

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 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 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

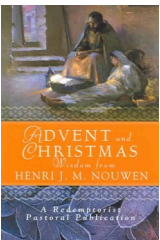
Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is writ

ten, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."



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.*

Celebrant: Will you not give us life again,

People: *That your people may rejoice in you?*

Celebrant: Show us your mercy, O Lord.

People: *And grant us your salvation.*

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

The custom of lighting candles on a decorated wreath comes to us from the Lutheran Church in Scandinavia. Like the Christmas tree, the Advent wreath has its origins in pre-Christian festivals of light which celebrated the winter solstice. In recent years its use has become widespread in most Christian churches in the West as a reminder of our time of preparation for the coming of Christ, both at Bethlehem and at the end of the world.

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.

Each Sunday of Advent a new candle is lit with prayer, until all four are lit on the Sunday before Christmas. A fifth candle, always white, is placed in the center of the wreath for Christmas. This Christ candle is lit until the Epiphany, when the wreath is put away.

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.

Reader: At that time John the Baptist came to the desert of Judea and started preaching. "Turn away from your sins," he said, "because the kingdom of heaven is near!" John was the man the prophet Isaiah was talking about when he said, "Someone is shouting in the desert, 'Prepare a road for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel!'" (Matthew 3:3-3)

Reader: We light this candle to remind us of the last of the prophets, John the Baptist, who called all people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. He asked us all to search our own hearts, and rid ourselves of the dark things that keep us from God and from each other.

The second candle is lit.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Today's readings are found on page 2.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19 *(said responsively by whole verse)*

Give the King your justice, O God,
 and your righteousness to the King's Son;
*That he may rule your people righteously
 and the poor with justice;*
 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
 and the little hills bring righteousness.
*He shall defend the needy among the people;
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.*
 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
 from one generation to another.
*He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
 like showers that water the earth.*
 In his time shall the righteous flourish;
 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
*Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel,
 who alone does wondrous deeds!*
 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever!
 and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
 Amen. Amen.

The Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

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 3:1-12

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

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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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Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving

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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: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

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

Adult Acolyte
deRosset Myers

Chalice Bearer
Jack Case

Liturgy of the Advent Wreath
Chris Tindal & Jack Case

Reader
Chris Tindal

Flower Guild
Felicity Myers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR DECEMBER 4, 2022

Celebrant: As we prepare the way of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who will lead us with joy in the light of his glory, saying: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ, let us pray.

People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place; let us pray.

People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, let us pray,

People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

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. Let us pray.

People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For those at greatest risk among us; for those who are lonely or feel rejected, for those in prison, and for all who are hungry or homeless; let us pray.

People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For this community in all our joys and in our sorrows; for those among us in special need, especially Nancy Berrong: Let us pray.

People: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For all those who have gone before us, especially Holli Bolte: Let us 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.

JOIN US ON TUESDAYS!

Advent Book Study with
The Reverend Deacon Ross Tortora
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

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

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST TUESDAYS AT NOON

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

DECORATING 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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, December 11th 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.

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Prelude

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Processional Hymn 76

"On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

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Sequence Hymn 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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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

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

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.

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.*

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise

him a - bove, ye heay'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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 75

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Winchester New

After Communion, the Celebrant says let us pray.

The Postcommunion Prayer *(said together)*

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran

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

Liturgy of the Advent Wreath

The Wiggins Family

Readers

Beth Gibbs

Zack Hyleman

Chalice Bearers

Ryan Stonaker

Kelly Wiggins

Adult Acolyte

deRosset Myers

Acolytes

TJ Wiggins

? McAfee

Flower Guild

Felicity Myers



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 before 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:

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

December 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

December 6, 2022 - December 20, 2022

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

December 14, 2022

Decorating 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