

**SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
NOVEMBER 27, 2016 -- FIRST 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** *Come, Savior of the Nations* J. S. Bach

*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.

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.

*People* **Amen.**

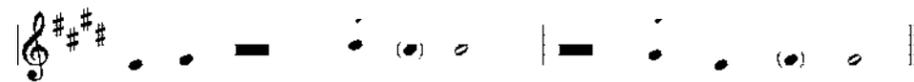
*Please be seated after the Collect.*

**FIRST READING** **Isaiah 2:1-5** *(pew Bible p. 618)*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 122** *(sung by all)*



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

*All* 2 **Now our feet are / standing \***  
**within your gates, O Je- / ru-sa-lem.**

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 Je- / ru-sa-lem: \***  
"May they prosper / who love you.

7 **Peace be within your / walls \***  
**and quietness with- / in your towers.**

8 **For my brethren and com- / pan-ions' sake, \***  
**I pray for your pros- / per-i-ty.**

9 **Because of the house of the LORD our / God, \***  
**I will seek to / do you good." (slow at end)**

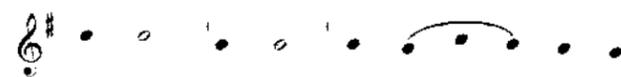
**SECOND READING** **Romans 13:11-14** *(pew Bible p. 1036)*

*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 - joi-ce! Re - joi-ce! 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 24:36-44** *(pew Bible p. 904)*

*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)*

**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** *Rejoice in the Lord Always* Anonymous  
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.  
Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand.  
Be careful for nothing; but in all prayer and supplication  
Let your petitions be manifest unto God, with giving of thanks.  
And the peace of God which passeth all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesu.

**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** *(sung by all)* 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. ...

... 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, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people ...

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** *(sung by all)* 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.

**ANTHEM** *Advent Alleluia* Tschesnokoff/arr. Christopher

Salvation is created, O Lord God.  
We offer praise to Thee above, O Lord, holy Lord God.

**HYMNAL #68** *Rejoice, Rejoice! Believers* LLANGLOFFEN

**HYMNAL #53** *Once He Came in Blessing* GOTTES SOHN IST KOM-  
MEN

**HYMNAL #57** *Lo! He Comes* HELMSLEY

**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 CRËCHE 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 #73** *The King Shall Come* ST. STEPHEN

### 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** *Come Savior of the Nations* Johann Walther  
*(You are invited to move forward to the choir stalls for the final music.)*

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### TODAY WE PRAY WITH

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 John H. Hannaford; Gertrude Hannaford Jaffray; Caroline S. & Jule M. Hannaford, Jr.; Jule M. Hannaford III.

### ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

**CELEBRANT** *The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson*  
**ASSISTING PRIEST** *The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller*  
**PREACHER** *The Reverend Barbara Mraz*  
**DEACON** *The Reverend Margaret Thor*  
**ALTAR GUILD** *Dusty Mairs, Phillip Baird, Shirley Cooper,  
Phyllis Frisby, Patty Byrne Pfalz, Bill Sherfey*

**ADULT CHOIR** *Jayson R. Engquist, Director of Music and Organist*  
**YOUTH CHOIR** *Heather Hunt, Director*  
**INSTRUMENTALISTS** *Kevin Wall, Nancy Wellington*  
**ACOLYTES** *Caroline Krall, Linnea Krall, Sabine Krall,  
Ailsa Schmidt*

**READERS** *Carole Selin, Sarah Lightner*  
**VERGER** *Joan Potter*

**USHERS & GREETERS** *Bob Baumann, Gary & Paige Hagstrom, John  
MacBain, Peter Rosendale & Jennifer Frost-Rosendale,  
Judy Southwick*

**COFFEE HOUR** *Linda Lindeke*

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