

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Morning Prayer

The First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

9:30 AM

Welcome to Historic St. John's Episcopal Church. We are very glad you are celebrating with us today. Child care is available in the nursery (room 205) during the 9:30 AM service. The Adult Lectionary Class meets after the 9:30 AM service in the library as well as on Zoom.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion of bread and wine. If you are of another religious tradition or don't have a religious affiliation, we encourage you to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest while at the communion station.

If you don't have a church home, we hope you will consider making St. John's your spiritual home. Feel free to contact the Parish Office for more information: (703) 803-7500 or e-mail us at SJECCentreville@aol.com.

St. John's stands upon its original foundation first consecrated on July 14, 1850, and for 172 years has been an integral part of the Centreville Community. St. John's is rooted in the Anglican Tradition where *all* are welcome, and remains a center for healing, hope and hospitality. We are pleased to share this historic church with our ministry partners: Wellspring United Church of Christ, St. Anthony of Padua (American National Catholic Church), Myungsung Korean Baptist Church, Centreville Spanish Seventh-Day Adventist Church, the Presbyterian Korean Church of Vision and Love, Grace Baptist Church, 12 + 12 Alcoholics Anonymous, Elim Kids Academy, Gamblers Anonymous, Grace and Glory Korean Baptist Church, and Ministerio Cristiano. As we are live streaming the Sunday services on the internet, please be aware that you are being recorded.

ORDER OF SERVICE – MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

Processional Hymn: 56, vs. 1-4, “O come, O come Emmanuel”

Opening Sentences: Advent p. 75

Confession of Sin p. 79

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord, open our lips. p. 80

People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *Amen.*

Officiant: Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 (*responsively by half-verse*) p. 702

After the psalm, all say: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *Amen*

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

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!

Canticle 14: A Song of Penitence (*read responsively, by half verse*) p. 90

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

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.

Gospel Hymn: 61, vs. 1-2, “Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us.

The Gospel Reading : Matthew 24:36-44

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.”

Children’s Sermon: Walt Cooner

Sermon / Reading: Walt Cooner

The Apostles’ Creed p. 96

The Peace p. 360

The Offertory Sentence p. 376

The Doxology: Hymn 380, v. 3, “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

The Offertory

The Lord’s Prayer p. 97

Suffrage A (*read responsively*) p. 97

The Collect for 1st Sunday in Advent p. 211

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 forever. Amen.

Collect for Guidance p. 100

Prayers of the People (Form VI) p. 392

General Thanksgiving p. 101

Prayer of St. Chrysostom p. 102

Concluding Sentence - Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. Amen

Announcements

Recessional hymn: 59, “Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding”

Dismissal

Officiant	Walt Cooner
Crucifer	Monti Zimmerman
Lector	Craig Staresinich
Usher	Durinda Smith
Alms Counters	Marie McDermott & Penny Parker
Altar Guild	Durinda Smith

*St. John's has relaxed our masking policy, and masks are now optional.
Join us for "Coffee Hour" after our service!*

Many thanks to Alice Foltz, Organist!

Sunday School Volunteers Needed! St. John's is very focused on ensuring that we attract young families to the church and one of the ways we hope to do that is by getting our Sunday School program started again! Currently we have a few young families who are interested in having their children attend class, so we just need a few volunteers to help teach. We have already purchased a curriculum, so we just need a few volunteers who can commit to teaching the little ones one Sunday per month. **If you are interested, please see the Senior Warden, David Parker.**

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