

The **Tai Chi group** on **Tuesday morning** has a couple spots open. If you are interested, please call the Office. There is no cost.

The **Feast of our Lord's Epiphany** will be kept on Wednesday, **January 6th** with a celebration of the **Holy Eucharist at 5:00 pm**. Please note, that in keeping with the Wise-Men's gift of frankincense, incense will be used at the second Service.

Offering envelopes for 2021 are now ready. Please pick up your box at the main entry to the church. **If you're not currently registered with offering envelopes** and would like envelopes for 2021 please contact Judy Kendall.

Grief-Share and the reading of **"Imitation of Christ"** will begin this week.

The Tuesday night **Bible Study** will resume on **January 12th** and the Wednesday morning **Bible Study** will resume on **January 13th**.

Calendars are available in the Entry for **\$8**.

This Week in the Parish

The Daily Offices of **Morning and Evening Prayer** will be prayed at 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday to Saturday.

Wednesday	Holy Communion	5:00 p.m.
	Grief-Share	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	"Imitation of Christ"	7:00 a.m.
	Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.

"But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his son, made of a woman, made under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying Abba Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; then an heir of God through Christ."
Galatians 4..4.5.6.7



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Jesus Christ the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever

Second Sunday After Christmas Lessons & Carols - January 3, 2021



Parish Prayer Chain: To pass a message on to the Parish Prayer Chain, from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. please the Office. After Office Hours, please contact Cathie @ 855-7969 or cdingwell@gmail.com.

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Second Sunday After Christmas, January 3, 2021

Lessons & Carols

8:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST

Introit Psalm: 8 p. 337
Collect and Lesson p. 115, 116
Gradual Psalm: 145. 18-22 p. 517
The Holy Gospel p. 116

9:15 A.M. – MORNING PRAYER

Psalm: 132 p. 503
First Lesson: Isaiah 41. 21-end (Pew Bible page 593)
Second Lesson: I John 1:1-2:6 (Pew Bible page 987)

10:00 A.M. - NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Clergy enter the Chancel in silence, in preparation for the procession.

V. Unto us a Child is born.

R. O Come let us worship.

V. Let us go forth in peace!

R. In the Name of the Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn: **733 Once In Royal David's City (Irby)**

The Introduction and Exhortation

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:1-19

(God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of paradise and that his seed shall bruise the serpents head)

Carol: 750 The First Nowell (The First Nowell)

SECOND LESSON: Genesis 22:1-18

(God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed)

Carol: 746 Good King Wenceslas (Tempest Adest Floridum)

THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 9: 2-7

(The Prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the Saviour)

Carol: 361 Joy to the World (Antioch #27)

FOURTH LESSON: Micah 5:2-4

(The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem)

Carol: 82 O Little Town of Bethlehem (Forest Green)

FIFTH LESSON:

As the Fifth Lesson, all pray together the Surge Illuminare, BCP page 28, from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

(The prophet in exile foresees the coming of the glory of the Lord)

Carol: 691 In the Bleak MidWinter (Cranham)

SIXTH LESSON: St. Luke 1:26-38

(The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Carol: 807 Sing of Mary (Herman)

SEVENTH LESSON: St. Luke 2:1-16

(St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus)

Carol: 75 O Come All Ye Faithful (Adestes Fideles)

EIGHTH LESSON: St. Matthew 2:1-11

(The wise men are led by the star to Jesus)

Carol: 748 We Three Kings (We Three Kings)

(During this hymn the Offering will be received and presented.)

PLEASE STAND for the reading of the Ninth Lesson

NINTH LESSON: St. John 1:1-14

(St. John unfolds the great Mystery of the Incarnation)

Carol : 79 Of the Father's Love Begotten (Divinum Mysterium)

The Collects

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 81 Angels from the Realms of Glory

(Regent Square -628)

5:00 P.M. –EVENING PRAYER

Psalm: 45 p. 386

First Lesson: Isaiah 55. (Pew Bible, p. 603)

Second Lesson: St. Luke 2. 22-40 (Pew Bible, p. 823)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns today to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Jean Rosamund Cruikshank, Donald & Bonnie Jones, Doris Hamer, Evelyn Pierce, Marg Wright, Senator Austin C. Taylor, Ralph Stever

Amongst the faithful departed, we remember Warrant Officer 2 John Frederick Nickerson who died January 6, 1945. He is honoured in England and awaits with us the Lord's return and the Resurrection at the Last Day.

Rector's Corner

What loneliness can do... (From an article published in 'Focus on the Family', 1 February 2007)

When was the last time you were lonely? Everyone experiences loneliness at some time. It's a common denominator in the equation of life. It's also something no one likes to feel, so our natural response is to run from it, avoid it or deny it by filling our lives with a million distractions. God has a better way.

When we sink into loneliness and allow it to do its redemptive work by embracing it, it can be a powerful teacher. And as Henri Nouwen writes in his book, *The Inner Voice of Love*, we may find our "loneliness not only tolerable," but even fruitful.

Luke 5:16 says, "Jesus withdrew into lonely places and he prayed." True, Christ may not have been lonely, but just "withdrew into lonely places." However, in the same way that his lonely places provided a place of hope for Him, the loneliness you sometimes feel can promote positive change in your life.

Loneliness can enlarge our hearts to love. The sorrow of loneliness can be fruitful by causing us to ache for human connection. Loneliness is God's gift that drives us into relationship and enlarges our hearts to love. Without it, we would never marry, engage in friendships or endure the numerous problems that are natural part of intimacy.

Loneliness can also cause us to appreciate the beauty of others in a new way. Think back to when you've felt most lonely. My bet is that you've longed for a connection with someone familiar and that you reflected on their best virtues with gratitude. In short, loneliness enlarged your heart to love.

Loneliness can open us to a deeper knowledge of God's love. Just as physical solitude helps us to hear God's voice, the inner solitude produced from loneliness can open us up to a deeper knowledge of God's love when we get alone with Him. I have to be honest. There are times when I'm lonely that I fight my need to spend quiet time with Christ. Why? Because facing loneliness can feel threatening. However, I've learned that when I embrace my loneliness and hold the hand of God, I don't fall into a pit of despair like I feared. Rather, I find His comfort, hearing His voice of love and healing for my broken places.

What do we miss when we run from loneliness and refuse to invite God into it? Ironically, the pain we try to avoid by running can create an even greater inner chaos. We need time alone with God when we are lonely. For example, a friend of mine always has a packed social calendar. When he's not

working, he's helping someone with a chore, watching a movie or engaging in any number of other social activities. Certainly, there is nothing wrong with his interests. However, there *is* something wrong with using busyness to hide from personal pain and loneliness. God calls us to live balanced lives in which we are not afraid of solitude or loneliness and neither are we afraid to be with others.

Loneliness can help me define or redefine my calling. Prior to becoming a writer, I was an elementary school art teacher in Houston, Tex., where my days were spent tying shoes, painting, coloring and pasting. My evenings were spent primarily alone. Because my family and closest friends lived several states away, it was the three loneliest years of my life. I wouldn't want to repeat my Texas experience, but I also wouldn't take it back. It was a time of tremendous personal growth both spiritually and emotionally. It was necessary for God to mature me. My loneliness caused me to question my purpose and ask myself if the things I was pouring my life into agreed with God's will.

I also found a new calling through my isolation. It was the first time I became serious about putting pen to paper. I spent many hours journaling and the result was an idea for a book I am writing, which I'm confident wouldn't have been produced if I'd been running from one social function to another. I learned that when God strips away our close connections with particular people for a season, it's for a reason. It can be His way of moving us into His calling for our lives.

If you are lonely today, I hope you are encouraged. Remember that God can use your emotional pain to complete you. He has not forgotten you. My prayer is that the next time you are standing in a crowd feeling lonely, that you can press into your loneliness and find God's gift in it until it passes.

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Daily Bible Readings

A modified schedule from the Prayer Book's Table of Lessons

Sunday	Isaiah 49:1-13	Matthew 9:1-17
Monday	Isaiah 49:14-end	Matthew 9:18-34
Tuesday	Isaiah 50:4-10	Matthew 9:35-10:23
Wednesday	Isaiah 51:1-16	Matthew 10:24-end
Thursday	Isaiah 51:17-52:12	Matthew 11
Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53 end	Matthew 12:1-21
Saturday	Isaiah 54	Matthew 12:22-end