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# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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The Second Sunday of Advent • December 4, 2022 • 10 a.m.

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*Welcome to St. John's. We are happy you are joining us in worship today. Our service is printed here, with congregational responses printed in **bold**. Hymns are printed in the hymnals located in the pews. Mask wearing during worship is optional, but please continue to wear a mask while singing.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

*Gerald Near (b. 1942)*

#### OPENING HYMN • 76

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

*Winchester New*

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Gracious God, by whose word all things are made holy, pour your blessings on this wreath. As the light of these candles shine, may your light shine in our hearts so that we may see the signs of your coming and prepare ourselves for Emmanuel, God with us. **Amen.**

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

**And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.**

#### 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.**

#### TRISAGION

*Holy God*

*Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)*

*To be sung three times by choir and congregation together*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One Have mer - cy up - on us.

## THE COLLECT

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

*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.

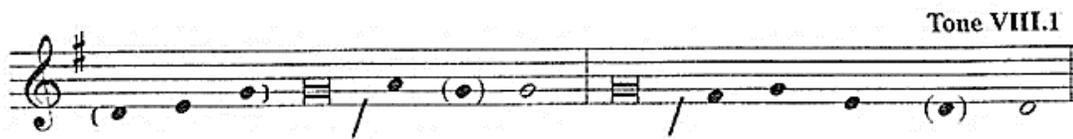
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19** *Deus, iudicium*

*The people remain seated as they chant the psalm together with the choir*



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 a/lone does wondrous deeds!  
And blessed be his glorious Name for / ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. / Amen. Amen.

**A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS**

*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 written,

"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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*Canticle of the Turning*

*Star of County Down*

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

*Refrain:*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.

2. Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn.

*Refrain*

3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware, for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn

*Refrain*

4. Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard

is the promise which holds us bound,  
'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around.

*Refrain*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 3:1-12*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

*Deacon* The Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

*The Rev. Sharon Sheridan Hausman*

## THE NICENE CREED

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

*During the silence after each bidding, the people offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

Come, O come, Emmanuel, our God come to be present with us.

Come and bless the people of St. John's and of your church throughout the world, that we may shine with your light and spread the good news of your love and our salvation

**Come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Come to guide the leaders of our nation, state and community, that they may make wise decisions for the welfare of all.

**Come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Come to provide for your people everywhere, so that all may have enough to eat, clean water to drink, shelter, health care, education and safety. Bring an end to hatred, violence and oppression, especially hate crimes, gun violence, and the war in Ukraine. Help us to care for those in need in our own community.

**Come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Come to heal those who are ill, especially Elizabeth and those with COVID-19, and bless all who love and care for them.

**Come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Come to comfort all who mourn, and welcome those who have died into your eternal, loving presence.

**Come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Come to accept our thanksgivings, especially for the birth this week of Bonnie Annalise Sheridan, grand-niece of Rev. Sharon.

**Come, O come, Emmanuel.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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

## THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY

*An offering is received to support St. John's ministry of sharing God's love with the world. Today we receive with special thanks the pledge cards from our fall financial stewardship campaign.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Herald, sound the note of judgment*

St. John's Choir  
*Herald, Sound*

The congregation may follow the text and music as found at Hymn #70.

The choir will sing verses 1 & 2 alone. The congregation is invited to join in singing verses 3 & 4.

## PRESENTATION HYMN • 75

*There's a voice in the wilderness crying*

*St. George*

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn.

#### SURSUM CORDA

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. 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.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,  
 source of life abundant.  
 From before time you made ready the creation.  
 Your Spirit moved over the deep  
 and brought all things into being:  
 sun, moon, and stars;  
 earth, winds, and waters;  
 and every living thing.  
 You made us in your image,  
 and taught us to walk in your ways.  
 But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;  
 and yet, as a mother cares for her children,  
 you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us  
 to live in the fullness of your love.  
 And so this day we join with Saints and Angels  
 in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,  
 lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

### SANCTUS

*Franz Schubert (1797-1828)*

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. Blessed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.  
 To deliver us from the power of sin and death  
 and to reveal the riches of your grace,  
 you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,  
 that she might conceive and bear a son,  
 Jesus the holy child of God.  
 Living among us, Jesus loved us.  
 He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,  
 healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.  
 He yearned to draw all the world to himself  
 yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross  
the sacrifice of his life,  
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,  
Jesus was at table with his friends.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:  
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
Again, he gave thanks to you,  
gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”  
Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.  
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.  
In the fullness of time bring us,  
with St. John the Evangelist and all your saints,  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared  
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever.

**GREAT AMEN**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 & THE FRACTION ANTHEM

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

*Franz Schubert (1797-1828)*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have  
mer - cy on us. Je - sus re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the  
world: give to your peace, give us your peace.

*All who are worshipping with us remotely are invited to say this prayer:*

## A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

## COMMUNION HYMN • 67

*Comfort, comfort ye my people*

*Freu dich sehr*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, 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 Savior. Amen.

## ADVENT BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of the eternal and Triune God be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN • 72

*Hark! the glad sound!*

*Richmond*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Now Praise, the Lord, My Soul*

*Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

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***We are glad you are with us!***

To all who are visiting with us today, or watching this live, or on-demand:  
thank you for being with us in prayer—you are most welcome, always!

To support the mission and ministries of St. John's Episcopal Church, Boonton, NJ,  
go to our website, [www.stjohnsboonton.org](http://www.stjohnsboonton.org), and scroll down to find the "Electronic Giving" link.  
Your generosity is deeply appreciated!

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### Leading and supporting our worship today

**The Reverend Sharon Sheridan Hausman** *Celebrant and Preacher*

**The Rev. Deacon John H. Van Dine, Jr.** *Deacon*

**Mr. Kevin Bidwell** *Server*

**Mr. Kevin Bidwell** *Lector*

**Ms. Ellen Bomser, Ms. Michelle Capobianco Riegel, Ms. Kathy Cascone,**

**Ms. Sandra Lee Schubert, Ms. Elizabeth Van Dine** *Choir*

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** is given to the glory of God by the people of St. John's.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *This Sunday*

- Plate offerings will support the Rev. Sharon's **discretionary fund**, which is used to fund special needs.
- Sunday is the **deadline for prison ministry gifts**, which should be brought to St. John's unwrapped in gift bags.
- **Thank you** to all who have turned in pledge cards. So far, we have recorded 18 pledges for a total of \$36,000. Please **fill out a pledge card if you haven't**, so that we can continue our ministries and prepare our budget for 2023.

### *Save the dates*

- **Deadline is Dec. 9 for Giving Tree donations.** Bring **wrapped and tagged gifts** to St. John's or **shop online** and have gifts delivered to Michelle Rigel's house. Contact Michelle for more information at 973-229-2455 or [r174409@aol.com](mailto:r174409@aol.com).
- **The Rev. Margaret Otterburn**, who served as a pastoral associate at St. John's some years ago, will **preach and celebrate Eucharist** next Sunday, **Dec. 11.**

- A big **thank you** to all who attended Tuesday's meeting as part of the **diocesan visioning process**. **If you missed it:** the diocese is offering a listening session on **Zoom Dec. 12 from 7-8:30 p.m.** **Registration deadline is 5 pm. Dec. 11** at <https://dioceseofnewark.org/event/strategic-visioning-zoom-listening-session-2>.
- Join in **decorating the church** for Christmas after the service on **Sunday, Dec. 18**.
- **Christmas Eve** service with Eucharist will begin at **10 p.m., with a musical prelude starting at 9:45 p.m.** **Christmas Day** service with Eucharist will be at **10 a.m.** A **New Year's Day** service of Morning Prayer will be at 10 a.m. on **Zoom only**.

*Ongoing ministries:*

- **Coffee hour is back, and we need volunteers.** Please join us for refreshment and fellowship after each Sunday service. **To help with a future coffee hour,** reach out any of our vestry members.
- **Saturday Luncheon Socials** continue from 12-1 p.m. each week. Help spread the word to anyone who would like to come for a good meal and conversation. **If you can help,** please let Sharon Liparini know at [Sharon.Liparini@gmail.com](mailto:Sharon.Liparini@gmail.com).
- Would you like to **dedicate altar flowers or the Sanctuary Lamp** to a special person? Sign up at church, or **contact Kathy Cascone** at [casconek@yahoo.com](mailto:casconek@yahoo.com).

**WARDENS:** Sharon Liparini and Debbie Henschel **VESTRY:** Kathy J. Cascone, Fran Maenza, Joan Magrane, Cathy Riccobono, Michelle Riegel, Sandra Lee Schubert, Carl Sparano. **TREASURER:** Ellen Bomser

We welcome you to join us in worship whenever you can, either in person or via our Zoom Livestream (email [admin@St.JohnsBoonton.org](mailto:admin@St.JohnsBoonton.org) for Zoom log-on information)

**Sundays at 10 a.m.** - Choral Eucharist with a Sermon, the first and third Sunday.

Morning Prayer with a Sermon on the second and fourth Sunday.

The Fifth Sunday will be either Choral Eucharist or Morning Prayer.

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