



Welcome to St. John's Church

The Second Sunday of Advent:

December 6th, 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's YouTube Page](#)

10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

The Ministry of the Word

Prelude	<i>Comfort Ye My People</i>	Jean Pasquet
	<i>Invention In C Major</i>	J S Bach
	<i>Once He Came In Blessing</i>	
Opening Anthem	<i>People Look East</i>	arr. Dale Wood
Salutation	Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins; <i>His mercy endures forever.</i>	
The Collect of Purity		BCP 355
Kyrie	Celebrant: Lord, have mercy People: <i>Christ, have mercy.</i> Celebrant: Lord, have mercy	
Collect		BCP 211
First Reading	Isaiah 40:1-11	
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13		
	<i>1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, * you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.</i>	
	<i>2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people * and blotted out all their sins.</i>	
	<i>8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.</i>	
	<i>9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.</i>	
	<i>10 Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.</i>	
	<i>11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, * and righteousness shall look down from heaven.</i>	

***12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.***

***13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.***

Second Reading	2 Peter 3:8-15a	
Gradual Hymn	<i>"There's A Voice In The Wilderness Crying"</i>	Hymnal 75
The Gospel Reading	Mark 1:1-8	
Sermon	<i>"The Prophets of Old: Hosea"</i>	Fr. Geoff, Priest-in-Charge
The Nicene Creed		BCP 358
The Prayers of the People, the congregational refrain is:	<i>"Come, Lord Jesus"</i>	
The Confession and Absolution		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP 360

The Great Thanksgiving

Offertory	<i>Prepare Thyself Zion</i>	J S Bach
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 2	Hymnal 347
Postlude	<i>O Thou of God the Father</i>	J S Bach

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WORSHIP MINISTERS TODAY:

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

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Melissa Schipul, Soloist

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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.