

Saint John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

December 16, 2018
Third Sunday in Advent: Year C

Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.
Rite II, Prayer B



Hearing-assistive devices and large print bibles are available from the ushers at the back of the church.

The Word of God

Voluntary : *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* Johann Sebastian Bach

Hymn #68 Rejoice! Rejoice believers *Llangloffan*

Opening Acclamation and Response

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

Collect for Purity *Book of Common Prayer, p. 355*
The Trisagion *Hymnal S99*

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Joy*

Celebrant Our King and Savior draweth nigh:
People **O come, let us adore him.**

As the Advent Candle is lit, all pray together:

All **Lord, grant us your light, that being rid of the darkness of our hearts, we may come to the true light which is Christ.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.
Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

**Note: On each of the four Sundays in the Season of Advent a new candle is lit. Each candle symbolizes the sacred gifts God freely gives to us in Christ, which are Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.*

First Reading Zephaniah 3:14-20 *Pew Bible, p. 861-862*
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9: *The congregation joins the choir in the following chant, pausing at the asterisk.*



Surely, it is God who/ saves me; *
I will trust in him and/ not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my/ sure defense, *
and he will/ be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with re/joicing *
from the springs/ of salvation.
And on that day you shall/ say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call up/on his Name;
Make his deeds known among the/ peoples; *
see that they remember that his/ Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great/ things, *
and this is known in/ all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your/ joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy/ One of Israel.

Second Reading Philippians 4:4-7 *Pew Bible p. 1073*
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #67 Comfort, comfort ye my people *Psalm 42*

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Luke 3:7-18 *Pew Bible, p. 937*

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

Sermon The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson, *Rector*

Nicene Creed *Book of Common Prayer p. 358*

Prayers of the People *standing or kneeling, as is your custom*

Reader God of Transformation,
All **Prepare our souls to magnify you.**

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. — The Collect for St. John's**

Confession and Absolution

standing or kneeling, as is your custom

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
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.
People **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Procession of Crèche Figures

Welcome

The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson, *Rector*

The Holy Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may kneel or stand to receive communion.

The common loaf is gluten-free. If you prefer to receive a blessing please cross your arms.

There is healing prayer offered in the chapel.

OFFERTORY AND PRESENTATION

Anthem Rejoice in the Lord, Always Henry Purcell

Krista Palmquist, Nicholas Swanson and Aaron Brown, *soloists*

Presentation of the Gifts

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Book of Common Prayer, page 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

Hymnal, S120

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up 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, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S130

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;

Celebrant 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. We pray you, gracious God,...

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Distribution

Communion Music

Solo But who may abide the day of his coming G.F. Handel
Tessa Wegenke, *soloist*

Hymn #56 O come, O come, Emmanuel (vs. 3-6) *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

Sending forth Eucharistic Visitors (as applicable)

Deacon In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post Communion Prayer

standing or kneeling, as is your custom

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.

Hymn: #78 O little town of Bethlehem *Forest Green*

Blessing

Dismissal

Deacon Our worship here is ended; now our service begins.
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Passacaglia in D, BuxWV 161 Dieterich Buxtehude

Altar Flowers are given in thanksgiving for the life of The Right Rev. Robert Marshall Anderson

Assisting in the Service

Celebrant	The Reverend Craig Lemming
Preacher	The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson
Deacon	The Reverend Margaret Thor
Director of Music	Richard Gray
Altar Guild	Terri Fishel, Gwen Odney, Sue MacIntosh, Phyllis Merrill, Elaine Sutton, Jill Thompson
Acolytes	Sabine Krall, Maggie Baxter, Charlie Docherty
Readers	Cammie Beattie, Lyelle Palmer
Verger	Linnea Krall
Ushers	Mary & Peter Gilbertson, Patty Byrne Pfalz, Shirley Sailors
Greeters	Cindy Bertheau, Jennifer & Peter Rosendale

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