

**Saint John the Evangelist Episcopal Church**

December 2, 2018

First 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**

**Children's Choir:** *Love is little, love is low*

Shaker Song

**Hymn #57** Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

*Helmsley*

**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: Hope\***

*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.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may 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.**

*\*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.*

**The Readings**

**First Reading** Jeremiah 33:14-16 *Pew Bible, p. 724*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 25: 1-9** *The congregation joins the choir in the following chant:*



1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 *Pew Bible p. 1078*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn #54** Savior of the nations come!  
*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

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

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

**Gospel** Luke 21:25-36 *Pew Bible, p. 962*

*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** E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come Paul Manz

### 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

**Anthem** In the bleak midwinter Gustav Holst

**Hymn #60** Creator of the stars of night *Conditor alme siderum*

### 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: #73** The King shall come when morning dawns *St. Stephen*

### 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** Fugue, BWV 753 Johann Sebastian Bach

**Altar Flowers** are given in thanksgiving for the lives of Alice & Carl Diedrich, Stephen Diedrich.

### 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	Colleen Swope, Sue Cadwell, Shirlee Gooch, Paige Hagstrom, Sabine Krall
Acolytes	Linnea Krall, Mugeegbaykola Koroma, Hawah Sharon Koroma, Roan Weinkauf
Readers	Mark McInroy, Gary Gleason
Verger	Bob Linehan
Ushers	Cammie Beattie, Jennifer & Peter Rosendale, Kevin Wall
Greeters	Sally Sand, Don & Holly Weinkauf

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