

**SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
DECEMBER 4, 2016 -- SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II — 10:00 A.M.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The opening music offers a time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all devices.

GATHERING MUSIC *A Rose Is Springing* Johannes Brahms

Please stand, as able, at the sound of the chimes.

The choir and clergy process during the Introit.

INTROIT *Alma Redemptoris Mater*

Antiphon for Advent: Plainchant

*Alma Redemptoris mater, quae previa caeli porta manes,
et stella maris, succurre cadenti, surgere quicurat populo:*

Tu quae genuisti, natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem:

Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.

Loving mother of the Redeemer, and star of the sea, help the fallen who strive to rise;
you who gave birth, amazing nature, to your holy Creator,
ever virgin, hearing from Gabriel "Ave"; have mercy on sinners.

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to
preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:
Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our
Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated after the Collect.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 11:1-10** (pew Bible p. 627)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 72: 1-7, 18-19 (sung by all, seated)



Choir 1 Give the King your justice, O / God, * (short pause at *)
and your righteousness to / the King's Son;

All 2 **That he may rule your people / right- (eous-) ly ***
and the poor / with jus-tice;

3 **That the mountains may bring prosperity to the / people, ***
and the little hills bring / right-eous-ness.

4 **He shall defend the needy among the / people; ***
he shall rescue the poor and crush / the op-(pres-) sor.

5 **He shall live as long as the sun and moon en- / dure, ***
from one generation to / an-oth-er.

6 **He shall come down like rain upon the / mown field, ***
like showers that wa-/ ter the earth.

7 **In his time shall the righteous / flourish; ***

there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall / be no more.

18 **Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of / Is- (ra-) el, ***
who alone does / won-drous deeds!

19 **And blessed be his glorious Name for / ever! ***

and may all the earth be filled with his glory. A-/men. Amen. (slow at end)

ANTHEM *Shine, Advent Candle, Shine* Shafferma

SECOND READING **Romans 15:4-13**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as able, for the Advent verse and Gospel.

The Antiphon is sung first by Cantor, then repeated by All before and after the verse:



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



shall come to us, and with us ev - er dwell.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL **Matthew 3: 1-12** (pew Bible p. 880)

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

SERMON

A period of silence is observed following the sermon.

NICENE CREED (standing, if able) Book of Common Prayer p. 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (standing or kneeling)

Reader Gracious Lord,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Gracious God:
All **By your love you have called us to proclaim with joy
the good news of your Son: So build us up in the knowledge
and love of Him, that we may welcome all people into this
community of faith, and show forth our service to you
in our service to others; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.** (Collect for St. John's)

Those who take part in Children, Youth, and Family ministry are invited to come forward.

THE COMMISSIONING

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit,
and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;
and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God
who inspires them all in everyone.**

Celebrant Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly;
People **Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O Lord,
to work with children, youth, and families in your Church; and
grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that,
seeking your glory, they may minister your Word with steadfast
devotion, through Christ our Savior.
People **Amen.**

THE PEACE (standing, if able)

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

You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with those around you.

WELCOME (Please be seated.)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to share at the Lord's table. At the altar railing you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing you may indicate so by crossing your arms. The common loaf is **gluten-free**.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

ANTHEM *O Thou, the Central Orb* Wood
O Thou the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most High, eternal Light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above....
Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with Thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within.

PRESENTATION *(sung by all, standing if able)* VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, O Bread of Heav'n sublime,
Who comes to us in bread and wine.
Still sacraments one day will cease
In God's eternal Reign of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come again and with us ever dwell.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D *(The prayer may be followed in the BCP on p. 372.)*

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. ...

Celebrant Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

David Hurd

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 in the high - est.

(Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.)

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. ...

(Celebrant) ... and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All **We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Celebrant Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend up on us, and upon these gifts, ...

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC

AGNUS DEI

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

HYMNAL #59 *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding* MERTON

HYMNAL #67 *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* FREU DICH SEHR

HYMNAL #75 *There's a Voice In the Wilderness* ASCENSION

HYMNAL #616 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* ES FLOG EIN KLEINS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(said by all, kneeling or standing.)*

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 love 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.

PROCESSION OF THE CRÈCHE FIGURES *(seated)*

CAROL *Now Leave Your Sheep* French Carol/Kitson

(Each week the figures will journey closer to the manger in anticipation of Christmas.)

Please stand as able for the closing hymn.

HYMNAL #542 *Christ Is the World's True Light* ST. JOAN

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Deacon Our worship here is ended; now let our service begin.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY *Fantasy on ST. JOAN* Jayson R. Engquist

(You are invited to move forward to the choir stalls for the final music.)

TODAY WE PRAY WITH

Mae, Max, Gillian, Jim, Ginny, Burt, Mitch, Kathleen, Joan, Patricia, Amy, Irene, Mary Ellen, George, Amina, David, Monica, Terry, Steve, Ginny and Jack, Camille, Susan, Christopher, Tom Stanley and his platoon serving in Iraq, Sydney, Sara, Caroline, Hank, Sandy, Bill, Norma, Mildred, refugees and those who serve them, all whose lives have been shattered by violence and injustice, the system that treats and supports those who live with mental illness, and those you would add.

ADVENT GREENS

In thanksgiving for the lives of Ralph E. Hagstrom; William E. & Lois King; Margaret P. & Jack Rasmussen; C. Wesley, Lillian & Paul Andersen.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

CELEBRANT & PREACHER *The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson*

DEACON *The Reverend Margaret Thor*

ALTAR GUILD *Heather Joyce, Sylvia Moore, Sue Cadwell, Shirlee Gooch, Sabine Krall, Pam Strom*

ADULT CHOIR *Jayson R. Engquist, Director of Music and Organist*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR *Heather Hunt, Director*

INSTRUMENTALISTS *Handbell ringers, Recorders, Percussion*

ACOLYTES *Charlie Docherty, Madeline Jacobs, Roan Weinkauff*

READERS *Shirley Sailors, Don Postema*

VERGER *Keith Davis*

USHERS & GREETERS *Bob Baumann, Julia Ferguson & Rick Rinkoff, Don Husband, Jennifer Kinkead, Judy Stack-Nelson.*

Diane Wallace-Reid

Godly Play families

COFFEE HOUR

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