



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE I)

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2014

10:00 AM

*The prelude music offers a time for prayerful preparation for worship.
Please silence all devices.*

THE WORD OF GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

Carol of the Bells
Carillon for Advent

Mykola Leontovich, arr. C. Moklebust
arr. H. Dean Wagner

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Reader People of God: return! You are called to be God's own.
From the mountains announce the good news.
God comes in justice and peace, to all who follow his ways.

People **You are God's children.**
Lord, make us one in the peace of Christ
today and for ever. Amen

***CHIME TOLL** (*rung 3 times*) (*please stand, if able, at the tolling of the chime*)

***OPENING SENTENCE AND RESPONSE** (*said by the Celebrant from the back of Nave*)

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

***HYMNAL #59** *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

MERTON

***COLLECT FOR PURITY** (*said by the Celebrant*)

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name;
through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

(*continued on next page*)

* = standing, if able

***COLLECT OF THE DAY**

(said by the Celebrant)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy Spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.

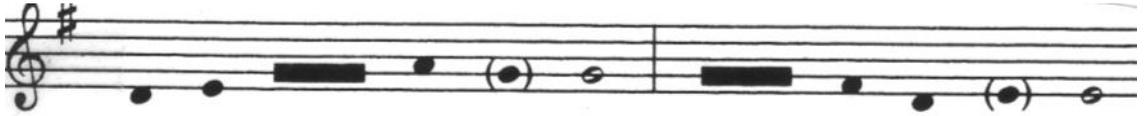
People **Amen.**
(congregation is seated following the collect)

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 *(seated)*

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

CANTICLE 15 *The Song of Mary: Magnificat* (**bolded** sections sung by all, seated)



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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

(Please stand, if able, for the Gospel procession)

***HYMNAL #56** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI, VENI EMANUEL

*(stanzas 1 **and** 3 sung before the Gospel reading; stanza 8 sung following the reading)*

*1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*3. O come, o come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*8. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

***GOSPEL**

John 1:6-8,19-28

Gospeller
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

**Gospeller*
**People*

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

(Following the hymn and Gospel procession, the congregation may be seated.)

SERMON

(a moment of silent reflection follows the sermon)

CHORAL RESPONSE

Tell Out My Soul

Walter Greatorex

***NICENE CREED**

(said by all standing, if able)

**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.

* = *standing, if able*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*standing or kneeling according to your custom*)

Reader Lord, in thy mercy.
People Hear our prayer.

COLLECT FOR ST. JOHN'S (*said together by the congregation*)

Gracious God:
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.

CONFESSION OF SIN (*standing or kneeling according to your custom*)

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

(silence is observed)

(congregation recites together)

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

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins
to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him,
Have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(seated)

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

— in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(please stand or kneel, according to your custom)

(The Celebrant continues)

All glory be to thee, Almighty God . . .

For in the night in which he was betrayed . . .

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup . . .

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy
dearly beloved Son . . .

And we most humbly beseech Thee, O merciful Father . . .

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully

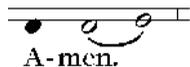
to accept this our sacrifice . . . And here we offer to present unto thee, O God, . . .

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins . . .

But pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord . . .

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost,
all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People



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

LORD'S PRAYER

(said by 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

*KYRIE ELEISON

Healey Willan

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
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DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

The Desert Shall Rejoice

STERLING

HYMN

The des-ert shall re-joice and blos-som as a rose:

- 1. It shall
- 2. For the
- 3. For the
- 4. For the

blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - rejoice with praise and sing - ing.
 ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be o - pened.
 tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad - ness.
 ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.

5. The desert shall rejoice
 and blossom as a rose:
 as the ransomed return to God
 and come singing back to Zion.

6. The desert shall rejoice
 and blossom as a rose:
 unto Zion we come with joy,
 for our God has come to save us.

Text: Gracia Grindal (b. 1943); Music: Sterling, Joy F Patterson (b. 1931)

HYMNAL #272

The Great Forerunner

THE TRUTH FROM ABOVE

HYMNAL #444

Blessed Be the God

THORNBURY

HYMNAL #437

Tell Out, My Soul

BIRMINGHAM

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(said by all, standing or kneeling according to your custom)*

**Almighty and everliving God,
we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us,
in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby
of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate
in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope,
of thy everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly beseech thee,
O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works
as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory,
world without end. Amen.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Deacon Our worship here has ended.
 Our service in the world begins.
 Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on TIDINGS

Jayson R. Engquist

(you are invited to listen to the concluding music up in the front choir stalls)

MUSIC NOTES

Service Music

During this season of Advent we will be singing service music composed by Healey Willan, a Canadian composer of the 20th-century. Willan's settings for the Eucharist and Canticles are some of the most beloved music in the world-wide Anglican tradition.

Offering Anthem

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924) was an Irish composer, music teacher, and conductor. Born to a well-off and highly musical family in Dublin, Stanford was educated at the University of Cambridge before studying music in Leipzig and Berlin. He was instrumental in raising the status of the Cambridge University Musical Society, attracting international stars to perform with it. While still an undergraduate, Stanford was appointed organist of Trinity College, Cambridge. In 1882, aged 29, he was one of the founding professors of the Royal College of Music, where he taught composition for the rest of his life. From 1887 he was also Professor of Music at Cambridge. As a teacher, Stanford was sceptical about modernism, and based his instruction chiefly on classical principles as exemplified in the music of Brahms. Among his pupils were rising composers whose fame went on to surpass his own, such as Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughan Williams. As a conductor, Stanford held posts with the Bach Choir and the Leeds triennial music festival.

Planning ahead . . .

DECEMBER 18, 2014: Sung Compline (7 p.m.)

Come worship in the choir stalls and experience this 30-minute contemplative prayer service. A local choral group, *Hymnos*, will be singing. Incense is used.

DECEMBER 21, 2014: Lessons & Carols (4 p.m.)

All choirs of St. John's including Handbells, Adults, Children and Youth and the Artaria String Quartet.

DECEMBER 24, 2014: Christmas Eve (services at 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.)

The Children's and Youth choirs will sing at the early service. The Adult choir will sing at both. Musical preludes begin 30 minutes prior to each service.

DECEMBER 25, 2014: Christmas Morning (10 a.m.)

Carols and duet sung by Craig Lemming, tenor and David Winkworth, baritone.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS—DECEMBER 14, 2014 AT 10:00 A.M.

CELEBRANT	The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson
PREACHER	The Reverend Barbara Mraz
DEACON	The Reverend Margaret Thor
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST	Jayson R. Engquist
ST. JOHN'S ADULT CHOIR	
ST. JOHN'S HANDBELL CHOIR	Kate Graber, Director
ALTAR GUILD	Pat Brynteson, Caroline Krall, Nan Lightner, Phyllis Merrill, Elaine Sutton, Jill Thompson
VERGER	Phillip Baird
READERS	Terry Dinovo, Gary Gleason
ACOLYTES	Madeline Weinkauff, Matt Brooks, Tessa Johnson, Helen Baxter,
USHERS	Pat Brynteson, Patty Byrne Pfalz, Marvin Cadwell, Alex Joyce,
GREETERS	Kathleen Hanson, Suzanne McInroy, Judy Southwick
COFFEE HOUR	Olsen & Olson Families



THE PRAYERS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Wuyah, John, Anna, Ian, Sarah, Evan, Pat, and Patti.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF

Gail Strom.

ONGOING PRAYERS FOR

Pat, Steve, Millie, Peter, Ginny, Jack, Camille, Susan, Terry, Shepherd, Christopher, Marge, and Amy.

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

The Middle East, including Gaza, Israel, Syria, and Iraq; for all victims of the Ebola virus; Ferguson, MO; refugees and those who serve them.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In thanksgiving for the lives of Charles Read Gleason and Laura Virginia Millis Gleason.

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pray for the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; for the Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop; and for the Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota.

IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN MINNESOTA'S CYCLE OF PRAYER

Pray for the foundations that minister to children with special needs, especially for the work of the Sheltering Arms Foundation and for all who work in child protection agencies throughout the State of Minnesota. Also pray for Church of the Advent in Farmington.

AT ST. JOHN'S

Kayoro Village, Uganda; Holy Apostles, our companion parish; Hearts to Homes families.

WELCOME

GUESTS

We are delighted that you have come to St. John's to worship God this morning. If this is your first time here, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate, or sign the Visitor's Book at the back of the church. We invite you to make St. John's your church home. Join us downstairs in the Gathering Space, directly beneath the church, for refreshments and fellowship after this service.

NURSERY

St. John's welcomes everyone, including children of all ages, to attend the worship service. For children age 5 and younger, parents can also choose to use the nursery. Care is provided starting at 9:00 am in the Undercroft, right beneath the sanctuary. If, for any reason, you and your child need to leave the church during the service, you can still hear the service in the Undercroft and Nursery. Simply ask the nursery attendant to adjust the sound. During Coffee Hour, nursery workers will supervise children who want to play in the gym. To reach the gym, follow the hall past the music room and through the double doors.

RESTROOMS

Located in the lower level Undercroft down any set of stairs.

THANK YOU

For silencing cell phones and other electronic equipment. Please do not use flash cameras during the worship service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please refer to announcement insert for upcoming events.

WEEKLY CALENDAR*

Sunday, December 14—The Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist Rite I	8:00 am	Church
Sunday Forum	9:00 am	Fireside Room
St. John's Café	9:00 am	Meditation Room
Children's Choir Rehearsal	9:00 am	Music Room
Adult Choir Rehearsal	9:00 am	Chancel
Godly Play	9:45 am	Classrooms
Sung Eucharist Rite I	10:00 am	Church
Coffee Hour	11:15 am	Gym

Monday, December 15

Men's Alanon Meeting	6:00 pm	Meditation Room
Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm	Fireside Room

Tuesday, December 16

Handbell Choir Rehearsal	5:45 pm	Music Room
Down Syndrome Support Group	6:00 pm	Gathering Space

Wednesday, December 17

Bible Study	11:00 am	Library
Youth Choir Rehearsal	5:30 pm	Music Room
Hanging of the Greens	6:00 pm	Church
Youth Groups	6:15 pm	Gym Kitchen
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm	Music Room

Thursday, December 18

Sung Compline	7:00 pm	Chancel
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Sunday, December 21

Holy Eucharist Rite I	8:00 am	Church
Sunday Forum	9:00 am	Fireside Room
St. John's Café	9:00 am	Meditation Room
Children's Choir Rehearsal	9:00 am	Music Room
Adult Choir Rehearsal	9:00 am	Chancel
Godly Play	9:45 am	Classrooms
Sung Eucharist Rite I	10:00 am	Church
Coffee Hour	11:15 am	Gym
Lessons and Carols	4:00 pm	Church

*Please visit www.stjohnsstpaul.org/news-events/calendar/ for a full calendar of events.

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