

**Saint John the Evangelist Episcopal Church**

December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Advent: Year C

**Holy Eucharist and Christmas Pageant 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** *In dulci jubilo* Dieterich Buxtehude

**Opening Meditation** Annunciation Jessica Bandelin

**Hymn #76** On Jordan's bank the Baptist's Cry *Winchester New*

**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: Love\***

*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.  
Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily  
visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find  
in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns  
with you, in the unity of 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 Christmas Pageant**

**The Birth of Jesus**

**Reading** Luke 2:1-4

**Carol #78** O Little Town of Bethlehem *Forest Green*

**Reading** Luke 2:5-7

**Carol** **The Friendly Beasts**



1 Je - sus our broth - er, kind\_\_\_ and good, was hum - bly  
2 "I," said the don - key, shag - gy and brown, "I car - ried his  
3 "I," said the cow, all white\_\_\_ and red, "I gave him my



born\_\_\_ in a sta - ble rude, and the friend - ly beasts\_\_\_ a  
moth - er up - hill and down. I\_\_\_ car - ried his moth - er to  
man - ger for his bed. I\_\_\_ gave him my hay\_\_\_ to



round\_\_\_ him stood, Je - sus our broth - er, kind\_\_\_ and good.  
Beth - le - hem town. I," said the don - key shag - gy and brown.  
pil - low his head. I," said the cow all white\_\_\_ and red.

4 "I," said the sheep with curly horn, 5 "I," said the dove from rafters high,  
"I gave him my wool for his blanket warm. "I cooed him to sleep, so he should not cry.  
He wore my coat on Christmas morn. We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I.  
I," said the sheep with curly horn. I," said the dove from rafters high.

6 Thus every beast by some good spell,  
in the stable dark was glad to tell  
of the gift he gave Emmanuel,  
the gift he gave Emmanuel.

**Reading** Luke 2:8-14

**Carol #96** Angels We Have Heard on High *Gloria*

**Reading** Luke 2:15

**Carol** Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow

1. There's a star in the East on Christmas morn:  
Rise up, shepherd and follow;  
It'll lead to the place where the Christ was born,  
Rise up, shepherd and follow

Refrain

Follow, follow, Rise up, shepherd, and follow:  
Follow the Star of Bethlehem, Rise up shepherd and follow.

2. If you take good heed to the angel's words,  
Rise up, shepherd and follow,  
You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds  
Rise up, shepherd and follow.

**Reading** Luke 2: 16-19

**Carol #111** Silent Night *Stille Nacht*

**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**

**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

**Organ Solo** Carol of the Nativity John Ireland

### 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** Creator of the Stars of Night  
Rachel Barkel, *soloist*

### 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:** #657 Love divine, all loves excelling

*Hyfrydol*

### 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** How lovely shines the morning star Dieterich Buxtehude

### Assisting in the Service

Celebrant	The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson
Assisting Priest	The Rev. Craig Lemming
Deacon	The Reverend Margaret Thor
Director of Music	Richard Gray
Altar Guild	Dusty Mairs, Caroline Church, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisby, Patty Byrne Pfalz, Bill Sherfey
Acolytes	Elliot Wall, Will Rinkoff, Thomas Rinkoff
Readers	Don Postema
Verger	Pyne Neepaye
Ushers	Gary & Paige Hagstrom, Jeff & Peggy Olsen
Greeters	Josh Colton, Gabrielle Lawrence & Don Postema

### Pageant Participants

Musical Preparation	Jessica Bandelin, Children's Music
Director	Jean Hansen, CYF Director

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