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REVIVING THE SOUL,
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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 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 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the

Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Please be sure that we have your contact information, either by providing it here and placing it in the alms basin or contacting the office at 843-974-5593.

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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: I am the servant of the Lord.

People: *Let it be to me according to his word.*

The Liturgy of the Advent Wreath

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The candles are usually white or red in the Lutheran tradition. We are also familiar with the use of purple/blue candles, since these are the traditional colors of church vestments for the four Sundays of Advent. The royal colors of purple and blue are in honor of Christ's kingship.

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Reader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.

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The fourth candle is lit.

Reader: Let us pray.
Father, you called Mary to be mother of your Son, so that the world could be saved and brought to new birth. Help us also bring the light of Christ to birth wherever there is darkness and despair, and to work for the coming of your kingdom.

All: Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by thy daily visitation, that thy Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who liveth and reigneth with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

Today's readings are found on page 2.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand..

Hymn 81

Lo, how a rose e're blooming

Es ist ein Ros

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The Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

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

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

Please be seated.

The Homily

A period of silent reflection is kept.

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People *(Today's prayers are found on page 6)*

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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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

The Postcommunion Prayer

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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

Celebrant

The Reverend Canon Calhoun Walpole

Verger

Anne Norton

Chalice Bearer

Jack Case

Liturgy of the Advent Wreath

Jack Case & Chris Tindal

Reader

Jack Barnett

Flower Guild

Sarah-Payne Wilson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR DECEMBER 18, 2022

Celebrant: May our hearts leap with joy as we again assemble in prayer to await the Lord's coming. With Mary may our souls proclaim God's greatness as we pray; 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, 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; 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: For travelers, for the homeless, the unemployed, 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, especially, Missy McLain, 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.

RECEPTION TODAY IN WALTON HALL

ALL ARE INVITED TO A RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE WARDENS

TODAY FOLLOWING THE 10:30AM SERVICE

IN THE NEWLY REFRESHED WALTON HALL

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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Prelude

Please stand.

Es ist ein ros entsprungen

Johannes Brahms

Processional Hymn 66

Come, thou long expected Jesus

Stuttgart

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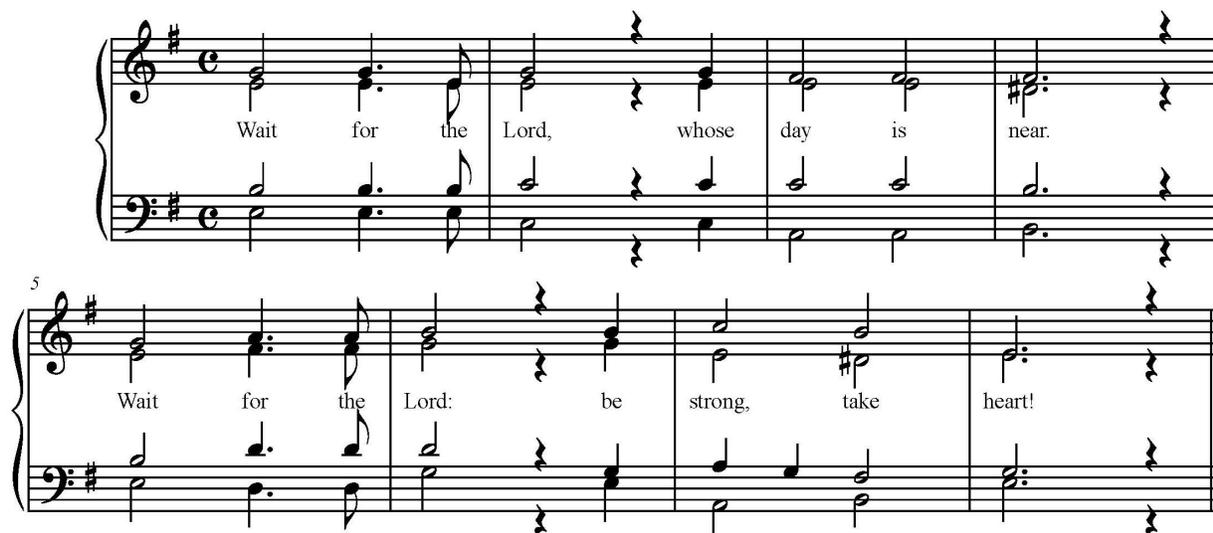
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Hymn 81

Lo, how a rose e're blooming

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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Sequence Hymn 265

The angel Gabriel from heaven came

Gabriel's Message

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

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.

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People *(Today's prayers are found on page 6)*

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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The people kneel or stand.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Please be seated.

Lessons from the Angel Oak

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

My Soul doth Magnify the Lord

Johann Sebastian Bach

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.

Eucharistic Prayer B

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The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel or stand.

The Celebrant continues.

The Lord's Prayer *(said together)*

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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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

The Communion of the People

The congregation is invited to sing the Communion Hymns.

Communion Hymn 112

In the bleak midwinter

Cranham

After Communion, the Celebrant says let us pray.

The Postcommunion Prayer *(said together)*

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 56 *(Stanvas 1-2, 4, 8) O come, o come, Emmanuel*

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Christ who is to come.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Noel Grand jeux et Duo

Louis Claude Daquin



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Music

Samuel Carabetta

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Rebecca Hyleman

Jane Charles

Chalice Bearers

Ryan Stonaker

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Henry Tierny

Jack Tierney

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ST. JOHN'S NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WARDENS RECEPTION

All are invited to a reception hosted by the Wardens welcoming the Vicar to St John's Episcopal Church TODAY following the 10:30am Service in the newly refreshed Walton Hall

TUESDAY BOOK STUDY

Advent Book Study with The Reverend Deacon Ross Tortora on Tuesdays at 10am in Guerry Hall *Life of the Beloved by Henri Nouwen* Books will be available for purchase in the office and online.

LET US PRAY

*Let Us Pray will not meet on Dec. 27 or Jan 3.

Meeting will resume on January 10th.*

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

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.

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

Sunday School will not meet on Christmas Day or New Year's Day and will resume on Jan. 8th

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Weekday Eucharist Tuesdays at Noon

Holy Eucharist

Sunday School - 9:15am

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

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Advent Book Study with The Reverend Deacon Ross Tortora

Tuesday at 10am in Guerry Hall

Life of the Beloved by Henri Nouwen

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

Tuesdays- 11am

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

Thank you to all who have made pledges to our work of rebuilding together.

Responding in grateful thanksgiving I/we pledge:

Name(s): _____
(Couples will be considered as a joint gift unless you specify differently)

1) To St. John's Episcopal Church's **Annual Stewardship Fund**, supporting ministries, programs, and
operations in 2023, a yearly total of \$ _____.

My preference for fulfilling this pledge is: \$ _____/weekly; \$ _____/monthly;

or the full amount to be paid in _____ (month).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Have questions? Call Anne-Clark at the Church Office, 843-974-5593

or email acromwell@stjohnsepiscopalchurchsc.org

Thank you for returning the completed pledge form to the office

or you may place it in the alms basin on Sunday morning.

A WORD FROM THE VICAR

"Do not be afraid, Mary," the Angel Gabriel said to the young woman. "You will bear a son, and you will name him Jesus." "How can this be?" asked Mary. The Angel Gabriel explained, "With God nothing is impossible."

The poet Michael Leunig wrote:

*Love is born
With a dark and troubled face
When hope is dead
And in the most unlikely place
Love is born:
Love is always born.*

Mary said "Yes." Love was born. When hope is dead, and in the most unlikely place, Love is born. Love is always born.

But before Mary said yes, God waited—even if only for a few seconds, still, the God of the universe waited. God the Creator of all things waited, for he knew that Mary was free to choose. God respected her freedom, for it was he who had given her that freedom. Mary was free not only to exercise obedience; she was free to exercise courage. She was free to exercise strength. She was free *not* to have to have all the answers to all her questions. She was content to ponder matters in her heart.

The poet Denise Levertov wrote that Mary "was free to accept or to refuse, choice integral to our humanness." Without boldness or fear she was able to proclaim, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." And with that Mary burst forth with her song, the *Magnificat*.

We know that relationships can change us.

An old dog wandered up to my family's place some years ago. The dog was terrified of people except for my niece and nephew. For the longest time he just hung around the yard, slinking about here and there. He looked like a mix between a beagle and a hound dog. It turned out he was something known as a blue-tick hound.

After a year or so, the little fellow was still shy, but he always seemed to have a smile on his face. He would kick up his heels and dash about at the slightest instigation. Occasionally, at such times, he would catch himself and stop playing when he realized he had *forgotten* to be afraid. It turned out he was quite young. He was merely hungry and weathered and worn out by life. He became a different dog from when he first arrived. He became himself. The little dog had found a home, a place where he knew he belonged.

The dog was changed by his relationships.

We are not all that different from this little blue-tick beagle. We all need a place to come into out of the darkness, a place where love and hope collide—a place where we can smile and kick up our heels and forget to be afraid. We need to know that we belong.

And we do belong. You belong.

What does it mean to forget to be afraid?

With God, nothing is impossible.

Love is born. Love is always born.

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, let Love be born anew in 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.

Please return the form by December 18th 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:

St. John's Episcopal Church

P. O. Box 423

John's Island, SC 29457

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.



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