alone, especially, commending them to your loving care, we pray to you,

O Lord.

People Lord have mercy.

Leader Praising you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory, that their example may

inspire and encourage us, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord have mercy.

The Confession B.C.P. p. 331

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

Silence may be kept.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution and Comfortable Words

B.C.P. p. 332

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all people to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

The Peace (STANDING)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY

STIR UP YOUR POWER, O LORD

Calvary Choir

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn # 380 vs 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer II, BCP 340)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

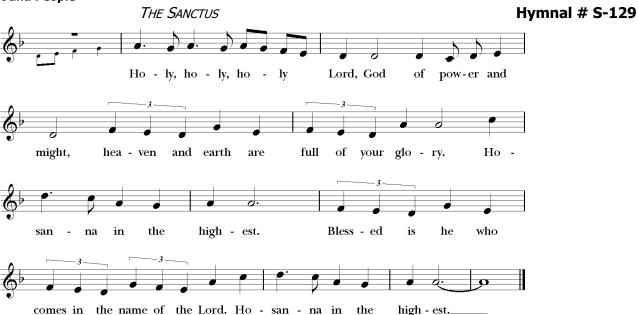
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

Celebrant and People



The people kneel or remain standing. The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the

whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in rembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who desire a closer relationship with Jesus Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion.



Gluten Free hosts are available for communion. Please make yourself known to the minister at the altar rail.

At Communion

The ushers will guide you down the center aisle to the Communion Rail where you may kneel or stand.

The Bread will be placed in your outstretched palm. After you eat it, the Wine may be sipped from the chalice. If you leave the Bread in your hand, the server will make the Wine available for you to dip the Bread.

If you prefer to receive only the Bread or the Wine, or desire only a blessing, you may so indicate by crossing your arms over your chest at the appropriate time. After Communion, we ask that you return to your seats using the side aisles.

Communion Hymn

SURELY IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME

Hymn # 679

Post Communion Prayer (standing or kneeling)

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing:

The Priest blesses the people with the following or similar words,

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

REJOICE! REJOICE, BELIEVERS

Hymn # 68

The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord. People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

We ask God's healing grace for: David Barnhart, Rudy Blaschke, Nicholas Bolla, David Boscher, Chris Bull, Myra Bull, Brett Butler, Jo Ann Carmona, Maryann Carmona, Steven Carmona, Jalie Carrasco, Ruth Carrell, Diane Childs, Mark Cooley, Jordan Crowe, Evelyn, Leanne Fleckenstine, Mike Gaskamp, Chelsea Hagan, Carol Hensley, Tasha Hernandez, Jeremy Hillis, Ginger Jackson, JaLene Kambhu, Aggie Kendrick, Mike Kidda, Chris Kilgard, Tricia King, Patricia Kuntschik, Marie Lane, Madeline Lansford, Jane Lewis, Travis Locke, Sam Lucia, David Martin, Joyce Matuszewski, Diane McCabe, W.J. Mechura, Kelly Murley, Michael Murley, Debbie Myers, Tina Nguyen, Jane Rau, The Richardson Family, Claudio Rodriguez & family, Jane & Bryan Rose, Richard Schori, Donald Sessamen, Scott, Tami & Rowan, Luther Stacy, Gavin Strimple, Kathleen Sutherland, Katherine Suttill, Peggy Tolson, Lisa Torres, Olga Vargas & family, Trung Vu, Kelly Wallis, Mark Warner, Eric Wehner, Sterling Wehner, Kelley Williams, Kelli Willis, Tom Whisler, Peggy Young.

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace: Tana Bradley

Please keep Dale Butler, Richard Carrell, Sean Dantimo, Paul Easter, Jr., Tyler Freeman, Alex Iversen, Paul Jordan, Don Michael, Taylor Moran, Terra Suttill, Ryan Trenck, Jim Williams, **and all the members of our armed forces who are serving in peace keeping missions throughout the world in your prayers.**



Advent and Christmas at Calvary Episcopal Church

Sunday, Dec. 16 9:00 AM 3rd week of Advent–Making Ornaments

6:30 PM Festival of Lessons & Carols@ St. Thomas in Wharton

Wednesday, Dec. 19 8:05 AM Calvary School Lessons & Carols Chapel Sunday, Dec. 23 10:30 AM Christmas Pageant, children arrive at 9:30

12:00 PM Greening of Church & Tailgate party in the Parish Hall with football on the big screen TV, chili and hotdogs will be served

Family service at 5:00 PM, Traditional service at 10:30 PM

Monday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Family service at 5:00 l Christmas Day, Dec. 25 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, Dec. 30 8:00 & 10:30 AM The First Sunday after Christmas Day

Tuesday, Jan. 1 No Service



A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 6:30 PM At St. Thomas Episcopal Church 207 Bob-o-Link Ln., Wharton, TX

PRESENTED BY THE READERS, SINGERS AND MUSICIANS
OF ST. THOMAS, WHARTON AND
CALVARY EPISCOPAL, RICHMOND

Join us for a traditional service of *Nine Lessons and Carols* at St. Thomas, Wharton. The readings and music of this service provide a wonderful preparation for Christmas as we hear the story of God's loving purpose for the world in Scripture and in song.

When sending communion to those that are unable to be with us.

Celebrant and People

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.



The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given in thanksgiving for our anniversary by Tom and Kaye Carter.

2018 FLOWER SIGN UP

The notebook to sign up for 2018 flower offerings in the Narthex.

Please stop by and sign up. The cost is \$50, to be paid in advance.

> For more information, call the church office 281-342-2147.



No longer carry a checkbook (or never did)?

Calvary now has a kiosk that can be used for online giving. It is just outside the Baptistry, next to the music closet. It will be available for use on Sunday mornings.

For those who utilize online giving, we have made cards for you to put in the plate that acknowledge your gift. The cards can be found in the pew backs and on the shelf under the kiosk.

Office Volunteers Needed

Can you volunteer time to help in the Calvary's office? Your duties include answering the phone and helping with office tasks as needed.

Times needed: Monday 9-12AM and Thursday 1-4PM



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

It is time to order the poinsettias that add to the beauty of the church at Christmas. The suggested donation is \$15 per plant. Please return this form with your check to the church office or drop in the alms basin today. Call Heidi at the church office with questions. (281) 342-2147

Deadline to order is December 17th

I wish to order poinsettias. I enclose \$
Name
Dedications: To the Glory of God and In Memory of
In Thanksgiving for
Attach extra sheets if necessary

If you are visiting with us today - WELCOME to Calvary!

Please fill out a visitor cards found in the pew back in front of you. You may place it in the offering plate or give it to one of our ushers.

SUNDAY LAY MINISTERS

8:00 AM SERVICE

Acolyte: Frank Plut
Lector: Becky Morris
Worship Leader: Matt Lyssy
Greeter: Priscilla Oyekan
Usher: Soni Oyekan
Early Service Vestry Person is:
David Taylor

10:30 AM Service

Acolytes: Lauren Seiler, Aubrey Kuperus,
TylerMae Cornwell
Lector: Catherine Clark
Eucharistic Minister: Anne Ondrusek

Worship Leader: Mark Servantes Greeters: Lori Hoy, Mary Ann Innes, Linda Paine,

Carol Wagner

Ushers: Debbie Pohler, Raymond Pohler, Don Bagozzi,

Sammie Bagozzi

Late Service Vestry Person is:

David Taylor

SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY 8:00 AM-Traditional Service

(followed by breakfast in the parish hall)

9:30 AM Fellowship

10:30 AM—Contemporary Service

(followed by fellowship in the Parish Hall)

TUESDAY 9:30 AM-Traditional Service in Chapel

2018 Vestry

Jewlon Morris, Sr. Warden
Oscar Lozano, Jr. Warden
David Taylor, Clerk
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Betty Best
Roy Haley
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Upcoming Events

December 16 Advent 3: Christmas Ornaments

Festival of Lessons & Carols@ St. Thomas in Wharton

December 23 Christmas Pageant. 10:30 p.m. Children arrive 9:30

Greening of Church & Tailgate Party. Parish Hall 12:00 p.m.

December 24 Family Service 5:00 p.m., Traditional Service 10:30 p.m.

December 25 Holy Eucharist Rite II