



**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT \* DECEMBER 15, 2024 | 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.**



**PRELUDE** | *Savior of the Nations, Come*  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Helmut Walcha (1907-1991)  
Arr. Marilyn Biery

**ENTRANCE HYMN** | Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

*The Hymnal 1982, No. 59*

*Descant*

2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

**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.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND OPENING PRAYER**

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

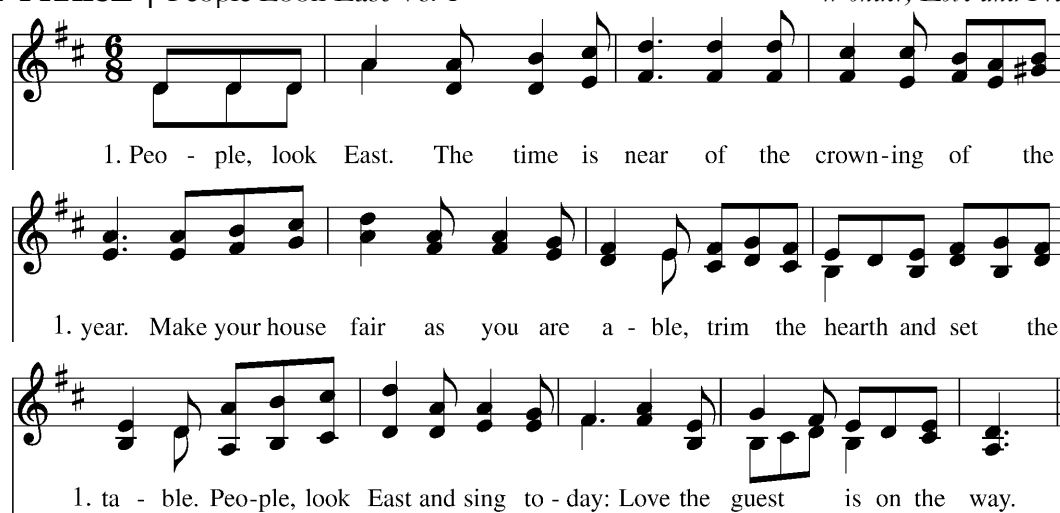
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Loving God, we open ourselves to you. Show us the creative power of *HOPE*. Teach us the *PEACE* that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of *JOY* that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Prepare our hearts to be transformed, that we may walk in the light of Christ. **AMEN.**

## ADVENT II GODLY PLAY

**SONG OF PRAISE** | People Look East Vs. 1

*Wonder, Love and Praise*, No. 724



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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE:** Zephaniah 3:14-20

*NRSVUE*

*The people sit.*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;

shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;

he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;

you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD, your God, is in your midst,

a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will renew you<sup>18</sup> in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
<sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival.”<sup>18</sup>  
I will remove disaster from you,<sup>19</sup>  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
<sup>19</sup>I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**CANTICLE 9:** Isaiah 12:2-6

**Surely God is my salvation;  
I will trust and will not be afraid,  
for the LORD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.”**  
**With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.  
And you will say on that day:  
“Give thanks to the LORD;  
call on his name;  
make known his deeds among the nations;  
proclaim that his name is exalted.  
Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.  
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”**

CANTICLE 9 | Surely it is God who saves me

The Hymnal 1982, No. 679

*Remain seated.*

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed  
fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his  
help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with  
va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the  
liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

**THE EPISTLE:** Philippians 4:4-7

*NRSVUE*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

**Thanks be to God.**

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior  
 2 He comes, the pri - soners to re - lease in Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

prom - ised long: let ev - ery heart pre -  
 bond - age held; the gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure; and with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.  
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

THE HOLY GOSPEL | Luke 3:7-18

NRSVUE

*Remain standing, as able.*

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

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin 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; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What, then, should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we,

what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So with many other exhortations he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of our Savior.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**EL SANTO EVANGELIO** | Lucas 3:7-18

*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.**

Cuando la gente salía para que Juan los bautizara, él les decía: «¡Raza de víboras! ¿Quién les ha dicho a ustedes que van a librarse del terrible castigo que se acerca? Pórtense de tal modo que se vea claramente que se han vuelto al Señor, y no vayan a decir entre ustedes: “¡Nosotros somos descendientes de Abraham!”; porque les aseguro que incluso a estas piedras Dios puede convertirlas en descendientes de Abraham. Además, el hacha ya está lista para cortar los árboles de raíz. Todo árbol que no da buen fruto, se corta y se echa al fuego.»

Entonces la gente le preguntó: ¿Qué debemos hacer? Juan les contestó: El que tenga dos trajes, dele uno al que no tiene ninguno; y el que tenga comida, compártala con el que no la tiene. Se acercaron también para ser bautizados algunos de los que cobraban impuestos para Roma, y le preguntaron a Juan: Maestro, ¿qué debemos hacer nosotros? Juan les dijo: No cobren más de lo que deben cobrar. También algunos soldados le preguntaron: Y nosotros, ¿qué debemos hacer? Les contestó: No le quiten nada a nadie, ni con amenazas ni acusándolo de algo que no haya hecho; y confórmense con su sueldo.

La gente estaba en gran expectativa, y se preguntaba si tal vez Juan sería el Mesías; pero Juan les dijo a todos: «Yo, en verdad, los bautizo con agua; pero viene uno que los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego. Él es más poderoso que yo, que ni siquiera merezco desatarle la correa de sus sandalias. Trae su aventador en la mano, para limpiar el trigo y separarlo de la paja. Guardará el trigo en su granero, pero quemará la paja en un fuego que nunca se apagará.»

De este modo, y con otros muchos consejos, Juan anunciaba la buena noticia a la gente.

El Evangelio de nuestro Salvador.

**Alabado seas, oh Cristo.**

**HOMILY** | The Rev. Dr. Janet Waggoner

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand, as able.*

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 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

*All stand, or kneel, as able. The Deacon, if present, bids the prayers.*

With Zephaniah, Paul, and John, let us receive the good news of Christ's coming, and seek the Word that is soon to be revealed, responding to each petition by saying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

That we may embrace those who are in need by giving generously from our abundance, treat employees as we would wish to be treated, and in all our relationships speak words of truth and forgiveness; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

That there may be peace among peoples and nations, with mutual cooperation in the quest for a just and equitable distribution of the world's resources; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

That we may be sensitive to the needs of our spiritual shepherds and guides who join John the Baptist in preparing the way for the coming of the Messiah, calling upon them to preach with confidence and



conviction, and to nourish us through the blessings of the Eucharistic Meal; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

That in the closing weeks of Advent, we may clear the pathways of our lives to make straight the way for the birth of God's Word and reflect on the mystery that is now at hand; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

That the Church may rededicate herself to the ministry of baptizing, welcoming young and old alike to unite with Christ, the everlasting light that never fades away; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

That through death we may enter the gate of eternal life, and join those who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially \_\_\_\_\_; for this we pray. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

We were baptized into Christ's death and resurrection and called to be a baptizing community, in whose fellowship we continue our prayers and petitions.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray this week for the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray this week for St. John's, Kirkland, St. Thomas, Medina, and Emmanuel, Mercer Island.

We also offer our own prayers, either silently or aloud.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

O Gracious God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 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.**

*Then the ministers and the people may greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANKSGIVINGS

*Please be seated for the announcements and thanksgivings.*

## BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Watch over your *child/ children*, O God, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may continue to so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may continue to be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE INVITATION

*This is the table, not of the church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love Jesus and who want to love him more. Come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before. Come, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here. (From the Iona Community, adapted)*

All are invited and encouraged to come forward to receive communion or a blessing. To receive the bread, extend your hands and a piece of bread will be placed in your palm. (Gluten-free bread is available. Just say, “gluten-free”.) To receive the wine, help the chalice bearer guide the chalice to your lips and sip. To maintain health and safety, we ask that bread not be dipped into the chalice. To receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest, and the priest will bless you.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** | Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Gates

A. Hammerschmidt

**OFFERTORY HYMN** | Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

*The Hymnal 1982, No. 68*

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff.



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,

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

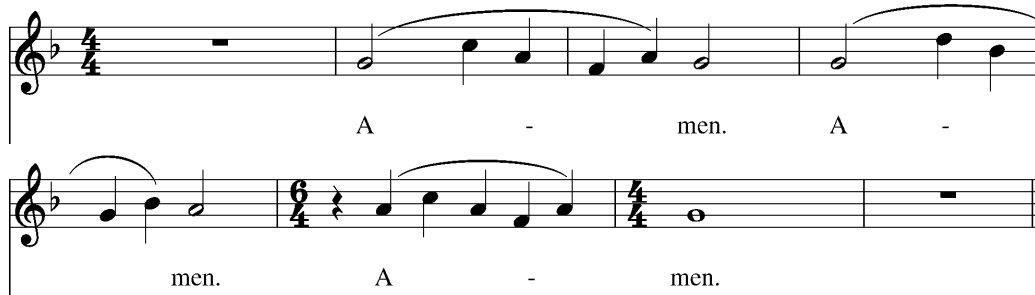
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, 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**

*Wonder, Love and Praise, No. 862*



### **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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:  
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### 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 Food, for Holy People.

### COMMUNION HYMN | This is the hour of banquet and of song *The Hymnal 1982, No. 316*

1 This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
2 Too soon we rise; we go our sev - eral ways;  
3 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,  
this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread for me;  
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,  
yet, pass - ing, points to the glad feast a - bove,  
here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro - long the  
the Bread and Wine con - sumed: yet all our days thou  
giv - ing us fore - taste of the fes - tal joy, the

brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.  
 still art here with us— our Shield and Sun.  
 Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

COMMUNION HYMN | O wheat whose crushing was for bread *Wonder, Love and Praise, No. 760*

1. O wheat, whose crush - ing was for bread, O  
 2. O fruit whose crush - ing was for wine, O  
 3. O life whose crush - ing was for love, O

bread whose break - ing is for life, O life, your seem - ing end is  
 wine whose flow - ing is for blood, O blood, your pour - ing out is  
 love whose spend - ing was to death, O death, your mourn - ing is our

seed, a seed for wheat, our bread and life.  
 life, our life in you, O fruit - ful vine.  
 joy, full joy and birth to last - ing life.

COMMUNION HYMN | Bless the Lord my soul

*Wonder, Love and Praise, No. 825*

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

**SENDING EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. With whom will you share this communion?

*Eucharistic Visitors* (Those to be visited will be named.)

*All* We who are many are one body, because we all share on bread one cup.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Stand or kneel*

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** | Rejoice, the Lord is King

*The Hymnal 1982, No. 481*



1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Mor -  
2 The Lord the Sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and love: when  
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the  
4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and



tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove. Lift  
keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.  
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a - gain I say, re -



joyce!

**DISMISSAL**

*The Minister dismisses the people who respond saying*

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** | Savior of the Nations Come

Paul Siefert

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**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

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

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**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.

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**WORSHIP LEADERS** • The Rev. Dr. Janet Waggoner, *Preacher/Presider* • The Rev. Jaime Case *Assoc. Priest* • The Rev. Terri Lolcama *Deacon* • Laird Will (8:00), Usrah Claar-Peck (10:30) *Eucharistic Ministers* • Kathryn Ness (8:00) Lucy Clifthorne, Fawn Hacker (10:30) *Lectors* • Tim Tayne *Audio/Visual Tech* • Anne Hall, Sara Doran, Bill VanHook *Altar Guild* • Cathy Guthrie, George Guthrie, Sherry Sullivan *Ushers*

**The Rev. Dr. Janet Waggoner**, Rector  
**The Rev. Jaime Case**, Associate Priest  
**The Rev. Gen Grewell**, Deacon  
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**Dan Kapsner**, Sexton



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## WORSHIP TODAY

- DURING ADVENT, we're hearing the GODLY PLAY story together as a congregation. Then, children are following Caitlin to the GODLY PLAY atrium to retell the story in their own ways. The GODLY PLAY atrium is 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 a.m. 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 a.m.** Our exploration of the Gospel of John continues. This week we read and reflect on the final chapter of Amy-Jill Levine's Bible study, *The Gospel of John*.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS SUPPORT ALTAR GUILD** – The St. John | San Juan Altar Guild decorates for Christmas services with beautiful poinsettias. The Altar Guild's yearly budget depends on donations for Christmas poinsettias and Easter flowers. You can contribute toward 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. Donation envelopes are in Sunday bulletins or available on the ushers' tables. You may put your donation (cash or check) in the envelope and put in the offertory plate. Please do so by Dec. 15 so all names will be included in the Christmas bulletins.

### WRITING CHECKS:

Make checks payable to St. John | San Juan Episcopal Church; note Christmas Flowers on the memo line.

### ONLINE DONATION:

Visit [stjohnsoly.org](http://stjohnsoly.org)

Click on Christmas Flowers and include the amount of your donation. Check the box to indicate donations **were** made online.

### RETURNING FORM TO CHURCH:

St. John | San Juan Episcopal Church

PO Box 977

Olympia, WA 98507

Or drop off form at church office or put in offertory plate at Sunday services.

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIRE . . .** We're so grateful for the leadership of Vicki Focke and Kathryn Ness, the Library Ministry and all who made and sold things as part of this traditional fundraising effort here at St. John | San Juan. At coffee hour following the service, please purchase anything that will bring joy to you or your neighbors this season.

**WELCOME ANNA!** It is my delight and privilege to introduce you to Anna Okrasinski-Maddox, our new parish administrator! Anna comes to us with a professional background not only in management and customer service, but also with deep experience with computers and communications. Anna's regular hours will be 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Please welcome her warmly when you see her in the office or interact with her on phone or email.

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE MINISTRY OF SEXTON DAN KAPSNER** – Our long-time, faithful, beloved sexton Dan Kapsner is retiring (again!) on December 31. If you would like to contribute to a gift for him, please mark your gift (check, online, etc.) "FOR DAN." Our gifts will be presented to Dan at coffee hour following the 10:30 a.m. service Sunday, December 22.

**FESTIVAL OF GIFTS IS HERE** – For many years the people of St. John | San Juan have provided Christmas gifts for nursing home residents who would not otherwise receive one. Olympia Transitional and Rehabilitative Care and Roo-Lan each sends us a list of specific gift requests. Participating parishioners select a gift, then purchase, wrap, write a card for the recipient bring it to Church to be blessed and delivered. Look for the "Festival of Gifts" display board of names and gift requests to be posted Sunday in the Parish Hall if you are able to be a Christmas Angel to a member of need in our community! For more information contact [sherrysullivan08@gmail.com](mailto:sherrysullivan08@gmail.com)

**ADVENT READING** – 'Tis the Season! Our library has a good selection of Advent and Christmas books, including classics and new titles. You'll find them on the book cart next to the coffee table and in the Children's and Adult libraries down the hall (near the bathrooms!)

No need to stress about how to borrow. Adult books have a card to fill out and a box to put the card in. When you're done put the book back on the cart or take to the library. Kids' books have a sticker on them as a reminder to return to the cart or library.

## **WORSHIP SERVICES CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY**

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – SJSJ SANCTUARY**

4:30 p.m. – Family Christmas Service with Godly Play and Eucharist – Nursery care available

10 p.m. – Christmas Carol Sing

10:30 p.m. – Choral Eucharist

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 – SJSJ SANCTUARY**

10 a.m. – Christmas Day Eucharist with Carols

***NOTE: Parish office is closed Monday December 23 – Monday, January 6, reopening Tuesday, January 7. Parish groups, staff and volunteers may come and go as needed for events and year-end wrap-up.***

### **Office Hours**

Tuesday thru Friday  
8:30am to 2:30pm  
360-352-8527

#### **Sunday – December 15**

6:00 pm Spanish Service

#### **Monday – December 16**

6:00 pm Capital City AA, Parish Hall

#### **Tuesday – December 17**

1:00 pm Exec Committee of the Vestry (online)  
6:00 pm Nar-Anon Meeting (Library)

#### **Wednesday – December 18**

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 19**

12:00 pm Centering Prayer (Guild Rm)

6:00 pm Capital City AA (Parish Hall)

6:00 pm Capital Improvement Al-Anon (Guild Rm)

7:00 pm Vestry Meeting (Guild Rm)

#### **Friday – December 20**

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

#### **Saturday – December 21**

9:00 am Saturday Men's Grp (Chapel)

10:30 am Daughter's of the King (Library)

Please note that voice mail messages left on the church office telephone after 2:30 pm will not be picked up until the following day at 8:30 am.

Messages left on Friday after 2:30 pm will not be picked up until 8:30 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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