



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT • DECEMBER 1, 2024 | 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,
 bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;

swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,
 claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, as able, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free. Amen.

CHILDRENS' MOMENT AND CANDLE LIGHTING

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
 1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
 1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant 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**

THE READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE: Jeremiah 33:14-16

NRSVUE

The people sit.

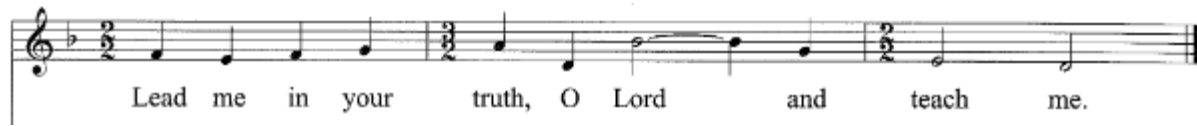
¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah 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.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL PSALM | Psalm 25:1-9

The Portland Psalter | Arr. Robert Hawthorne

Remain seated. The Cantor sings the Refrain first, followed by the Congregation. The Choir sings the verses.



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*

THE EPISTLE: I Thessalonians 3:9-13

NRSVUE

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches

Thanks be to God.

Silence and stillness

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21: 25-36

NRSVUE

Remain standing, as able.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Christ.

²⁵“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. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of

what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be 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 our Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ.

EL SANTO EVANGELIO | Lucas 21: 25-26

Dios Habla Hoy

Permanezca de pie, en la medida de lo posible.

El Santo Evangelio de nuestro Salvador, Jesucristo, según Lucas.

Gloria a ti, oh Cristo.

²⁵»Habrà señales en el sol, en la luna y en las estrellas; y en la tierra las naciones estarán confusas y se asustarán por el terrible ruido del mar y de las olas. ²⁶La gente se desmayará de miedo al pensar en lo que va a sucederle al mundo; pues hasta las fuerzas celestiales serán sacudidas. ²⁷Entonces se verá al Hijo del hombre venir en una nube con gran poder y gloria. ²⁸Cuando comiencen a suceder estas cosas, anímense y levanten la cabeza, porque muy pronto serán libertados.

“ Fíjense en la higuera, o en cualquier otro árbol. ³⁰Cuando ven que brotan las hojas, se dan cuenta ustedes de que ya está cerca el verano. ³¹De la misma manera, cuando vean que suceden estas cosas, sepan que el reino de Dios ya está cerca. ³²»Les aseguro que todo esto sucederá antes que muera la gente de este tiempo. ³³El cielo y la tierra dejarán de existir, pero mis palabras no dejarán de cumplirse.

³⁴»Tengan cuidado y no dejen que sus corazones se hagan insensibles por los vicios, las borracheras y las preocupaciones de esta vida, para que aquel día no caiga de pronto sobre ustedes ³⁵como una trampa. Porque vendrá sobre todos los habitantes de la tierra. ³⁶Estén ustedes preparados, orando en todo tiempo, para que puedan escapar de todas estas cosas que van a suceder y para que puedan presentarse delante del Hijo del hombre.

El Evangelio de nuestro Salvador.

Alabado seas, oh Cristo.

THE SERMON | The Rev. Dr. Janet Waggoner

Silence and stillness

THE CREED

All 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

All remain standing.

The Lord will come and will not keep silent, gathering us into the kingdom of his love. In anticipation of the one who saves, we offer our prayers, responding to each petition by saying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Architect of creation, channel our vision, that the perplexities and distresses of this age may call forth our creative response as we await the age to come; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Physician of the sick, assist those who suffer from diseases that ravage body and soul (especially_____), enlighten the understandings of research scientists, and guide us into models of effective health care for all people; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, that we may be signs of hope to the hungry, the homeless, and all who live with unrelenting fear and anxiety; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Eternal Wisdom, pour upon the leaders of Church and state the wise judgment needed in these challenging times, and awaken them to the truth and power of your word; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy Lord, keep us awake to the signs that are placed before us, strengthen us in our life of prayer and devotion, and give us the integrity to stand firm in your presence; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Gracious God, be with those who have died in the faith, and welcome them into your eternal rest; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

God of earthly rhythms, arouse us to the movements of the natural order and to the spiritual voices of this Advent season, instilling within us a deep longing for the birth of Christ within our hearts; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

In confidence that the turmoil of the present age will usher in the new order of God's reign and dominion, let us continue our prayers, either silently or aloud.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray this week for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray this week for All Saints', Bellevue; and Holy Apostles, Bellevue. We also offer our own prayers, either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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 our Savior 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

All stand.

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

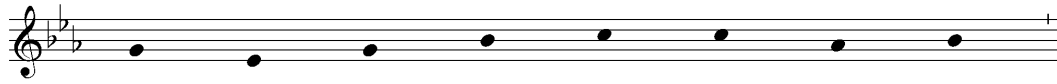
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANKSGIVINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | Veni Veni Emmanuel

Arr. Katherine Crosier (b. 1941)

OFFERTORY HYMN | Creator of the Stars of Night Vs. 1,5,6

The Hymnal 1982, No. 60



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



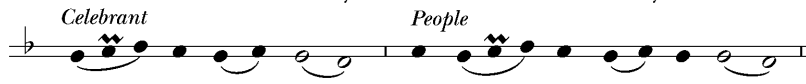
1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing.




The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.




Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People



It is right to give him 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.

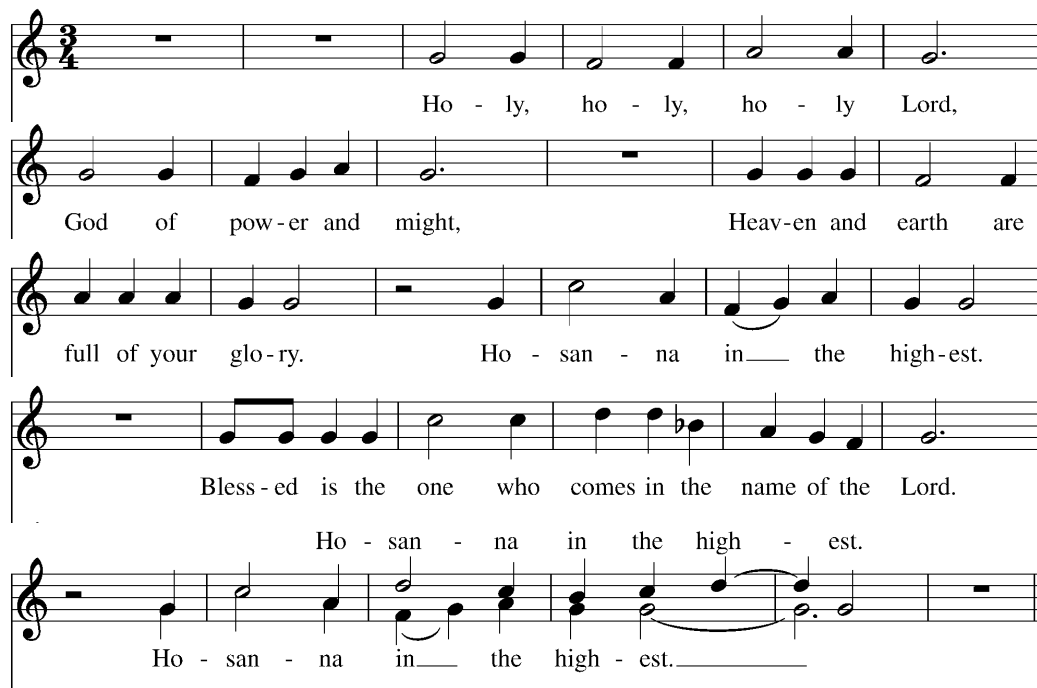
Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

SANCTUS

Wonder, Love and Praise, No. 853

Celebrant and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow - er and might, Heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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,

**Christ has died,
Christ has risen,
Christ will come again.**

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 [_____ 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

Wonder, Love and Praise, No. 862

A - men. A -
men. A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant continues

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, forever and ever. Amen.**

EL PADRE NUESTRO

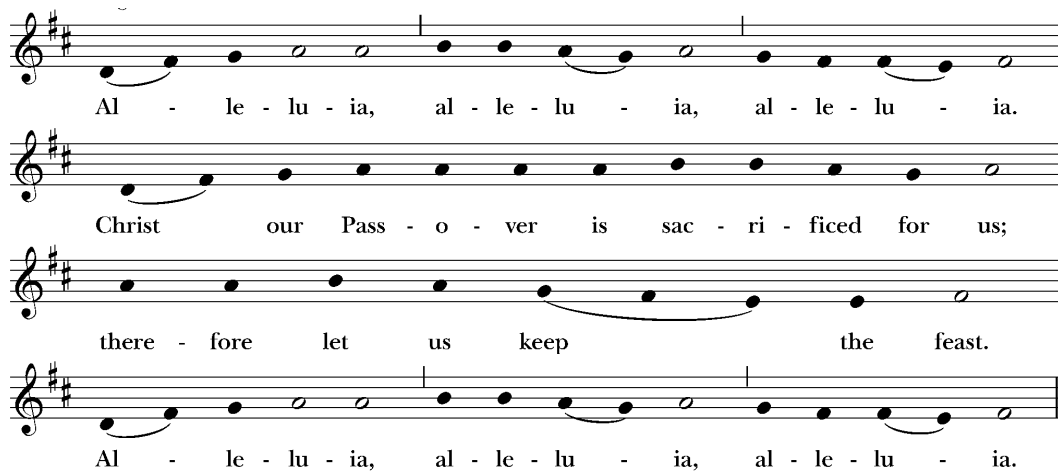
El Celebrante continúa

Y ahora, como nuestro Salvador Cristo nos ha enseñado, nos atrevemos a decir:

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre.
venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-154



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

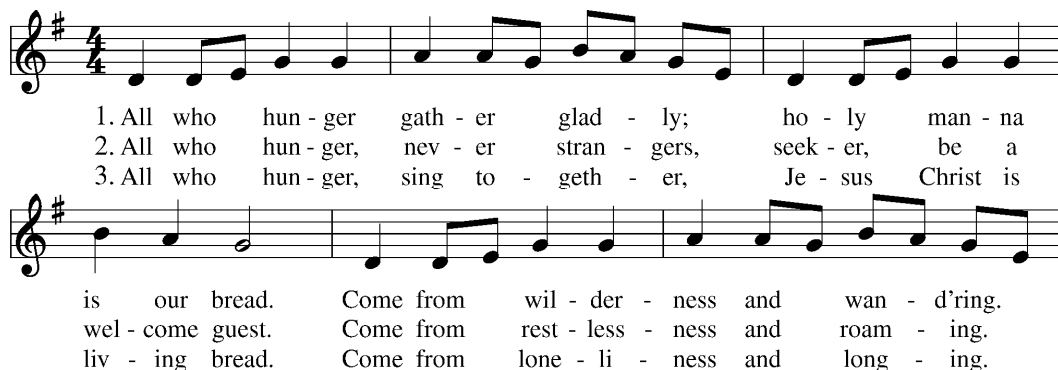
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Holy Things, for Holy People.

All are welcome to receive communion. If you need a gluten-free wafer, let the clergy know. If you wish to participate but don't want to receive the elements, place your hands over your chest to receive a blessing. The choir will receive communion first.

COMMUNION HYMN | All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Wonder, Love and Praise, No. 761



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is
is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who
 days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
 from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see that God is good.

COMMUNION HYMN | Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Wonder, Love and Praise, No. 795

1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y,
 2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y,
 3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior,
 4. Come, Hope of U - ni - ty, make us one bod - y,
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

COMMUNION HYMN | O Lord Hear My Prayer

Wonder, Love and Praise, No. 827

O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r.
When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O
Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis - ten to me. O

Silence and stillness.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, who respond saying

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN | The King Shall Come when Morning Dawns

The Hymnal 1982, No. 73

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

DISMISSAL

The Minister dismisses the people who respond saying

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE | Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Arr. J. Pachelbel

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR • Linda Madison • Stella May Chaffey • Mary Alice Olsen • T.F. and Carol Moore • Kenneth Chace • Kenneth Thai • Bob Nanney • Soon McIntosh • Tyler McIntosh • Jaiyden Ella • Dr. Cooper • Paula Hurt • Buster Hammer • Selena • Charo and Gustavo Portaro • Columba Fernandez • Andrea Castro • Doug and Mary Ann Mahurin • Deanna and Johnnie Alvarado • Scott Schultz • Mac Hancock • Keveyonna Davis • Sherry Sullivan • Lee Mohler • Lisa • Tony Irving • Doretha Malher • Tiffany • Carol Felton • Scott and Barbara Moore • Chip and Andrea Moore • Jeff and Susan Moore • Scott Schultz • David Gerardot and Judith Holter • Debbie and Alex Voip • Aaron, Amory, and Bridget Andersen • Kristen S. • Jonny Studer • Karen Slawson • Jim Jones • Marion McIntosh • Amy Case and family • Vaughn • Don Maddux Family • Jim and Wendy Claar • Anne Boris • Via Atwell

WE PRAY FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS SERVING IN THE ARMED SERVICES • Quinn Herrier and the Wyoming 2-300th deployed Army Guard • Ruby Edwards • Christopher Hagen • Brett Johnson • Jon Kidder • Simon Kidder • Jessie Leonard • Lissy Slezak • Richie Raini

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT • St. John | San Juan honors and acknowledges the indigenous peoples who have stewarded this land since time immemorial and who still inhabit the area today, the Steh-Chass Band of the Squaxin Island Tribe.

WORSHIP LEADERS • The Rev. Dr. Janet Waggoner, *Preacher/Presider* • The Rev. Jaime Case *Assoc. Priest* • The Rev. Gen Grewell (8:00 & 10:30) *Deacon* • Laird Will (8:00), Bob LeRoy (10:30) *Eucharistic Ministers* • Kathryn Ness (8:00) Sherry Sullivan, Ginny Dugaw (10:30) *Lectors* • Tim Tayne *Audio/Visual Tech* • Anne Hall, Sara Doran, Bill VanHook *Altar Guild* • Franklin Wilson, Lou MacMillan, Marcia Wilson *Ushers*

The Rev. Dr. Janet Waggoner, Rector
The Rev. Jaime Case, Associate Priest
The Rev. Gen Grewell, Deacon
The Rev. Terri Lolcama, Deacon
Steve O'Connor, Director of Music
Terry Garrett, Parish Administrator
Cynthia Knapp, Bookkeeper
Dan Kapsner, Sexton



WORSHIP

TODAY

- **GODLY PLAY** takes place every Sunday during the first half of the 10:30 am worship service. During Advent, after the story we hear up front, GODLY PLAY participants (children and adults) will walk down the side aisle and out past the chapel to the GODLY PLAY atrium at the end of the long hall (past the parish hall and restrooms). GODLY PLAY participants rejoin the worship service during the Peace and announcements so that we can all take Communion together.
- For parents who would like to take a break from parenting during the 10:30 am worship service, we have certified nursery workers who tend small children. They're in the nursery down at the end of the long hall, past the parish hall and the restrooms, next to the GODLY PLAY room.
- Large-print worship bulletins are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary, along with Children's worship bulletins and activity bags for little ones who choose to remain in worship with us older folks.

ADULT FORUM – 9:30 – 10:15 am – Our exploration of the Gospel of John continues. This week we continue to reflect on the footwashing stories in John 12 and 13, guided by Amy-Jill Levine's bible study, *The Gospel of John*.

“TELL OUT MY SOUL” STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN WRAPS UP – Heartfelt thanks to all who have submitted their estimate of giving, as well as to all of those who helped to lead our stewardship season of reflection and commitment. If you have not had a chance to submit your estimate of giving, please do so ASAP, as it will help the Finance Committee in the creation of the 2025 budget.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

The St. John's Altar Guild decorates the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services with beautiful poinsettias. You can contribute money for the poinsettias and help fund the Altar Guild, by giving a donation in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for a blessing in your life.

Envelopes will be available in the bulletins every Sunday through December 15th.

Write your name with your memorials or thanksgivings on the envelope with your payment (check or cash). Put Christmas Flowers on the memo line of your check. Completed envelopes can be put in the offertory plate.

If you have any questions, please contact Altar Guild Director: Sue Andersen at 360-584-6576 or email sue@stjohnsoly.org

SAVE THE DATE

NEIGHBORHOOD PRAYER WALK – Wednesday, December 4 – 7:45 am

Join Rev. Janet, Kathryn Ness, and others for a prayer walk in our neighborhood. If the winter weather keeps us from walking outside, we'll prayer walk through our church buildings.

PARISH MEETING – Sunday, December 8 – After the 10:30 am worship service

Rev. Janet and Bob LeRoy, our senior warden, will lead a discussion about two important “next steps” in the growth of our congregation and the redevelopment of our property: a Lenten Pilgrimage with Good Shepherd Lutheran and an assessment of our property by Stewardship Realty.

NAVIGATING DISCORD AND SOCIAL UNREST – Tuesday, December 10 – 9:00a – 5:00p – ONLINE

The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia is hosting a one-day workshop to help participants to respond confidently to conflict in their communities, reintroducing relevant tools from the fields of mediation and community engagement. During the workshop, participants will have opportunities to reflect on the theological and spiritual significance of responding to conflict and unrest. More information and registration is available at <https://ecww.org/event/navigating-discord-and-social-unrest-an-online-workshop-for-spiritual-leaders-in-the-diocese-of-olympia/2024-11-21/>

WORSHIP SERVICES CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – SJSJ SANCTUARY

4:30 pm – Family Christmas Service with Godly Play and Eucharist – Nursery care available

10:00 pm – Christmas Carol Sing

10:30 pm – Choral Eucharist

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 – SJSJ SANCTUARY

10:00 am – Christmas Day Eucharist with Carols

NOTE: Parish office is closed December 23 – January 3 (Parish groups, staff and volunteers will come and go as needed for events and year-end wrap-up)

Office Hours

Tuesday thru Friday
11am to 3pm
360-352-8527

Sunday – December 1

5:00 pm ESL Class (ESL Rm)
6:00 pm Spanish Service
7:00 pm ESL Class (ESL Rm)

Monday – December 2

6:00 pm Capital City AA, Parish Hall
6:00 pm ESL Class (ESL Rm)

Tuesday – December 3

10:00 am Library Ministry Monthly Mtg. (Library)
1:00 pm Exec Committee of the Vestry (online)
6:00 pm Nar-Anon Meeting (Library)
6:00 pm The Brotherhood of St. Andrew (Library)

Wednesday – December 4

7:00 am Hybrid Eucharistic Service
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/91045061066>
Meeting ID: 910 4506 1066
12:00 pm Messenger article deadline
4:00 pm Guided Conversations (Guild Rm)
6:00 pm Buddhist Meditation Grp (Guild Rm)
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., December 5

10:00 am Centering Prayer Book Study (Guild Rm)
12:00 pm Centering Prayer (Guild Rm)
1:30 pm-5:00 pm Parish Hall
6:00 pm Capital City AA (Parish Hall)
6:00 pm Capital Improvement Al-Anon (Guild Rm)

Friday – December 6

6:00 pm Al Anon 12 Step Study Group (Guild Rm)

Saturday – December 7

9:00 am Saturday Men's Grp (Chapel)
10:00 am SJ Library Grp Monthly Mtg (Library)
10:00 am Women's Spirituality Grp (Guild Rm)

Please note that voice mail messages left on the church office telephone after 3:00 pm will not be picked up until the following day at 11:00 am. Messages left on Friday after 3:00 pm will not be picked up until 11:00 am on Tuesday.

For pastoral emergencies, please contact the Rev. Janet by text or phone at 360-358-2041 or the Rev. Jaime Case by text or phone at 360-606-4285.

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