



Welcome to St. John's Church

The First Sunday of Advent:

November 29th, 2020

The health and safety of our congregation and community is the highest priority for St. John's. As long as the Town of Washington and surrounding villages are in a Red Zone for new virus infections, we will close the church to the public and "live stream" our 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship on the St. John's YouTube page, at: [St.John'sYouTubePage](#)

10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

The Ministry of the Word

Prelude *Prelude in d minor and Bourrée in e minor* J S Bach

Lo! He comes with clouds descending (two melodies)

Opening Hymn *"The King shall come when morning dawns"* Hymnal 73

Salutation Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

His mercy endures forever.

The Collect of Purity BCP 355

Kryie Celebrant: Lord, have mercy

People: ***Christ, have mercy.***

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy

Collect BCP 211

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 BCP 702

***1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.***

***2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.***

***3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.***

***4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?***

***5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.***

***6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.***

***7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.***

**16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

**17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**

**18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	
Gradual Hymn	<i>"Hail To The Lord's Anointed"</i>	Hymnal 616
The Gospel Reading	Mark 13:24-37	
Sermon	<i>"The Prophets of Old: Amos"</i>	Fr. Geoff, Priest-in-Charge
The Nicene Creed		BCP 358
The Prayers of the People, the congregational refrain is:		"Come, Lord Jesus"
The Confession and Absolution		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP 360

The Great Thanksgiving

Offertory	<i>"My Lord What A Morning"</i>	African-American spiritual
Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP 361
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;	

Therefore let us keep the feast.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest desire that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you physically, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you with all the affections of our souls, confident that nothing can ever separate us from the love God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Postcommunion Prayer and Blessing		BCP 365
Recessional Hymn	<i>"God Forth For God"</i> verse 1	Hymnal 347
Postlude	<i>Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us</i>	harmonized by J S Bach

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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WORSHIP MINISTERS TODAY:

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, Priest-in-Charge

Jon Lafleur, Organist

Melissa Schipul, Soloist

Laura Daly, Reader

Larry Littlefield, Veejay

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CHANGE OF LITURGICAL SEASONS

Advent is a season of the [liturgical year](#) observed in most [Christian denominations](#) as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the [Nativity of Christ](#) at [Christmas](#) and the return of Christ at the [Second Coming](#). Advent is the beginning of the [liturgical year](#) in [Western Christianity](#). The term "Advent" is also used in [Eastern Orthodoxy](#) for the 40-day [Nativity Fast](#), which has practices different from those in the West. The term is adopted from Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming; arrival", translated from the [Greek](#) *parousia*, which in the [New Testament](#) is the term used for the [Second Coming of Christ](#). The four weeks of Advent are often marked by a set of so-called Advent candles, lit each week to mark the progress towards the coming Kingdom of Heaven. Advent was traditionally a penitential season, like Lent, often made visible with purple vestments, dire scriptural readings, forbidden use of the Gloria, and traditional sermon topics on death, last judgment, heaven and hell! Traditions change though, and more and more these days, Advent is viewed as a season of 'preparation,' not penitence, for the coming of the Christ, often made visible now with vestments or candles of blue, though liturgical colors are never mentioned in the American Prayer Books, and are simply local customs.