

Saint John the Evangelist Episcopal Church  
December 9, 2018  
Second 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

**Opening Voluntary:** *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659*  
Johann Sebastian Bach

**Hymn #72** Hark! The glad sound! *Richmond*

### 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** *said by the celebrant*

**The Trisagion** *sung by the congregation* *Hymnal S99*

### Lighting of the Advent Candle: Peace\*

*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.**

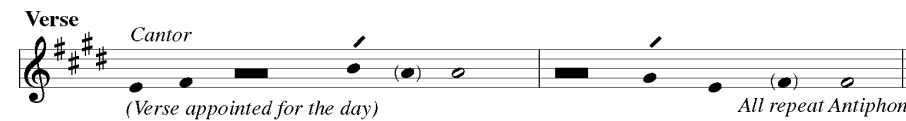
### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to  
preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:  
Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,  
that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our  
Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **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** Baruch 5:1-9  
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Song of Zechariah:** *The congregation joins the choir in the following chant:*



Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty/ savior, \*  
born of the house of his/ servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets he promised of/ old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of/ all who hate us.**

**He promised to show mercy to our/ fathers \*  
and to remember his/ holy covenant.**

**This was the oath he swore to our father/ Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands/ of our enemies,**

**Free to worship him without/ fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days/ of our life.**

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most/ High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to pre/pare his way,**

**To give his people knowledge of sal/vation \*  
by the forgiveness/ of their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our/ God \*  
the dawn from on high shall/ break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of/ death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the/ way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy/ Spirit: \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for/ ever. Amen.**

**Second Reading** Philippians 1:3-11 *Pew Bible p. 1070*

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

**Sequence Hymn #65** Prepare the way, O Zion  
*Bereden vag for Herran*

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

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

**Gospel** Luke 3:1-6 *Pew bible, p. 936-37*

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

**Sermon** The Rev. Barbara Mraz, *Writer-in-Residence*

**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

*You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with those around you.*

## 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** Thou shalt know him when he comes Mark Sirett

## 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** Comfort, comfort ye my people G.F. Handel  
Nicholas Swanson, *solo*

**Hymn #56** O come, O come, Emmanuel (vs. 1-2) *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: #59** Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

*Merton*

## 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** *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661*

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**Altar Flowers** are given in thanksgiving for the lives of Ralph E. Hagstrom, William E. & Lois King; Margaret P. & Jack Rasmussem; C. Wesley & Lillian Andersen

## Assisting in the Service

Celebrant	The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson
Preacher	The Reverend Barbara Mraz
Deacon	The Reverend Margaret Thor
Director of Music	Richard Gray
Altar Guild	Diane Power, Jean Hansen, Sue MacIntosh, Beverly Meloche, Ginnie Schauss, Sarah K. Smith, Cecilia Wall
Acolytes	Elliot Wall, Lance Georgeson, Nina Georgeson, Thea Bischof
Readers	Diane Wallace-Reid, Bob Linehan
Verger	Bill Sherfey
Ushers	Lynn Hertz, Tom Eyre, Alden Drew & Mimie Pollard
Greeters	Jeff & Peggy Olsen, Diane Wallace-Reid

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