



WELCOME!

We are delighted to have you with us today. You are invited to God's table to receive communion and to share in our community. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself and fill out a Welcome Card. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are looking for a church to call home, you are welcome here!

CHILDREN AT ST. JOHN'S

Children's Chapel is offered for ages ten and under during the Gospel and Sermon, with infant and toddler care in the nursery. We enjoy a family worship service and Children's Sermon on the second Sunday of the month.

*During the season of Advent, our worship begins with a prayer
and the lighting of the Advent wreath.*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: FAITH

God, we are blessed with the gift of faith, and we thank you for that gift.

As we light this candle, help us to trust in you and say "yes" to you with all our hearts. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN

"Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us" vs. 1-3, The Hymnal 61

The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" vs. 1, 2, The Hymnal 56

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

THE LESSONS

The People Sit

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

ISAIAH 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

Remaining seated, the Lector and the People say the Psalm responsively

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

“Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” Godspell

The People stand as able for the hymn and the Gospel

The hymn is repeated before the Gospel and then again after the Gospel

Moderately

Pre - pare ye - the way of - the Lord, Pre - pare ye - the way of - the Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 13:24-37

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Jimmy Bartz

The People may be seated

A moment of silence will be observed for reflection after the sermon

THE NICENE CREED

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (BCP): P. 358

The People stand as able and say together

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP: FORM II, P. 385

In the silence after each bidding, the People may offer their own prayers, kneeling or standing

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Benny Wilson & Joann Hoff

CONFESSION OF SIN
The People kneel or stand as able

BCP: P. 360

THE PEACE
The People stand as able

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS
The People sit. The Revelations Newsletter is available in the Narthex and Hansen Hall for more information on what is happening around the parish.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY “Light An Advent Candle” Becki Slagle Mayo

Advent is a time of hope, of waiting for the light
To lead us to the promised One to break the dark of nights.
Light a candle, our Messiah will come.
Light a candle for the promised One.
Advent is a time of peace, the ancient prophets tell.
A King will be born in Bethlehem, our Lord, Emmanuel.
Light a candle, our Messiah will come.
Light a candle for the promised One.
Advent is a time of joy, of looking for the star.
Just as the wise men long ago, followed a far.
Advent is a time of love, as we await Christ’s birth.
The Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, will bring God’s love to earth.
Light a candle, light a candle of hope.
Light a candle, light a candle of joy.
Light a candle, light a candle of love.
Light a candle, our Messiah will come.

PRESENTATION HYMN “From All that Dwell Below the Skies” The Hymnal 380
The People stand as able

*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

GREAT THANKSGIVING BCP: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A, P. 361
The People remain standing

SANCTUS

The Celebrant & the People sing together

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” The Hymnal S130

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.

The People kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept

“Christ is our Passover” The Hymnal S156

Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Children of any age and people of any denomination are welcome to receive communion. The bread will be placed in your hand. Please drink from the chalice of wine. If you prefer, leave the bread in your palm and the Eucharistic Minister will dip it in the wine and place the bread on your tongue. You may also receive the bread only and return to your seat. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. If you are unable to come forward, but desire Communion, please notify an usher. If, for whatever reason, you do not wish to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms.

A member of St. John's Healing Ministry is available to be a companion in prayer in the Columbarium during Communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS

The People are invited to sing

"There is a Quiet Understanding" Cry Hosanna 37

There's a quiet un-der-stand-ing when we're gath-ered
There's a love we feel in Je-sus, there's a man-na

in the Spi-rit, } it's a prom-ise that he gives us
that he feeds us, }

when we gath-er in his name. when we gath-er in his

name. And we know when we're to-geth-er,
Thank you, thank you, thank you, Je-sus,

shar-ing love and un-der-stand-ing, that our broth-ers
for the way you love and feed us, for the man-y

and our sis-ters
ways you lead us; feel the one-ness that he brings.

thank you, thank you, Lord. Thank you, thank you, Lord.

All the rich - - es of his grace, all the ful - - ness of his
 bless-ings, all the sweet - - ness of his love he gives to
 you, he gives to me. All the me.
 1. Oh, the blood of Je - sus, oh, the blood of Je - sus,
 2. Oh, the word of Je - sus, oh, the word of Je - sus,
 3. Oh, the love of Je - sus, oh, the love of Je - sus,
 whole. Oh, the blood of Je - - sus,
 whole. All the rich - - es of his grace, all the
 oh, the blood of Je - - sus, oh, the blood of
 ful - - ness of his bless-ings, all the sweet - - ness of his
 Je - - sus, it wash - es white as snow.
 love he gives to you, he gives to me.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The People kneel or stand as able

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people

CLOSING HYMN

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” vs. 1-3, The Hymnal 616

THE DISMISSAL

As the procession passes down the aisle, you are invited to face the doors of the church for the Dismissal

Deacon

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour in Hansen Hall after the service.



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

To learn more about St. John's Episcopal Church go to our website, stjohnsjackson.org.

The Reverend Jimmy Bartz, Rector

The Reverend Brian Nystrom

The Reverend Suzanne Harris

The Reverend Mary Erickson

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