

## ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PARISH DAY SCHOOL

First Sunday of Advent

11:00 A.M. SERVICE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

We welcome you here at St. John's to be met by God, who already knows you and loves you.

## THE WORD OF THE LORD

*Music pages can be found following page 8.* During the service, the congregation reads the parts in bold.

## PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

WELCOME

## **OPENING ACCLAMATION & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Our King and Savior now draws near.

## Come let us adore him.

In the midst of busyness, anxiety, chaos, and fear,

## We pause and await your appearing, knowing you are leading us.

Come, O Christ, and set us free.

Come, Emmanuel, bring your rule of justice and peace.

*(The first candle is lit.)* We wait for a new heaven and a new earth,

Where righteousness is at home.

HYMN OF PRAISE People Look East, vs. 1-2

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

### And also with you.

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.** 

(W 724) M-2

(H 57) <mark>M-1</mark>

## THE FIRST READING (Please be seated.)

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

THE PSALM: Psalm 25: 1-9

## THE SECOND READING

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN Sing Hallelujah (vs. 1 before; vs. 2 after)

**THE GOSPEL** (*Please stand as you are able.*)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** 

## M-3

Luke 21:25-36

**M-4** 

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

#### **THE NICENE CREED** (*Please 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

Come, O Wisdom from on high: enlighten the church with your marvelous light; that people and nations may learn your ways of justice and truth.

## Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Come, O Lord of Power and Might: make all things new. Build up this earth that we have marred by our indulgent deeds. Restore our faded paradise and bring forth creation's second birth.

#### Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Come, O Branch of Jesse's tree: be faithful to your promised presence in our lives. Heal the sick, tend the suffering.

(Your intercessions may be offered either aloud or silently.)

May those in need rejoice in hope of the Savior's coming this day, and look with longing for his return at the end of time.

#### Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Come, O Key of David: open wide heaven's gate for those who have died, give peace to those who mourn and ease the sadness that hinders hope and joy.

#### Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Come, O Dayspring from on high: restore us by your power that we may serve your world with steadfast faith, joyful hope, and constant love.

#### Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Come, Desire of Nations: bind in one the hearts of all the people of the world, that our divisions may end, and warfare cease under the banner of the Prince of Peace. We pray especially for peace in the Ukraine, in Lebanon, in Israel, in Gaza and the West Bank.

## Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to watch, that we may know your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

## CONFESSION

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

### ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### THE PEACE

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

### **BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *For your convenience, you may scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.* 

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All! (Revelation 22)



**THE PRESENTATION HYMN** Sleepers Wake (vs. 3)

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#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B**

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#### And also with you.

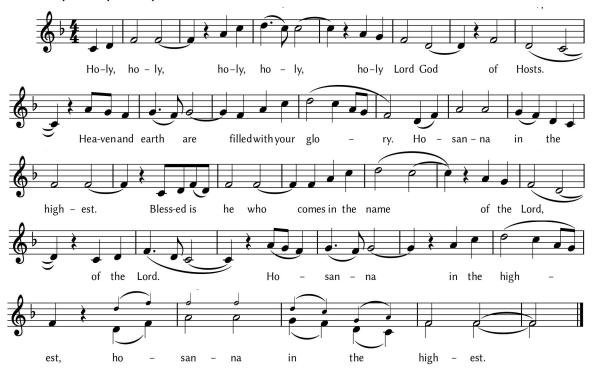
Lift up your hearts.

#### We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

#### It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:



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, according to his command, O Father,

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

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 St. 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.** 

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

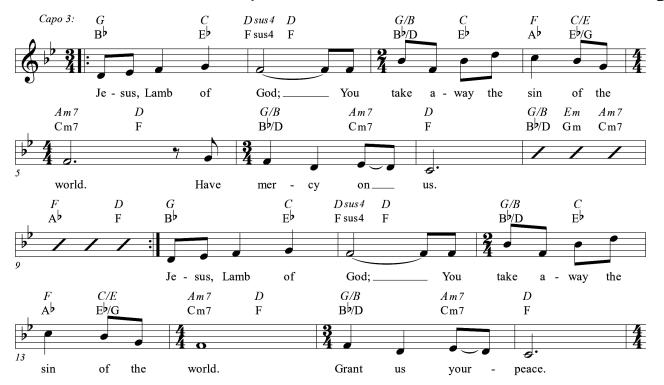
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(A silence is held.)

#### FRACTION ANTHEM Jesus, Lamb of God



The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION: At God's Table All Are Welcome

If you trust that Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose from the dead for your salvation and the life of the world, please come forward to receive the Body of Christ and the cup of Salvation. When only one chalice bearer is present, we are adhering to the policy of only sipping and not intincting (dipping the bread) into the cup. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the clergy. To receive a Blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest. The clergy will offer God's blessing to you. If you would like to receive Communion, but are unable to come forward, please let an usher know.

<b>COMMUNION HYMNS</b>	Alleluia! Hurry the Lord is Near	M-5
	The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns	M-6

### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

## THE BLESSING

**CLOSING HYMN** Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night

(H640) M-7

#### **DISMISSAL** (*The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, to which we respond*) **Thanks be to God**.

## POSTLUDE



Remember, honor, or give thanks for a loved one at Christmas while helping St. John's decorate the Historic Church & All Saints Hall

## \$50 DONATION

- Use a flower offering envelope (in the pews or at the Welcome Center) and place it in the offering plate); or
- Donate online at https://bit.ly/ ChristmasFlowers-24



Respond no later than Dec. 10 to have loved ones' names listed in the Christmas bulletins.



# SANTA'S WELLBEING WORKSHOP

# Sat., Dec. 7 • 9:30-11:30 a.m. Auditorium

journaling • gentle yoga deep relaxation with sound healing Reiki • social time

Join us to gain and sustain inner access to the peace and joy of the holidays. There is no charge for this event.

> RSVP to Karen Ferguson at Wellbeing@stjohnsec.org.

# At all services on Dec. 7th & 8th

# SPECIAL HOLIDAY BASKET COLLECTION



Monies purchase grocery gift cards to be included with our Holiday Baskets for ARC of Howard County & Collington Square.

> Donate online now at https://bit.ly/SJEC-GiveNow Fund=Outreach Ministry Memo=Special Collection



#### **ENTRANCE HYMN** Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

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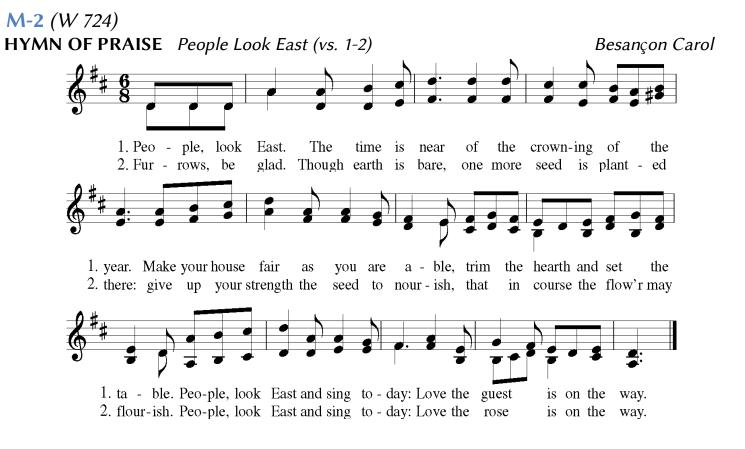
#### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

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#### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Elizabeth Sones

#### FOR THE SEARCH FOR OUR NEXT RECTOR

To have someone included on our prayer list, you may: Contact the Parish Office by phone or email your prayer request to Tracey Stone at tstone@stjohnsec.org. Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. After the initial 30 days, if you wish to have a name stay on the list, please re-submit your request.



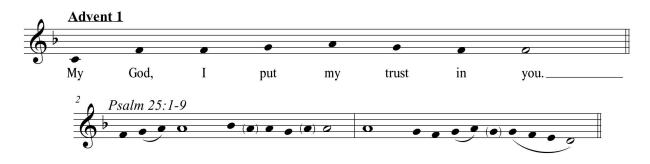


Look for time and location to be announced in Mid-Week News & Blessings this coming week.



#### THE PSALM Psalm 25: 1-9

(The Choir will sing the verses; the Congregation joins in the refrain.)

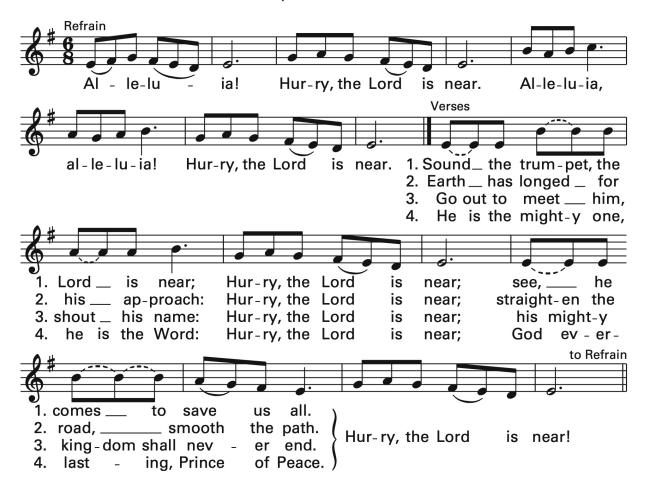


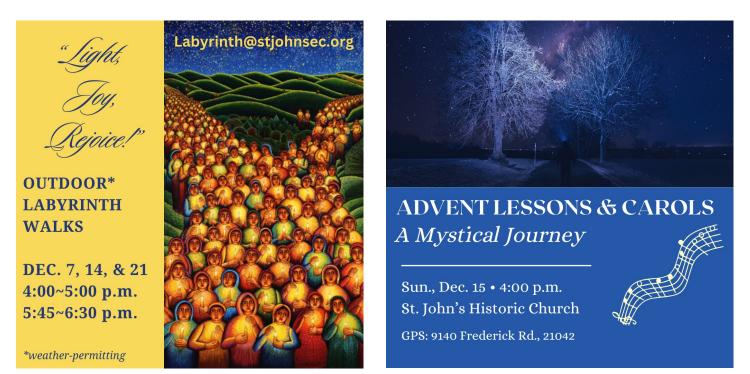
1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \* let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;\* let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. (Refrain) 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \* and teach me your paths. 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,\* for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. (Refrain) 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \* for they are from everlasting. 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \* remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD. (Refrain) 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD;\* therefore he teaches sinners in his way. 8 He guides the humble in doing right \* and teaches his way to the lowly. 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \* to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. (Refrain)

M-4 GOSPEL HYMN Sing Hallelujah (vs. 1 before; vs. 2 after)

Dean Krippaehne







*If the weather is bad, the Walk will be held in the Undercroft of the Historic Church.* 

M-6 (H 73) COMMUNION HYMN II The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

St. Stephen



#### **CLOSING HYMN** Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night





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