

St. John's Episcopal Church

Advent One, November 27th, 2022

Lessons & Carols



WE GATHER

PRELUDE "Savior of the Nations Come" D. Freudenberg

PROCESSIONAL (10:30 only) O come, O come Emmanuel Hymn 56, vs 1,2,7,8

The Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service celebrating the coming of the birth of Jesus. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of hymns.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY¹

Reader: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Reader: Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

***People:* Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.**

Reader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD AND PRAY

(Please remain seated until Lesson VI)

(Repeat after each reading: *Reader:* The Word of the Lord ***People:* Thanks be to God**)

Lesson I: Genesis 3: 1-15

Interlude Music: "Once He Came in Blessing" H 53 vs. 1,4

Lesson II: Isaiah 11: 1-9

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Interlude Music:	“Hark a Thrilling Voice is Sounding”	H 59 vs. 1,5
Lesson III:	Isaiah 40: 1-11	
Interlude Music:	“Comfort, comfort ye my people”	H 67 vs. 1,2
Lesson IV:	Ezekiel 37: 1-14	
Interlude Music:	“Breathe on me, Breath of God”	H 508 vs. 1,3
Lesson V:	Matthew 24: 36-44	
Interlude Music:	“Lo! he comes, with clouds descending”	H 58, vs. 1,4
Lesson VI:	Luke 1: 5-25	
Interlude Music:	“Come, thou long expected Jesus”	H 66 All verses

BIDDING PRAYER

Priest: Dear People of God: in the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy scripture the story of God’s loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in our county.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

Priest: The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

***People:* Amen**

Priest: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Leader 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

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

THE OFFERTORY

“The Servant Song”

-R. Gillard

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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(All stand.)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

(Then, facing the Holy Table, the Priest proceeds)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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:

Priest and People sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

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The Priest continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Priest and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Priest continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

Priest and People:

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 Priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Congregation sings: “Jesus, Lamb of God”

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THE INVITATION

Facing the people, the Priest says the following Invitation:

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

Come with us, O blessed Jesus

H 336

WE ARE SENT OUT

(Stand or kneel as you are able.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray.

All: 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 & COMMISSIONING

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

People: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL

“Prepare the way, O Zion”

Hymn 65

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Go Now in Peace”

-Besig

ST. JOHN'S SERVICE CALENDAR DURING ADVENT*

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
Sunday	December 4	Advent II	8a & 10:30a
Sunday	December 11	Advent III	8a & 10:30a
Sunday	December 18	Advent IV	8a & 10:30a
Saturday	December 24	Christmas Eve	7p (one service)
Sunday	December 25	Christmas Day	9a (one service)

*Wednesday, December 21, *Longest Night* (ecumenical service) at Christ Lutheran at 7p.

ADVENT REFLECTION PROMPT WORDS OF THE DAY*

Nov/Dec	16-Traveler
27-Walk	17-Majesty
28-Together	18-Purify
29-Teach	19-Sign
30-Mountains	20-Hear
1-Make	21-Obedience
2-Ready	22-Choose
3-Unity	23-Restore
4-Delight	24-Birth
5-Rain	25-Emmanuel
6-Welcome	16-Traveler
7-Winnowing	17-Majesty
8-Breathe	18-Purify
9-Fire	19-Sign
10-Flourish	20-Hear
11-Messenger	21-Obedience
12-Wilderness	22-Choose
13-Stranger	23-Restore
14-Beloved	24-Birth
15-Thirsty	25-Emmanuel

*Forward Movement has announced the 2022 reflection words for AdventWord, a global online advent calendar and community of disciples. For nearly a decade AdventWord has inspired followers of Jesus who wish to add an accessible prayer practice to their daily routine during this holy season. Daily meditations and images—inspired by a prompt word selected from the daily lectionary readings—will be released at adventword.org, beginning Sunday, November 27.

Participants can sign up to receive this daily message, in English and Spanish, by email or by following AdventWord on social media. All-in-one graphics, bulletin inserts and printable calendars of the 2022 prompt words are available for download at:

www.adventword.org.
www.instagram.com/adventword
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ST. JOHN'S NEWS

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: St. Timothy's, Indianapolis, and The Rev. Rebecca Nickel.

ONGOING EVENTS:

- ▶ **Adult Education** meets from 9:15a to 10:15a. in Whitlock Hall each Sunday.
- ▶ **Education for Ministry** meets each Sunday at 2:00p. in Whitlock Hall.
- ▶ **Bible Study** meets Wednesdays from 9:00-10:00a. in the library.
- ▶ **Choir** meets each Thursday from 7:00-8:00p. in the choir room.

SERVING TODAY:

Candle Lighting: Jeremy Hartnett, Jessie Hartnett, Silas Harnett, Jill Lamberton
Presider: Fr. Christian Baron
Music: Ms. Jerilyn Yerkes, Organ and Piano
Choral: St. John's Choir
Lector: 8a-Peter Swanson; 10:30a-Kim Roberts
LEM: 8a-Peter Swanson; 10:30a-Kim Roberts & Kimarie Green
Crucifer: 8:00a-Aaron Morrison; 10:30a-Dan Booher
Greeters: Kitty Haffner & Sophia Williams
Counters: Jim Gary & Nancy Bennett
Altar Guild: Cyndy Fields
Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Helen Hudson & Dan Booher
Videographer: Marie Stocks

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