

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Holy Eucharist  
Service  
Year C RCL

December 2, 2018  
10:30AM

## St. Augustine of Hippo

A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York

### The St. Augustine's eCho

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Is Calling J.S. Bach  
The Great Litany #S67 (HYMNAL)  
The Light Of Christ  
Lighting Of The Advent Candle: Hope  
The Candle Of Hope Is Lit  
Opening Hymn #66 (HYMNAL)  
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (4)

#### THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation BCP pg. 355  
Kyrie Eleison #237 (LEVAS)  
The Collects: Advent 1 BCP pg. 211  
The First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-9 BCP pg. 614  
The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Sequence Hymn Hark! A Thrilling Voice (5) #59 (HYMNAL)  
The Holy Gospel Luke 21:25-36

#### THE SERMON "Be On Guard...Be Alert At All Times"

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The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358  
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#### THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Music Come, Savior Of The Nations J.S. Bach  
Offertory Hymn Lo, He Comes (4) #57 (HYMNAL)  
The Doxology

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION:

The Great Thanksgiving BCP pg. 367  
Sanctus ET Benedictus S125 (HYMNAL)

#### The Lord's Prayer

The Fraction Anthem  
Agnus Dei #270 (LEVAS)

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Administration of the Sacrament  
Communion Hymn My Lord What A Morning (3) #13 (LEVAS)

Homeless/Soup Kitchen Offering

Welcome & Announcements

Post Communion Prayer Onscreen

Recessional Hymn Soon And Very Soon (4) #14 (LEVAS)

Dismissal BCP p. 366

Postlude Sleepers, Wake J.L Krebs



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#### Weekly Services and Programs Sundays

8:00 AM Said Eucharist  
(No Service during Summer)  
10:30 AM Sung Eucharist  
2:00 - 4:00 PM Pastoral Visitations

#### Wednesdays

12 Noon Healing Service with Holy Eucharist  
9:00 PM Phone Line Prayer

#### Mission Statement

*St. Augustine's Church is a Christ-centered ministry where everyone is invited and welcome.*

*We are a loving Christian body that seeks to enhance spirituality and community.*

*The Clergy's  
Corner*

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*by The Rev. Nathanael Saint-Pierre*



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# **HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**PRELUDE SLEEPERS, WAKE! A VOICE IS CALLING J.S. BACH**

## **THE GREAT LITANY**

**#S67 (1982 Hymnal)**

*The Crucifer will come down the aisle and the congregation will assemble behind the cross.*

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers;  
neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people,  
whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy  
preserve us for ever.  
**Spare us, good Lord.**

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil;  
and from everlasting damnation,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy,  
hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world,  
the flesh, and the devil,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people.

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom.

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived.

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments.

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, Donald, the President of the United States (or of this nation), Andrew our Governor, Bill our Mayor, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth.

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed.

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good.

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel.

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife.

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligence, and ignorance; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally, to beat down Satan under our feet.

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace.

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of [St Augustine and] all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

**Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.**

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## **THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

### **We Lift the Light of Hope**

TUNE: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (CORONATION)

1 verse per Sunday

We lift the light of hope, O God,  
Your presence burning bright.  
In praise we sing the gift You bring:  
Our hope complete, in Christ.  
In praise we sing the gift You bring:  
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We lift the light of peace, O God,  
The Lord of truth and right.  
In Your domain let justice reign  
And bring us peace in Christ.  
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And bring us peace in Christ.

We lift the light of joy, O God.  
Your praise is our delight!  
Your blessings flow that all may know  
Unbounded joy in Christ.  
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We lift the light of love, O God,  
Your candle in our night.  
You come to give and help us live  
The mighty love of Christ.  
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We lift the light of Christmas day  
And greet eternal life.  
Now hope and peace and joy and love  
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## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE**

Reader: Jesus is coming, as God's hope for us.

**All: The promise of God is sure: 'A righteous Branch will spring up and he shall exercise justice and righteousness in the land.'**

Reader: In this season of Advent, we celebrate the coming of Jesus to us in astonishing meekness, and await his coming again in awesome majesty.

**All: Until that day, we live as Jesus' disciples, witnessing to God's faithfulness and salvation in a world that is both stressed and distressed.**

Reader: As the candle of hope is lit, welcome Jesus as God's hope for the world's healing, when all sorrow and sin, hunger and pain, tears and death, will pass away.

**All: We wait for that day and work toward it, with words of hope and deeds of love, in the power of Jesus.**

## **THE CANDLE OF HOPE IS LIT.**

*Unison Prayer:*

Lord Jesus Christ, hope of the world, we celebrate your coming to us in the fragility of flesh and blood, and anticipate your coming again for the healing of the nations. Help us share the promises of hope with those facing despair, enduring injustice, and those struggling to find direction. Amen.

## **OPENING HYMN**

**#66 (HYMNAL)**

### **COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS (4)**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

*All* Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen

*When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing*

**KYRIE ELEISON**

**# 237 (LEVAS)**

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.  
Have mercy, O Lord

*The Celebrant says to the people*

God be with you.

*All* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collects.*

**THE COLLECT**

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The First Sunday of Advent:

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Merciful God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**THE FIRST READING**

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**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

*The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, revealed in Jesus Christ, keeps his promises.*

**A reading (lesson) from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah:**

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."

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people*

*All Thanks be to God*

## **THE RESPONSE**

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**Psalm 25:1-9**

*Ad te, Domine, levavi*

**BCP pg. 614**

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

<sup>3</sup> Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**<sup>8</sup> He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

**<sup>9</sup> All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

***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.***

## **THE EPISTLE**

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### **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

*Not only is there power in prayer, there is power in sharing our prayers for one another, to encourage and strengthen each other in faith.*

#### **A reading (lesson) from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:**

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.

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All                      Thanks be to God.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

**#59 (HYMNAL)**

**HARK! A THRILLING VOICE (5)**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

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### Luke 21:25-36

*Signs may abound, but our concern is not for discerning signs or portents, but for living faithfully in the steps and light of the Lord*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to **Luke**

*All*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

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 Gospel of the Lord*

*All*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

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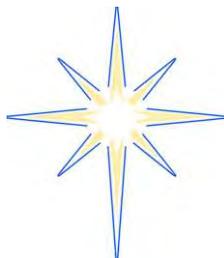
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**THE NICENE CREED**

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.

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.  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified.  
who 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.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**God of all mercy: We confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world, you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, And the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

## **THE PEACE**

**BCP p. 360**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

*Celebrant*                   The peace of God be always with you.

*All*                           **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with the following sentence.*

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

**THE OFFERTORY COME, SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS J.S. BACH**

**OFFERTORY HYMN LO, HE COMES (4) #57 (HYMNAL)**

## **THE DOXOLOGY**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ADVENT EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

*Celebrant* God be with you.  
*All* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*All* We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right, and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

## **ADVENT 1**

You established your people to be light for the nations, and called us to walk in your paths and follow your ways. Even now, you are coming to bring justice and peace to the world.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of Angels with prophets, apostles, and martyrs and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your Name:

## **SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS**

**BCP PG. 362**

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of mercy and grace,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, Our Lord.

### **ADVENT 1**

In Christ Jesus, you drew near to us for our salvation, teaching us to live in faith and to seek the good of all. Through his dying and rising, you brought life to the world. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

[En la noche en que fue entregado al sufrimiento y a la muerte, nuestro Señor Jesucristo tomó pan; y dándote gracias, lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, y dijo: "Tomen y coman. Este es mi Cuerpo, entregado por TODOS. Hagan esto como memorial mío"]

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for ALL. Do this for the remembrance of me."

["Después de la cena tomó el cáliz; y dándote gracias, se lo entregó, y dijo: "Beban todos de él. Esta es mi Sangre del nuevo Pacto, sangre derramada por TODOS para el perdón de los pecados. Siempre que lo beban, háganlo como memorial mío".]

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for ALL for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation This bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we wait the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and with your church in all the world.

## **ADVENT 1**

Keep us faithful and alert for the hour of Christ's coming. Let us live honorably as children of truth and light, so that we may eat and drink together in your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, which 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 debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said*

## **FRACTION ANTHEM**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## **AGNUS DEI**

**#270 (LEVAS)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Have mercy on us  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Have mercy on us  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Grant us Peace**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:*

**The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]**

*When necessary, the Celebrant consecrates additional bread and wine, using the form on page 408.  
During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.*

**COMMUNION HYMN: # 13 (LEVAS)  
MY LORD WHAT A MORNING (3)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. You have united us with Christ and one another, and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit; that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: # 14 (LEVAS)  
SOON AND VERY SOON (4)**

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*All* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**POSTLUDE**

**SLEEPERS, WAKE**

**J. L. KREBS**



*Dear Parishioners,*

*When the house of God can reflect God's glory, what a great blessing for those who worship him!*

*Beloveds, it is an expression of our gratitude to offer flowers for the altar every Sunday.*

*As we are coming together and can feel God's blessings among us, we should think of beautifying our worship space.*

*Donations of flowers are welcomed. Envelopes are available on the back for financial donations if you want to contribute. If you care to bring flowers you pick yourself, that's even better!*

*Let us make this space sacred and beautiful!*



*Dear Friends & Parishioners;*

*Joins Us every Wednesday before the noon Eucharist and Healing Service.*

*Come sit, pray, meditate or just rest and listen to twenty minutes of music on the King of Instruments.*

*(free to all)*

*Carolyn Bensen, Director of Music*

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all for Joining Us for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Your presence was truly a blessing.



Foundation for the Revival of Classical Culture *presents*

## Antonín Dvořák: "America Is An Idea, Not A Place"

HOLIDAY CONCERT: Celebrating 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "Dvořák at Carnegie Hall"

December 18, 2018 | 7:30PM

Carnegie Hall | Stern Auditorium/Perelman Stage

On Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at 7:30PM, the Foundation for the Revival of Classical Culture will present a Carnegie Hall Concert entitled "Antonín Dvořák—America Is An Idea, Not A Place", celebrating the 125th anniversary of "Dvořák at Carnegie Hall".

Antonín Dvořák, protégé and collaborator of composer Johannes Brahms, came to America in 1892 at the request of New York City's Jeanette Thurber, the creator of the National Conservatory of Music. This was one of the first American educational institutions that brought together women, African-Americans, Native-Americans, and people of all colors and backgrounds. His collaboration with the African-American singer, arranger and composer Harry Burleigh and others proved that what Dvořák called a "great and noble school of music" could be created in America. The original works Dvořák premiered at Carnegie Hall on Beethoven's birthday, December 16, 1893, at the very new Carnegie Hall, were his proof of that. Now, 125 years later, on December 18, 2018, the Foundation for the Revival of Classical Culture will celebrate this epic moment in history, in Classical culture, and for America, on that very same Carnegie Hall stage.



### FEATURING:

American String Quartet  
Simon Estes, *Bass-Baritone*  
Tian Jiang, *Piano*

### Guest Performers:

Everett Suttie, *tenor*  
Elvira Green, *Mezzo*  
Elizabeth Borowsky, *piano*  
Frances Borowsky, *sello*  
Katrin Bulke, *soprano*  
Anthony Mosses Memorial Quartet  
Maryam Raya Kheirbek, *piano*  
Schiller Institute NYC chorus

### CONCERT PROGRAM

Beethoven, Brahms, Dvořák, works by Burleigh and spiritual selections

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**PROGRAM INCLUDES SELECTIONS FROM:**

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*The concert will be performed at the proper tuning of C=256Hz.*

*Organized in collaboration with the Harry T. Burleigh Society and the Schiller Institute NYC Chorus*



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**JANUARY 7-11**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wel come  
Bienvenido  
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We are happy that you have come to worship with us. If you have no church home, we invite you to unite with us. Please complete one of the Parish Census Forms, located on the table in the back of the church. You may give it to an usher and we will be in touch with you very soon. However, if you are just passing through, we are honored by your presence, and we wish you Godspeed as you complete your journey.

Daily Lectionary Readings

**Monday:** AM Psalm 106:18; PM Psalm 106:19-48; Zech. 10:1-12; Gal. 6:1-10; Luke 18:15-30

**Tuesday:** AM Psalm [120]121,122,123; PM Psalm 124,125,126,[127] Zech. 11:4-17; 1 Cor. 3:10-23; Luke 18:31-43

**Wednesday:** AM Psalm 119:145-176; PM Psalm 128,129,130; Zech. 12:1-10; Eph. 1:3-14; Luke 19:1-10

**Thursday:** AM Psalm 131 ,132,[133]; PM Psalm 134, 135; Zech. 13:1-9; Eph. 1:15-23; Luke 19:11-27

**Friday:** AM Psalm 140, 142; PM Psalm 141, 143:1-11(12) Zech. 14:1-11; Rom. 15:7-13; Luke 19:28-40

**Saturday:** AM Psalm 137:1-6 (7-9), 144; PM Psalm 104; Zech. 14:12-21; Phil 2:1-11; Luke 19:41-48



Please Join Us for :

**The Healing Service** every **Wednesday at 12:00 noon**, in the church.

**PHONE LINE PRAYER**

We invite you to join **St. A's Prayer Line** on **Wednesdays** at **9:00 P.M.**

Dial **(212) 673-5300** between 8:45–10:00 PM.

**SCOPE- "Senior Citizen (Church) Outreach Program and Eldership" is seeking volunteers.**

It would be great to have some help to develop a ministry for the Seniors to include health care/advice and other activities.

Please contact Mrs. Irene Alladice or Fr. Nat if you wish to respond to this call.

**Coming Up Next  
Need Prayer?**

Call the church office and request that your name be added to our prayer list. Let us know when you are available so we may visit you or pray with you over the phone.

**If you are celebrating** a special occasion; birthday, anniversary, etc. please let us know so we may offer congratulations to you.

**We are accepting Articles and Advertisements** to publish in the St Augustine's eCho.

**During our worship, please remember to put your phone on vibrate or silent. But we invite you to use them if you want to record the entire (or part of) the service, take pictures, post video on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest or Twitter. Let your friends know you are at St Augustine's. We are a Techno-Friendly Church.**

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our best to come visit you between 2-4 PM on Sundays.

**Moving Forward:** My hope and prayer is that we can get together as one community to be God's people and presence on the LES. I am asking for your prayers in this important new chapter of our lives, I want you to know that every day I also pray for you all. Together in Christ

Father Nat.

Weekly Collections	November	November
	2018	2018
		18
Pledges		\$341.00
Open Plate		\$88.00
Special Services		\$10.00
Regular Support		
Special Offerings		
Men's Guild		
St. Augustine's Anniversary		
Tenants		
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Soup Kitchen		\$116.00
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Armed forces: David Mason, Jr.



**We ask God's blessings for those celebrating their birthdays in December:**

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especially: 2nd Barbara Allie, 3rd Margaret Wade, 16th Sandra Walker, 24th William Curry, 25th Natoutchika Saint-Pierre, 31st Peggy Clark.

*If you would like to add your name to the monthly birthday list, please email us at [info@staugnyc.org](mailto:info@staugnyc.org)*

We pray for those who have died: Doadie Brown, Ronald Brown, Isa Coker, Robert and Mittie Frances Combs, Percy Daglow Sr., Wanda Daley, Frances Diaz, Harry & Dorothy Fiyalko, Luis Garcia, Etta Green, Dorothy Henderson, Inez Kikuchi, Cheryl Krauser, Vernell Langley, Diane McDowell, Geraldine Newkirk, Evelyn Newlin, Jacynth Orridge, Hector Peña, Alice Saltes Richards, Dorothy Rodriguez, Nancy Scott, Alma Suarez, Eleanor Suriel, Sylvia Fergusson-Sylvah and Romulus Sylvah, Harriett Marshall-Taylor, Isaac & Gwendolyn Pinder-Taylor, Donald Williams, Esther Juanita Dawson, Lucille Williams, Minnie Williams, Rev. Deacon Nydia Flores, Florence Taylor, John Joseph, Marlene Ward-Torain, Edward Phillips (Father Tally), Edward "Tyler" Tyler, Sandra Garcia-Combs

We pray for Justice and Peace in all lands: Especially: Afghanistan, Africa, The Caribbean, China, Darfur, France, Haiti, the Holy Land, India, Iraq, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Niger, Sierra Leone, The Sudan, This Nation and the United Nations.

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