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ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 7:45 AM & 9:30 AM
The First Sunday of Advent
St. John's Episcopal Church
November 29, 2026

Families with young children
An interactive worship bag is available for your child in the Narthex (lobby of the church).

9:25 AM — At the ringing of the bell, please prepare for worship in silence.
9:30 AM — All stand as able at the ringing of the bell to begin worship.

The ministers enter the church in silence.

All remain standing as able for

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

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 of the Advent Wreath 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 behold the light of this candle, we remember that darkness cannot put out the light, even of one small candle.
Let us pray together in silence.

In the silence, you may

Breathe in: My hope is in God;
Breathe out: whose light shines among us.

Leader May we carry Hope with us on our way.

Advent Candle-Lighting Hymn **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.
#56 vss. 1 & 2, The Hymnal 1982 Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah Isaiah 64:1-9

To that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard,

no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned;

because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us,

and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

The Psalm Appointed: 122 *(read in unison)* p. 779, Book of Common Prayer

**1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**
**2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.**
**3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
**4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**
**5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**
**6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
**7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
**16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**
**17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**
**18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

The Second Lesson: A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans Romans 13:11-14

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

All stand in body or spirit for

The Sequence Hymn *(9:30 AM)* **The King shall come when morning dawns** Words: tr. John Brownlie
#73, The Hymnal 1982 vss. 1-3 Music: *St. Stephen*, William Jones, alt.

1 The King shall come when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks;
when beauty gilds the eastern hills
and life to joy awakes.

2 Not as of old a little child,
to bear, and fight, and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun
that lights the morning sky.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.
All **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to live and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen**

The Celebrant blesses the People.

(9:30 AM) All children & youth here today are invited to join the clergy at the church door during the next hymn. Our youth will help send us out with the words of Dismissal.

The Dismissal Hymn *(9:30 AM)* **Lo! He comes, with clouds descending** Words: Charles Wesley
#57, The Hymnal 1982 Music: *Helmsley*, melody Augustine Arne

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

3 Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshipers;
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

The Dismissal
Children of the Parish Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Please stand or kneel in body or spirit.

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 …

…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 forever. **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.

All stand in body or spirit for

The Breaking of the Bread
At 7:45 AM *(spoken)***At 9:30 AM** *(sung)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

The People stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues

The Communion of the People *(please sanitize your hands before coming forward)*
All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or to receive a blessing (instead of the bread and wine) at the altar rail. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest to signal the clergy. If you need a gluten free wafer, please extend your hands with palms down. If you need to be served in your seat, please inform an usher.

Communion Hymn *(9:30 AM)* **People, look East** Words: Geonyong Lee
#795, Wonder, Love & Praise Music: Geonyong Lee
The Postcommunion Prayer (for those who have shared in Communion in person)

1. Come now, O Prince of peace,
make us one body;
come, O Lord Jesus,
reconcile your people.

2. Come now, O God of love,
make us one body;
come, O Lord Jesus,
reconcile your people.

3. Come now and set us free,
O God, our Savior;
come, O Lord Jesus,
reconcile all nations.

4. Come, Hope of unity,
make us one body;
come, O Lord Jesus,
reconcile all nations.

3 The King shall come when morning dawns
and earth's dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn,
the day that e'er shall last.

The Holy Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark. Mark 13:24-37
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn continued

4 And let the endless bliss begin,
by weary saints foretold,
when right shall triumph over wrong,
and truth shall be extolled.

5 The King shall come when morning dawns,
and light and beauty brings;
"Hail, Christ the Lord!" Thy people pray,
come quickly, King of kings!

All are seated as invited by the preacher.

The Sermon Rev. Mac Brown, Rector
All remain seated for a moment of silence following the sermon.

All stand in body or spirit for **The Nicene Creed** p. 358 Book of Common Prayer

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.

Prayers of the People *(The People say the responses in **bold**)*

Leader: In this holy season of preparation and waiting, we offer our prayers to you O God.
Silence
Leader: As the light of each day grows shorter and the dark of night longer, spread your illumination upon all people throughout the world, that we may recognize our unjust ways, forsake our ways of darkness, and turn towards your redeeming light.
Hear us O God,
People: For our hope is in you.

Leader: As we await once again the holy birth, bless all members of your Church in every place. May we embody your saving love & forgiveness, and readily show forth your good news each and every day. (Pause)
Hear us O God,
People: For our hope is in you.

Leader: Your beloved son came into a world of oppressive governance. Fill all who govern at the national, state, and local level with wisdom and compassion. Help each one to know that the power of your love is the only true and mighty power.
Hear us O God,
People: For our hope is in you.

Leader: In this season that often feels too busy, teach us to slow down. Draw our hearts to you. Strengthen us in service on behalf of those who are outcast, ignored, or powerless. Bring healing and hope to those suffering from affliction, loneliness, grief or any other burden. We pray especially for Heidi Gregory, Jenn, Al, Steve Friedman, Carol Wagner, and those we name now….
Hear us O God,
People: For our hope is in you.

Leader: As we await once again the celebration of the gift of your son Jesus, may we be filled with gratitude for the gifts and blessings of our lives. Bless, we pray, those who are celebrating birthdays this week Durbin Goodwin, Sarah Goodwin, Margaret Heynen, Anna Coleman-Wilson, Bob Barnum, Joel Perez, Sloan Walkup.
Hear us O God,
People: For our hope is in you.

Leader: God of redemption and grace, may all who have died in the hope of the resurrection find eternal rest and welcome in that heavenly mansion already prepared for them, especially_____.
Hear us O God,
People: For our hope is in you.

Celebrant For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution p. 360, Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Please be seated
Welcome & Parish Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory
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Offertory Anthem *(9:30 AM)* **Christ is the world's true light** Words: George W. Briggs
#542, The Hymnal 1982 Music: *St. Joan,* Percy E. B. Collier
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.

1 Christ is the world's true Light,
its Captain of salvation,
the Daystar clear and bright
of every race and nation;
new life, new hope awakes,
for all who own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.

2 In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord,
all shall forsake their fear,
to plough-share beat the sword,
to pruning hook the spear.

3 One Lord, in one great name
unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

(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.

Please stand in body or spirit for

The Great Thanksgiving p. 367 Book of Common Prayer Eucharistic Prayer B

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
Officiant It is right, and a good and joyful thing….
….who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus—Holy, holy holy *(7:45 AM spoken—9:30 AM sung)*
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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.