

St. John's Episcopal Church

John's Island - Wadmalaw Island Kiawah and Seabrook Islands South Carolina Established in 1734





THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 11, 2022

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite I - p. 3 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite II - p. 7

Today's Readings

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desort shall glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly. and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart. "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 11:2-11

 \bigwedge hen John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."



Copies of Advent and Christmas Wisdom from Henri J.M. Nouwen: Daily Scripture and Prayers together with Nouwen's Own Words will be available in Guerry Hall for \$8. Reflections for each day begin with the words of Henri Nouwen followed by Scripture readings and prayers. A wonderful way to begin this new church year.

St. John's Episcopal Church

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church

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THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand.

The Acclamation and Response

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: Restore us, O Lord God of Hosts;

People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

The Liturgy of the Advent Wreath

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but will have the light of life."

People: Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.

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to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to announce release to captives, and freedom to those in prison. He has sent me to proclaim that the time has come when the lord

will save his people. (Isaiah 61:1-2)

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tice, and bring hope to those who live without light and love.

The third candle is lit.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

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Celebrant: People: Please be seated.	The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to thee, O Christ.
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A period of silent reflection is kept.

Please stand.

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The people kneel or stand. **The Peace**

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with thy spirit. **Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Celebrant and People: (said together)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

The Celebrant continues.

The Lord's Prayer (said together)

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Prayer of Humble Access

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We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*.

Invitation to Communion

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of the Christ who is to come.

People: Thanks be to God.



Service Participants

CelebrantThe Reverend Canon Calhoun Walpole

Liturgy of the Advent Wreath Jack Case & Chris Tindal

Adult Acolyte Doris Reinhart

Mike McShane **Flower Guild**

Reader

Chalice Bearer
Pat Hunter

Jane McFaddin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR DECEMBER 11, 2022

Celebrant: As we wait for Christ to come in victory, let us make our requests known to God who saves the lame and gathers the outcast, saying; Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor: For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ, we pray,

People: Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor: For Ruth, our bishop, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for all priests and deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God, we pray,

People: Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor: For the church throughout the world, and the faithful in every place, we pray.

People: Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor: For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, we pray.

People: Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor: For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth; for all who serve at home or

overseas in the military, or in mission or outreach work, and their families. We pray.

People: Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor: In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, we pray.

People: Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor: For travelers, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison, we pray,

People: Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor: For our deliverance from all affliction and strife, and for all those in special need: We pray.

People: Come, O Lord, and save us.

Intercessor: For all those who have gone before us, remembering Emogene Christie, we pray.

People: Come, O Lord, and save us.

Advent Collect: (said together)

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.

WARDEN'S RECEPTION

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St. John's Episcopal Church

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Prelude

Please stand.

Processional Hymn 59

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

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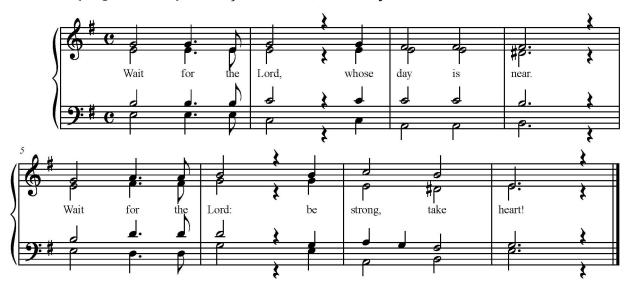
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Please be seated.

The First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Today's readings are found on page 2.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146: 4-9 (said responsively by whole verse)

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the LORD their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

The LORD loves the righteous;

the LORD cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The LORD shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! The Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Sequence Hymn 444 Blessed be the God of Israel Thornbury

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. **People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

A period of silent reflection is kept.

Please stand.

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The people kneel or stand.

The Peace 360

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People: And also with you.

Please be seated.

Lessons from the Angel Oak

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Please stand.

Presentation Hymn 60 (Verse 6) Doxology Conditor alme siderum

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

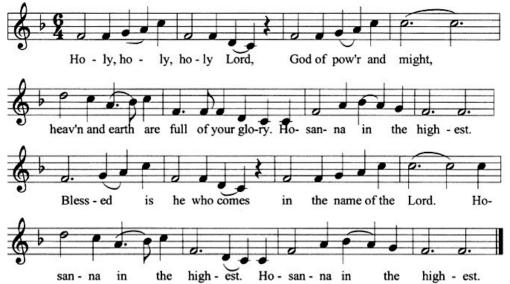
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People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus Land of Rest



The people kneel or stand.

The Celebrant continues.

The Lord's Prayer (said together)

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 Breaking of the Bread

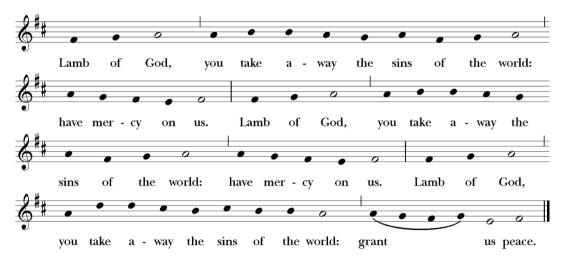
Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem S 161

David Hurd

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Invitation to Communion

The Communion of the People

The congregation is invited to sing the Communion Hymns.

Communion Hymn 68 Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

After Communion, the Celebrant says let us pray.

The Postcommunion Prayer (said together)

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 72

Hark! The glad sound the Savior comes

Richmond

Llangloffan

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

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Service Participants

Celebrant

The Reverend Canon Calhoun Walpole

Music

Anne Warf

Verger

Anne Norton

Liturgy of the Advent Wreath

The Cromwell-Hudson Family

Intercessor

Zach Hyleman

Readers

George Reinhart **Patty Rosenberg** Homilist

The Reverend Ross Tortora

Chalice Bearers

Peter Lewis

Doris Reinhart

Crucifer

Jack Tierney

Bennett Lewis

Torch Bearers

Branch McAfee

Trace McAfee

Flower Guild

Jane McFaddin

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St. John's News & Announcements

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TUESDAY BOOK STUDY

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LET US PRAY

Join Rebecca Hyleman in Guerry Hall on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. for a discussion and time for prayer before the noon Eucharist. rhyleman@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

TODAY! Join us after the 10:30 service. Meet in front of the church to walk over to the Sea Island Health Center to sing carols to our next door neighbors.

PRAYER NEEDS

If you would like to add anyone to the public prayer list (with their permission) please contact
Anne-Clark Cromwell.
acromwell@stjohnsepiscopalchurchsc.org

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Looking to connect with other parish members? We are in the process of developing a church directory through our new platform called Realm. To gain access to our directory you will need to create an account in Realm. Anne-Clark in our church office is ready to assist you with registration. Please contact her via email at acromwell@stjohnsepiscopalchurchsc.org or by calling 843-974-5593

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST TUESDAYS AT NOON

Join us on Tuesdays at noon for a Holy Eucharist in the church.

PREPARING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Are you interested in participating with making wreaths and other decorations for the church for Christmas? The Flower Guild welcomes you to assist as they start the decorating process with the making of wreaths on December 14th. A light lunch will be served that day. Even if you don't think you have a talent for it, they guarantee you will have a great time and maybe even meet a few new friends. Call or text Maureen Ray at (843)729-6656 for more information.

FLOWER GUILD

If you are interested in being a part of the Flower Guild, please contact Felicity Myers felicitycostinmyers@gmail.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THE LITTLE ONES

Join us each Sunday at 9:15 am as Lucy and Thomas McAfee and friends lead us through our school year.

This class meets in the LaRoche Building behind Guerry Hall next to the church.

Adult Education

Vicar's Class in Guerry Hall continues at 9:15 am with the discussion of the book, Forgive Everyone Everything by Gregory Boyle. Join this class anytime as previous attendance is not necessary. Books will be available for purchase in the church office and via Amazon. This week we will be discussing the stories entitled Looking From Beyond, Define Your Terms, Breath In Breath Out from the book



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesdays - 11am

Let Us Pray
Join Rebecca Hyleman in the church at 11am
for a discussion and time of prayer prior to the noon Eucharist.

Weekday Eucharist Tuesdays at Noon

Holy Eucharist

Sunday School - 9:15am

Children & Parents welcome to join the McAfee's every Sunday in the LaRoche Building.

December 6, 2022 - December 20, 2022

Advent Book Study with The Reverend Deacon Ross Tortora Tuesdays at 10am in Guerry Hall *Life of the Beloved* by Henri Nouwen

December 11, 2022

Christmas Caroling Meet in front of the church after 10;30 service.

December 14, 2022

Preparing the church for Christmas Starting at 10am.

December 18, 2022

Wardens' Reception Walton Hall Directly after 10:30am service.

December 24, 2022

Christmas Eve Services 4pm- Grace Chapel 6pm- St. John's

December 25, 2022

Christmas Day Service 10am - St. John's

A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

What a meaningful Advent we are enjoying at St. John's. This week we made a pathway through a wooded area between our property and that of the Sea Island Comprehensive Health Care Center. Now we can walk over after the 10:30 service today and sing carols with the residents. Our Advent carol service last Sunday afternoon was a resounding success and an especially deepening event as we make our way in these shortened, darkened days toward the Light that is to come.

Thank you, Sam Carabetta, Anne Warf, Jeannie Martin, and Jo Vroon for your gifts of music and song!

In these times of change and rebirth and rebuilding, we are all on a very special journey together. As we continue to rebuild, thank you to all who have submitted pledge cards and plan to submit your pledge in the coming days and weeks. Your commitment and gifts will allow us to move forward toward our aim of becoming an autonomous parish, as has been the centuries-old custom of St. John's. Your pledges also signify that a community of faith and love is being re-formed and we all share in this holy and life-altering—but life-giving—effort. Such an experience is nothing short of the mystery of that Light which is to come—the Incarnation—God in Christ, Christ in us. Please be in touch with me should you have any questions about anything.

I am delighted to announce that Clark Cromwell will be joining St. John's on a part-time basis as Director of Parish Life and Family Ministry. Part of Clark's ministry will include building relationships with families and individuals and coordinating various parish events such as cookouts, as well as helping to integrate old and new parishioners into the life of the parish for the exercise of their own gifts for ministry and service. Clark is a native of New Orleans and graduate of Tulane University. He is an Eagle Scout and served for years as a Merchant Marine Captain. He currently serves in a part-time position as Administrator for the Charleston Port and Seafarers Society. Clark and his wife Sue will also be leasing the rectory. Thanks to Stuart Rumph and Doug Hardman and others, the rectory has recently undergone a few minor improvements. What a joy for the rectory to be lived in again! As you may have guessed, Clark is also the father of our wonderful Administrator, Anne-Clark Cromwell. Welcome, Clark!

A blessed Advent to you.

Yours, Callie



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Make a Christmas gift of poinsettias or decorations for the church in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for someone special this season. Please complete the form below.

You may include as many names as you like.

Forms will also be available in next Sunday's bulletin and at the church offices this week.

<u>Please return the form before December 18th</u> to ensure that your memorial is included in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Bulletins.



In memory / thanksgiving of: (Please Print)
Given by:
Phone:

Please make checks payable to St. John's and include flower fund in memo line. You may also mail this form to:

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P. O. Box 423

John's Island, SC 29457

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A Place of Peace, A Place of Prayer, A Place of Care, A Place for All.