



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

**A Worshipping Community serving as a beacon of God's love by exemplifying the two great commandments; love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 18, 2022**

**Holy Eucharist:**

Rite II Prayer B

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# The Word of God

## ENTRANCE RITE

### ADVENT LITANY

*The Congregation stands as the Choir and Priest enter. The Priest or one appointed chants followed by the response. The advent candle(s) are lit during the entrance of the Choir and altar party.*

*Cantor:*



*Lord we exchange our weapons for gardening tools  
Lord. Jesus you are the light of the world*

*We look to your coming*

*People: Come, Lord Jesus*

*Cantor:* Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world.

*People:* Come, Lord Jesus.

*Cantor:* You are light in our darkness.

*People:* Come, Lord Jesus.

*Cantor:* Son of God, save us from our sins.

*People:* Come, Lord Jesus.

*Cantor:* Son of Mary, deepen our love.

*People:* Come, Lord Jesus.

*Cantor:* Bring hope into the lives of all people.

*People:* Come, Lord Jesus.

*Cantor:* Give your peace to all nations.

*People: Come, Lord Jesus.*

*Cantor: Be the joy of all who love you.*

*People: Come, Lord Jesus.*

*Cantor: Bring unity among all who believe in you.*

*People: Come, Lord Jesus.*

*Cantor: Bless us as we gather here in your name.*

*People: Come, Lord Jesus.*

*Cantor: Lord Jesus, stay with us always.*

*People: Come, Lord Jesus.*

### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant:*



*Bles-sed are you holy and living one*

*People*



*You come to your people and set them free*

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          *And also with you.*

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

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

#### **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel- vs. 1 and 5- *Blue Hymnal – 56***

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel

5. O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel

# THE LESSONS

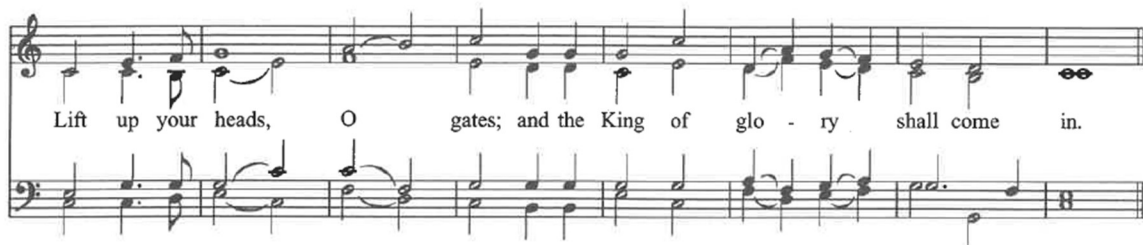
## First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

Andrew Hales

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.”

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.



- 1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. [ANT.]
- 3 “Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?”
- 4 “Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud. [ANT.]
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD \*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation.”
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. [ANT.]

**SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7**

Sherran Davis

*The people sit.*

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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN (BCP p. 357)- *Blue Hymnal 54 – Savior of the Nations Come***

*All stand.*

**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.

*Priest*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**THE SERMON – The Rev. Tim Black**

## **THE CREED (BCP p. 358)**

*All stand.*

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 359)**

Pat Roberts

*All remain standing.*

*Intercessor:* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us appeal to the Lord praying, “Restore us, O God of hosts;

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

*Intercessor:* We ask you, O God, to bless your Church. Give us your grace. Stir up your strength and come to help us even as we declare the gospel concerning your Son

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

*Intercessor:* We ask you, O God, to bless this nation. May our leaders not trust in their own strength but in you, O God of hosts. Teach us to refuse the evil and choose the good.

*Silence*

Restore us, O God of hosts;

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

*Intercessor:* We ask you, O God, to bless this planet. By your creative power bring forth new life in the places in which we have reaped too much or sown too little.

*Silence*

Restore us, O God of hosts;

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

*Intercessor:* We ask you, O God, to bless our city. Let your hand be upon us. Guide and strengthen all those who find themselves in difficult situations—especially young and single parents.

*Silence*

Restore us, O God of hosts;

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

*Intercessor:* We ask you, O God, to bless all those who are distressed. Hear their prayers, O Shepherd of the flock. May they take comfort in the knowledge that you are with them. We pray today for : Frank Harrell, Eleanor Buchanon, Barbarine Thorpe, Claude Lindsey, Catherine Meeks and Sheila Proctor, Emily D’Andrea and Kurt Lundquist.

*Invite the congregation to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence*

Restore us, O God of hosts;

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

*Intercessor:* We ask you, O God, to bless all who have died. Welcome into your heavenly kingdom all who are called to be saints. We pray today for Nee Odoi, Rosemary Whitlow, Raymond Duran, Louise Berman, Leasha Reed and Eunice Stephens.

*Silence*

Restore us, O God of hosts;

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

*Celebrant: Hasten, O God, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*The Priest stands and says:*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)**

*All stand.*

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

*People*               *And also with you.*

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Prayers of Leave Taking-for Betsy Daniell

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

*The Celebrant says*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

## OFFERTORY MUSIC- *Every Valley Shall be Exalted*- Bock - St John's Choir

### DOXOLOGY-

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## SURSUM CORDA S 120 *Lift up your hearts* (BCP p. 367)

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

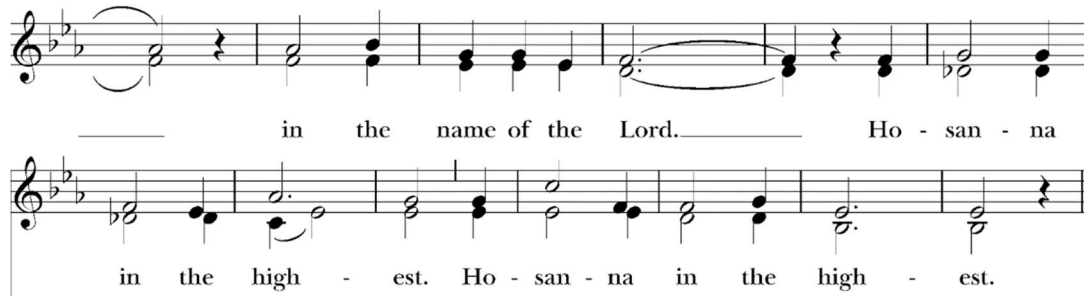
## PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 367)

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS – *S 130 Blue Hymnal*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
 full, 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.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 368)**

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember Christ’s death,  
We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,  
We await Christ’s coming in glory;

*The Celebrant Continues:*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head

of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER S 19 *The Lord's Prayer***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**FRACTION ANTHEM- S 158- *Blue Hymnal***

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. O Lamb of God, that  
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world, grant us thy peace.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)**

*We will be sharing communion in both kinds. If you want bread, hold out one hand, if bread and wine, hold out two hands. The server will intinct (dip) the bread for you and place it in your hands.*

**COMMUNION HYMN – Blue Hymnal 74- Blest be The King Whose Coming**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

### **BLESSING**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*Amen.*

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN- *Blue Hymnal 59- Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding***

### **DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant:*           Go in peace to love and serve The Lord.  
*People*                 *Thanks be to God.*

**POSTLUDE- *Pastorale- W. Lee***

***Dr. Toku Kawata - Organist***

## Parish Notes

**Make Prayer Requests Online:** <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfrukh furgD8>

**Wednesday Night Advent Bible Study Continues- Wednesday at 7 PM.** We are reading Unwrapping the Names of Jesus as our advent bible study. There are still a few copies available for \$6.00. Join us on zoom. Zoom ID: 716 256 9754 Passcode: 12345

**DATE CHANGE-Chrismon Tree will be decorated Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> after church-** Join us after service next Sunday to light and decorate our “Chrismon” tree. For more information or questions email Fr. Tim [timhblack@gmail.com](mailto:timhblack@gmail.com)

### **Morning Prayer on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday- 10 AM**

One of the vastly underutilized gifts of the Episcopal Church is morning prayer. Start your day off with prayer with our online community each week on Tuesday and Thursday. Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305

### **Compline (Night Prayer) Online Thursdays at 7 PM**

End your day on a peaceful note and pray Compline with St. John’s each Thursday evening. Meeting ID: 843 7684 4017 Password: 848486

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*We still need all the pledges for 2023. To pledge right now, fill out this pledge form and turn it in to the offering plate. Your pledges help us to plan for St John’s mission and ministry. We rely on pledges in order to be able to be proactive about our programming and outreach. If you have never pledged, but give, please consider pledging. Giving to God’s work in The Church is a spiritual discipline we are all called to follow. We are grateful in advance for your generosity and prayerful support.*

 <p><b>Currency of Money Pledge</b></p> <p>Your pledge will allow St. John's to plan its ministry &amp; mission</p> <p>I pledge \$ _____</p> <p>To be paid: Weekly__ Monthly __ Yearly __</p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p><i>Drop your completed pledge card in the offering plate or give to the church office</i></p>	<p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Email _____</p>
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