DECEMBER 1, 2019
10:00 AM
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
WELCOME

Thank you for coming to St. John’s to worship this morning. We believe everyone who passes through our doors is a blessing from God. We’re glad you’re here.

Below are answers to some of the questions you might have about St. John’s. If you don’t see the information you need, please ask an usher and we’ll help you out!

Assistive Devices: Everyone needs a little help sometimes. Large-print Bibles and hearing-assist devices are available at the back of the church. Just ask an usher!

Communion: All are invited to take Communion, no matter your age or religious background. The loaf is gluten-free. If, due to mobility issues, you cannot walk to the altar rail, let an usher know and communion will be brought down to you.

Children: We welcome everyone, including children of all ages, to participate in all our worship services and to take Communion.
- In the back of the church, there is a rocking chair and a soft space where children can sit and play on the floor. There are also “Busy Bags” with activities for kids to take into the pews.
- If, for any reason, you and your child need to leave the church during the service, you can still hear the service over the speakers in the lower level below the worship space.
- At the 10am service, parents can also choose to use the nursery, on the lower level below the worship space, for children up to age 4.

Coffee Hour: After 10am worship, come share treats and beverages in the gymnasium.

Restrooms: Located on the lower level down any set of stairs. We also have an elevator and handicap-accessible restrooms on the lower level—ask an usher for directions.

Electronics: Please silence your cell phone and refrain from using flash cameras during the worship service. Thank you!

First time at St. John’s? Introduce yourself to any of the clergy or a greeter after worship. We would love to meet you! Interested in more information about our music program or ministries? We’d be glad to connect you with someone. Fill out the welcome book at the back of the church, or fill out a visitor card found in the pew rack, and then place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. We’ll drop off some bread to thank you for visiting!
Responses in **bold** are spoken by everyone.

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the **black book** in the pews.

Hymns can be found in the **blue hymnal** in the pew rack. Hymn numbers that start with “S” come from the front section of the hymnal.

You can simply listen to the Scripture readings, or follow along in the **red pew Bible** on the given page number.

You can always remain seated if you are not comfortable standing or kneeling.

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**About today’s Worship: Seeing, Noticing, and Welcoming God in ADVENT!**

Beginning on the Sunday nearest November 30 (Saint Andrew’s Day) the Holy Season of Advent continues until Christmas Eve. Advent marks the beginning of the Church’s new liturgical year and always encompasses four Sunday’s. In Advent we intentionally take time to pause, watch, pray and prepare to celebrate the incarnation of God I the fully human and fully divine Christ child. Advent is a time for us to remember that “God is with us” in our sufferings and in our joys; in the light and in the darkness of our lives.

**Liturgical Color:** the dark blue of dawn reminds us of our hopeful anticipation of the Light of Christ who is born of the Virgin Mary.

**Advent Wreath:** the four candles symbolize God’s gifts of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love to all people in Christ Jesus.

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If you have any questions about today’s liturgy, please email our Associate Rector at craig.lemming@stjohnsstpaul.org

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prelude**  *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 659  
Johann Sebastian Bach

**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.
Collect for Purity

THE TRISAGION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE*
(On each of the four Sunday's 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.)

Celebrant Our King and Savior draws 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 to 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 forever.
People Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 2:1-5
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
PSALM 122

Please join the choir in the following chant, as indicated in bold.

1 I was glad when they said to / me, *
   "Let us go to the house / of the LORD."
2 Now our feet are / standing *
   within your gates, / O Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem is built as a / city *
   that is at unity / with itself;
4 To which the tribes go up, 
   the tribes of the / LORD, *
   the assembly of Israel, 
   to praise the Name / of the LORD.
5 For there are the thrones of / judgment, *
   the thrones of the / house of David.
6 Pray for the peace of / Jerusalem: *
   "May they prosper who / love you.
7 Peace be within your / walls *
   and quietness with- / in your towers.
8 For my brethren and companions' / sake, *
   I pray for / your prosperity.
9 Because of the house of the LORD our / God, *
   I will seek to / do you good."

SECOND READING Romans 13:11-14

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN #54 Savior of the nations, come! Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
Gospel
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel
Matthew 24: 36-44

Pew Bible, p. 905

Gospel
The Gospel of the Lord.

People
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon
The Rev. Craig Lemming, Associate Rector

Nicene Creed
said by all, standing as you are 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Reader Come, Lord Jesus.
All Hear our prayer.

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
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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
All Amen.
**The Peace**

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

**Welcome**

*The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson, Rector*

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory and Presentation**

*Anthem*  Thou shalt know him  
Mark Sirett

Thou shalt know him when he comes,  
Not by any din of drums,  
Nor his manners, nor his airs,  
Nor by any thing he wears.

Thou shalt know him when he comes,  
Not by a crown nor by a gown,  
But his coming known shall be,  
By the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee. Amen.

**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 A**  
*BCP, p. 362*

*Celebrant*  The Lord be with you.  
*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 everywhere 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**

**Celebrant**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all…

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All**

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

**Celebrant**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts…

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.

**THE 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**

*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 a standing station to receive Holy Communion.*

**HYMN**    
#60 Creator of the stars of night  
Conditor alme siderum  
#112 In the bleak midwinter  
Cranham

**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

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

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

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599

Johann Sebastian Bach
## Assisting in the Service

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For more information about events and ministries at St. John’s, please visit our website: [www.stjohnsstpaul.org](http://www.stjohnsstpaul.org)