

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Second Sunday of Advent

Rite I

December 4, 2022

9:30 AM

Welcome to Historic St. John's Episcopal Church. We are very glad you are celebrating with us today. Child Care (*please see the back of the bulletin for updates*) is provided in the Nursery (Room 205) during the service. Please join us in the Breezeway for Coffee Hour after the service.

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 on 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.

Holy Eucharist: Rite I

The Word of God

The Prelude

The Processional Hymn: 57, "Lo! He comes, with clouds descending"

Helmsley

The Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

The Collect for Purity

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The Kyrie: S-96, "Lord, have mercy"

Kyrie

The Collect of the Day:

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Merciful God, who sent thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Children's Reading: The Rev. Deacon Steve Busch

The Lessons:

The First Lesson: 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.

The Psalm: 72:1-7, 18-19, said responsively by half-verse [sit]

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The Epistle: 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.

The Gospel Hymn: 65, verses 1 & 2, "Prepare the way, O Zion"

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The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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."

The Gospel Hymn: 65, verse 3, "Prepare the way, O Zion"

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The Sermon: The Rev. Philene Ware Dunn

After the sermon, a moment of silence is observed. Please remain seated.

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People, Rite I, prayer 1 [*kneel*]

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The Confession of Sin & Absolution

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The Peace [*stand*]

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The Celebration of Holy Communion

The Offertory

The Offertory Sentence [*sit*]

The Offertory Anthem

The Doxology: Hymn 380, verse 3, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II [*stand*]

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Sanctus: S-130, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord"

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem: S-164, "Jesus, Lamb of God"

The Invitation to Communion

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The Communion Hymn: 53, "Once he came in blessing"

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

The Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Announcements

The Blessing

The Recessional Hymn: 68, "Rejoice! Rejoice believers"

Llangloffan

The Dismissal

The Postlude

*The altar greens are offered to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Helen Rusnak,
by Chuck Rusnak and Family.*

Celebrant: The Rev. Philene Ware Dunn
Intercessor: The Rev. Deacon Steve Busch
Crucifer: Monti Zimmerman
Lector: Craig Staresinich
Usher: Tom Jones
Altar Guild: Marie McDermott
Alms Counters: Katharine Lavery, Gene Milunec
Music: Amanda Hull & St. John's Choir
Coffee Hour Hosts: St. John's Choir

The Dedication of St. John's new bell will follow this morning's service.

Christmas Services:

Christmas Eve, December 24: 4 PM and 9 PM

Christmas Day, December 25: 9:30 AM

What is different about Advent? We will use greens on the altar instead of flowers. We will set up an Advent wreath next to the altar. The altar hangings and priest's chasuble will be blue. Advent starts a new liturgical year, which will be Year A. We will use Rite I rather than the familiar Rite II. Rite I is more penitential. **Please note there are many differences in the congregational responses and the service music between Rite I and Rite II, so you may want to use the Prayer Book and hymnal.**

Nursery Attendant – We are in need of someone to provide nursery care on Sundays Dec. 11, 18, and 25; Saturday Dec. 24, as well as Jan. 8 & 15. (There is coverage Jan. 1). If you can help with one or more of these dates, please let Deacon Steve know.

Amahl and the Night Visitors at St. Thomas Episcopal Church In McLean, VA

St. Thomas is now the Northern Virginia venue for the Shakespeare Opera Theatre – a non-profit founded by minister of music Dr. Lori Lind - and is presenting this performance on the following dates:

Saturday 10 December at 3 PM & 7 PM

Sunday 11 December at 6 PM

Tickets: Shakespeareoperatheatre.com

Or call/text 443-226-8270

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH CLERGY AND STAFF:

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Susie Pike (2025)* | Sandy Jones (2025) | Vestry Member & Register: Angela Hadfield

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Delegates to South Fairfax Region: Walt Cooner, Delegate; Monti Zimmerman, Alternate Delegate

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