



## **Welcome to St. John's Church**

The Third Sunday of Advent:

*December 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 Facebook page, at: <https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsChurchWashingtonCT> and the St. John's YouTube page, at: [St. John's YouTube Page](#).*

10:00 a.m.

**Holy Eucharist, Rite Two**

**The Ministry of the Word**

Prelude      *O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling*      Tidings

*Invention In A Minor And Prelude In C Major*      J S Bach

Opening Hymn      *"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"*      Hymnal 59

Salutation      Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

***His mercy endures forever.***

The Collect of Purity      BCP 355

Kyrie      Celebrant:      Lord, have mercy

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

Celebrant:      Lord, have mercy

Collect      BCP 211

First Reading      Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126

***1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.***

***2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.***

***3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The LORD has done great things for them."***

***4 The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.***

***5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.***

***6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.***

***7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.***

Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	
Gradual Hymn	<i>“On Jordan’s Bank The Baptist’s Cry”</i>	Hymnal 76
The Gospel Reading	John 1:6-8, 19-28	
Sermon	<i>“The Prophets of Old: Jeremiah”</i>	Fr. Geoff, Priest-in-Charge
The Nicene Creed		BCP 358
The Prayers of the People, the congregational refrain is:	<b><i>“Come, Lord Jesus”</i></b>	
The Confession and Absolution		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP 360

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Offertory Hymn	<i>“Blessed Be The God Of Israel”</i>	Hymnal 444
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>“Go Forth For God”</i> verse 3	Hymnal 347
Postlude	<i>Invention In E Major</i>	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*

*Madison LaFontan, Soloist*

*Laura Daly, Reader*

*Larry Littlefield, Veejay*

*Susie Markert Altar Flowers*

*MB Witt, Altar Guild*

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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.