

Welcome to St. John's Church



The First Sunday Of Advent

*November 27, 2022
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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MORNING PRAYER

*Children's activity bags are available on the bench by the Baptistry.
Please return them after the Service.*

Organ Prelude

Tollite portas

William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

Translation: Lift up your gates ye princes, and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates: and the King of glory shall enter in. Who shall ascend into the mount of our Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? The innocent of hands, and of clean heart. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Opening Hymn # 64

O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light



1 O heaven - ly Word, e - ter - nal Light, be - got - ten
2 pour light up - on us from a - bove, and fire our
3 and when, as judge, thou draw - est nigh the se - crets
4 O let us not, for e - vil past, be driv - en
* 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the



1 of the Fa - ther's might, who in these lat - ter days wast
2 hearts with ar - dent love, that, as we hear thy truth to -
3 of our hearts to try, to rec - om - pense each hid - den
4 from thy face at last, but with thy saints for ev - er -
5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry



1 born for bless - ing to a world for - lorn;
2 day, all wrong de - sires may burn a - way;
3 sin and bid the saints their reign be - gin;
4 more be - hold thee, love thee, and a - dore.
5 be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

The Invitatory and Psalter

The people standing, the Officiant may say

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People

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.

Venite (Plainsong, chanted by the choir)

Our King and Savior draweth nigh: O come, let us adore him

An antiphon may be sung before and after this setting.



1. O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our



sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a great God,



and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are all the corners of the earth,



and the strength of the hills is his al - so. 5. The sea is his and he made it,



and his hands prepared the dry land. 6. O come, let us worship and fall down



and kneel before the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For he is the Lord our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. 8. O worship



the Lord in the beauty of ho - li - ness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.



9. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, and with righteousness to judge

The Readings

INTRODUCTION: In our opening reading, the prophet envisions a time when people throughout the world will worship the Lord and live in peace with one another.

A Reading from the Scroll of the Prophet Isaiah: (2:1-5)

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Canticle # 18 *A Song To The Lamb* (Sung by all) Revelation 4:11; 5:9; 13

Antiphon

1. Splen - dor and hon - or and king - ly power are yours by right, O Lord our God,

2. For you created everything that is, and by your will they were created and

have their be - ing; 3. And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,

for with your blood you have re - deemed for God, 4. From every family,

language, people, and na - tion, a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

5. And so, to him who sits up - on the throne, and to Christ the Lamb,

6. Be worship and praise, dominion and splen-dor, for ever and for ev - er - more. [Ant.]

INTRODUCTION: In the second reading, St. Paul urges a way of life in full awareness of the nearness of salvation.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans: (13:11-14)

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say
The Word of the Lord.*

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 377 All People That On Earth Do Dwell

Unison or harmony

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his
 4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for
 *5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and

1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth
 2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us
 3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -
 4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly
 5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel

1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - jice.
 2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.
 5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - - more.

INTRODUCTION: In our third reading, Jesus tells his disciples of the need for readiness because the Son of Man will come at a day and hour which no one knows.

A Reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew: (24:36-44)

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Sara Coles, *licensed Preacher*

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And with thy spirit.*

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

*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.*

The Suffrages

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. *And grant us thy salvation.*

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. *For only in thee can we live in safety.*

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

R. *Thy saving health among all nations.*

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. *And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.*

The Collect of the Day

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 for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sunday

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Offertory Hymn # 397

Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;
with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

Officiant: Let us continue our prayers, pausing now so that all may add their own prayers or petitions, either silently in their hearts or aloud in our midst.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

*we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn # 66 *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Come Thou Long Expected Jesus'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written in four lines between the staves, with numbers 1 through 4 indicating the four verses. The lyrics are: '1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free; 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king, 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;'. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature.



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

The Officiant may then conclude

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Organ Postlude

Worship Ministers Today:

Laura Daly, *Officiant*

Sara Coles, *Preacher*

Tom Brand, *Organist & Choirmaster*

John Magee, *8:00 Reader*

Penny Bardel, *10:00 Reader*

Laura Daly, *Vee jay (VJ)*

Sara Coles, MB Witt, *Altar Guild*

Bob Futh: *Ushers*