



**Holy Eucharist Rite II, 7:45 AM and 9:30 AM
The First Sunday of Advent
St John's Episcopal Church
November 27, 2022**

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The ministers enter the church in silence.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath — The First Sunday of Advent

7:45 AM - Sara & Duane Vetter

9:30 AM - Jane & Paul Lambert



Leader As the nights lengthen and the days grow shorter,

People We turn to you O Christ, the Light of the world.

Leader We remember your coming long ago, and that you are with us now,

People And we look for your coming again as we wait for the celebration of your birth.

The first candle is lit.

Leader As the light from this candle shines among us, may the blessing of Christ Jesus come to us;

People Help us to remember that God is our sure and certain hope.

Leader God with us in the past, God with us in the present, God with us in the future.

As we look at this candle, we remember that darkness cannot put out the light, even of one candle.

Let us take a moment together in silent prayer:

(During the silence, you may wish to use a breath prayer)

Breathe in: My hope is in God

Breathe out: Whose light shines among us.

(after the silence)

Leader May we carry Hope with us on our way.

Hymn (9:30 am)
#56, The Hymnal 1982

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.
Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

[Refrain]

**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty 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.

All are seated.

Children's Procession to Sunday School. Please join in singing: (9:30 AM)

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the City of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

The First Lesson: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122 (*read responsively by whole verse*)

p. 779 Book of Common Prayer

1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

**2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

**4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.**

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

**6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.**

7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

**8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.**

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

The Second Lesson: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as able for the

Sequence Hymn (9:30 AM) Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah—Benedictus Dominus Deus Words: Carl Daw

#889, Wonder, Love & Praise vss. 1 & 2 (green hymnal)

Music: Shepherd's Pipes

1 Blessed be the God of Israel
who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us:
a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared
that with his mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies
and all that wish us harm.

2 With promised mercy will God still
the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham;
from foes to save us all;
that we might worship without fear
and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness
to serve God all our days.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Romans 13:11-14

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn Continues, vs. 3

3 My child, as prophet of the Lord
you will prepare the way,
to tell God's people they are saved
from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high
shine forth and never cease,
to drive away the gloom of death
and lead us into peace.

All are seated as invited by the preacher.

The Sermon

The Rev. Philip Zoutendam, Curate

All remain seated for a moment of silence following the sermon.

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:
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.**

The Prayers of the People

The People may offer additional names aloud where there is an ellipsis (...)

As we keep awake for the coming of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who prepares a light for our path, saying
Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the peace of the world and for our unity in Christ, let us pray: **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop. For Samuel and Jennifer, our bishops in the Diocese of North Carolina. For all bishops, priests, deacons, and laity who minister in your Church, let us pray: **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place, let us pray: **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, let us pray: **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth, let us pray: **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For travelers; for the sick and the suffering; for the hungry and the oppressed; and for those who are in prison, let us pray:
Come, O Lord, and save us.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, and especially for those in our parish who are ill; Grace Edwards, Edie Bergay, Linda Giles, Michael Corso, Casey Parke, Brooks Bateson, Van Irvin, Vivian Whithead, Tom Spampinto, Lauren Manfreda, Ann Wieser, Eddie Strange, Lenora Vultaggio, Hal Fleming, Danelle Holland, and Toni Matson, and all those we name to you now (*please add your own prayers, silently or aloud*). Let us pray: **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For all those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially David Caputo, William McClain, Durbin Goodwin, Sarah Goodwin, Gus Mazingo, Christie Heynen, Anna Coleman-Wilson, and Genevive Terilli. Let us pray, **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

For the dead and the dying, especially those killed in the hate crime in Colorado Springs, the young girl killed in the Raleigh Christmas Parade last week, and those we name to you now (*please add your own prayers, silently or aloud*). Let us pray:
Come, O Lord, and save us.

Joining our voices with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ, our Lord. Let us pray, **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Silence

Celebrant

O brightness of the light eternal, come and shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

ALL Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Remember to sanitize hands frequently, before and after touching common items like offering plates or after shaking hands at the Peace. For a contact-free option, simply wave or bow as you share the words "The Peace of Christ be with you."

Please be seated for

Welcome & Parish Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

If you are viewing our livestream, you may wish to prepare your financial offering for mailing at this time. Anyone may give online at www.stjohnswf.org/give OR Text "STJOHNSWF" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

Offertory Anthem (9:30 AM)

Keep Your Lamps!

Spiritual/arranged by Andre J. Thomas
Cantate

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.
Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.*

Please stand as able

The Doxology

(7:45 am—spoken)

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

(9:30 am—sung—Hymn 380 vs. 3)

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

All stand as able for

The Great Thanksgiving

p. 361 Book of Common Prayer , Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name :

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,___
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. ___ *Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. ___ Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,
Ho - san - na in the high - est, the high - est. ___

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation ...
...Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**All We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. ...
...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**All 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 Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem, Christ our Passover (9:30 AM)

Music: Owen Burdick

#866, Wonder, Love & Praise (green hymnal)

At 7:45 AM, spoken:

All stand as able

Celebrant Alleluia!

Christ our Passover is
sacrificed for us.

**People Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia!**

Cantor *Choir* *Congregation & Choir*
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -
ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Communion Hymn (9:30 AM)
#721, Wonder, Love & Praise (green hymnal)

Signs of endings all around us

Words: Dean Nelson
Music: Ton-y-Botel, Thomas J. Williams

- 1 Signs of endings all around us—
darkness, death, and winter days
shroud our lives in fear and sadness,
numbing mouths that long to praise.
Come, O Christ, and dwell among us!
Hear our cries, come set us free.
Give us hope and faith and gladness.
Show us what there yet can be.
- 2 Can it be that from our endings,
new beginnings you create?
Life from death, and from our rendings,
realms of wholeness generate?
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them
into hopes for life anew:
Fading light and dying season
sing their Glorias to you.
- 3 Speak, O God, your Word among us.
Barren lives your presence fill.
Swell our hearts with songs of gladness,
terrors calm forebodings still.
Let your promised realm of justice
blossom now throughout the earth;
your dominion bring now near us;
we await the saving birth.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

(For those worshipping with us remotely at 9:30 AM)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Postcommunion Prayer (for those who have shared in Communion in person)

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the People.

(9:30 AM)

The children of the parish may join the clergy at the church door during the hymn. The children will send us out with the words of Dismissal.

The Dismissal Hymn (9:30 AM)
#66, The Hymnal 1982

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Words: Charles Wesley
Words: Stuttgart

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.
- 3 Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4 By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

The Dismissal

Children of the Parish
All

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Lo! He comes with clouds descending

setting by Karl Osterland

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