

The Parish Church of
ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

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Pray Grow Serve

**First Sunday of
Advent**

November 27, 2022

A GREETING TO OUR VISITORS WE WELCOME ALL. REALLY AND TRULY.

We welcome you today to the parish of St. John in the Wilderness. We welcome cradle Episcopalians and those who say, “episco-what?” We welcome soccer dads and hockey moms; we welcome wild-eyed progressives, staunch conservatives, and everybody in between. If you’re a proud hippie, step right up. If you wear a tie, even with your pajamas, come on in. Tree-huggers, check. Drivers of gas-guzzlers, yup. Vegans and those who order only meatlover’s pizza are both welcome. We welcome those with crying newborns and those who avoid kids at all costs. We extend a welcome to those who are single, married, widowed, divorced, gay, bi, trans, or straight. This faith community has people with much, people with just enough, and a whole bunch somewhere in the middle.

We welcome you if you have always loved church or if church just isn’t your thing. You are welcome here if you are church shopping, if you already have a faith community that is just right, or if you have no intention whatsoever of joining a church. If you work too much or too hard, you are welcome here. If you haven’t worked a day in your life, you are welcome here. For those who love all things literary as well as those who have always had trouble choosing between “lie” and “lay,” this is your place. If you came here today because you felt the nudging of the Holy Spirit, welcome. If you came because your Mom guilted you into it... well, welcome. You had best do as your mother says!

In short, we welcome everyone to get to know this faith community of St. John’s. Really and truly. We welcome you because we all need community, we all need support, and many of us here at St. John’s have learned that faith carries us along the journey.

Everyone is invited to participate fully in worship, to receive Holy Communion, and to join in the life of our faith community. We base our worship on *The Book of Common Prayer*, *The Hymnal 1982*, and *The Bible*. These books are in the pews. To learn more about St. John in the Wilderness, please speak to an usher or a clergy person. Following worship, please join us for refreshments and fellowship. Again, thank you for joining us today!

Holy Eucharist

*The Episcopal Church uses a number of resources in our worship. While this bulletin contains most of what you need to participate fully, our music is found in the blue hymnals in the pew racks. The 8:00am service is without music, and if participating in this service of worship, you may ignore all references to music. We encourage all worshippers to acquaint themselves with all our worship resources: red copies of the **Book of Common Prayer** and black copies of the **Holy Bible** are also found in the pew racks. Feel free to find the prayers and the scripture readings in these books.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Calling Bell

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn

Hymnal No. 640

Aberystwyth: "Watchman tell us of the night"

Advent Wreath Lighting

Reader

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.

As we light the first candle of the Advent wreath, we give thanks for the great light of the world, your son, Jesus, who is our light in the world so that we no longer walk in darkness. May our lives be a light to others. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Presider
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Seasonal Collect

From the Youth of St. John's

Presider

Loving God, you are the light that guides us everyday. We ask you to help us live a good life, to care for others as you care for us. Keep safe those who are anxious and worried and give them hope. As we watch and wait in excitement and expectation of your coming, we give thanks for all the gifts you've already given to us. We pray this in the name of Jesus who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.

Kyrie

BCP, p. 356

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

My Heart Sings Out, No. 12

Cantor Lord, _____ have _ mer - cy. *All* Lord, _____ have _ mer - cy.

Cantor Christ, _____ have mer - cy, *All* Christ, _____ have mer - cy.

Cantor Lord, _____ have _ mer - cy on us, *All* Lord, _____ have _ mer - cy on us.

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Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 211

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider

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 people may be seated for the reading of the lessons.

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

Reader A reading from Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

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

Reader Let us read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal, No. 56
verses 1 & 2

Veni, veni, Emmanuel: "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Gospeler The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Kate Maxwell OSB, Associate Priest

A period of silent reflection starting and ending with the ringing of a bell.

Please stand as you are able.

Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

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.

Prayers of the People

Deacon As we keep awake for the coming of the Lord, we offer prayers to God who prepares a light for our path by responding to “Gracious Lord” with “Hear our prayer”.

Reader For the coming of Jesus Christ in power and glory. Gracious Lord,
Hear our prayer.

For the coming of Wisdom to teach and guide us. Gracious Lord,
Hear our prayer.

For the coming of Emmanuel, the hope of all the peoples. Gracious Lord,
Hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ. Gracious Lord,
Hear our prayer.

For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place. Gracious Lord,
Hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority. Gracious Lord,
Hear our prayer.

For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth. Gracious Lord,
Hear our prayer.

For travelers, for the sick and suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison. We pray for those on our prayer list and those we now name aloud or within our hearts. (Pause to allow intercessions.) Gracious Lord,
Hear our prayer.

For those who rest in Christ and for all the departed especially those that we now name aloud or within our hearts. (Pause to allow intercessions.) Gracious Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Presider

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

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most Holy God,
in the midst of this season of new life, we confess:
We have resisted the light of your love;
we have not fully shared the gifts entrusted to us;
and we have not treasured the gifts of others around us.
We stand in need of your love.

Holy Father, make us holy.

Holy Jesus, make us holy.

Holy Spirit, make us holy.

Holy God, make us whole. Amen.

Presider

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.*

Peace

BCP, p. 360

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

Offertory Sentence

Please place your Blessing Card in the baskets as they are passed.

Offertory Anthem

Elevation Music: "The Blessing"

Liturgy of the Table

Please stand as you are able.

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Celebrant and People

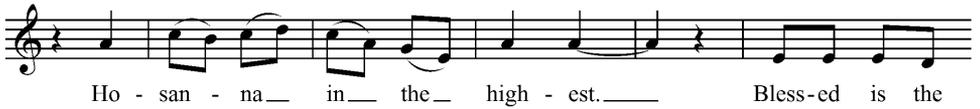
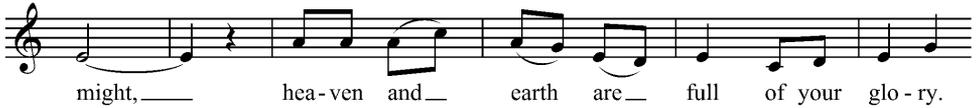
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

My Heart Sings Out, No. 36



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Celebrant

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 him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we according to his command, O Father:

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

Celebrant

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

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant

The table of bread and wine is now made ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus and all those who love him.
So come to this table you who have much faith
and you who would like to have more;
you who have been to this table often,
and you who have not been for a long time;
you who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed.
Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome at God's table.

Communion Hymn

“All Who Are Thirsty”

All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream
of life

Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of his mercy
As deep cries out in deep

(we sing)
Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come

Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
As deep cries out to deep

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

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

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 God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Hymnal, no. 57

Helmsley: "Lo! he comes, with clouds descending"

Dismissal

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Service Participants

Celebrants	The Gathered People of God
Ushers	Emily Brunner (8:00) Nell & John Allen(10:00)
Eucharistic Ministers	Janet Waller/Tom Hove (8:00) Andrew McClaren/Susie Mahoney(10:00)
Lectors	Gretchen Brunner (8:00) Sylvia Lovett (10:00)
Greeters	Marschall & Debra Smith (8:00) TBD (10:00)
Altar Guild	Al Bradley, Shelley Page, Anne Johnson
Verger	Bryan Desmet
Musicians	Heartbeat
Deacon Intern	Linda Brandt
Deacon	The Rev. Margaret Thor
Deacon	The Rev. Rick Todd
Presider/Preacher	The Rev. Kate Maxwell OSB
Celebrant	The Rev. Arthur Hancock

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