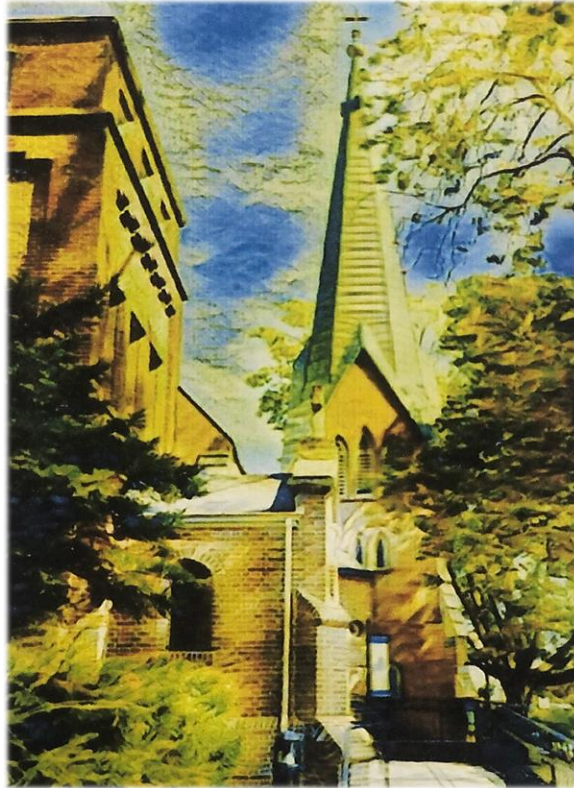


**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**  
**NOVEMBER 28, 2021 AT 10:15AM**



Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. We pray you experience the love of God through our worship and fellowship. For those who are new to our community, restrooms can be found on the other side of the parish hall. Ushers are stationed at the back of the church and can answer any questions you may have. In addition to worship, Sunday School for all ages takes place at 9:00AM and opportunities for fellowship exist between our services. Our nursery is available for our youngest members during the 10:15AM service. During this global pandemic, we require masks to be worn as we seek to protect the most vulnerable among us. Thank you for helping us love our neighbors and thank you for being here!

## THE WORD OF GOD

**INTROIT** *Rejoice at all times in the Lord*

**OPENING HYMN** *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* **HYMN 66**

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the *coming* of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ *is* coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of hope, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation. (*First candle is lit while the choir sings.*)

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** (*please remain standing*)

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, holy and living One.  
*People* You come to your people and set them free.

**COLLECT FOR PURITY** **BCP 355**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**THE TRISAGION** *Holy God* **S-102**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord 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 FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 33:14-16** (*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.

People

*Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 25:1-9**

*William Crotch (1775-1847)*



**1** To you, O Lord, I lift / up my / soul. \*

**2** O my God, / in / you I / trust;

do not let me be / put to / shame; \*

do not let my enemies / e-xult / o-ver / me.

**3** Do not let those who wait for you be / put to / shame; \*

let them be ashamed / who are / wanton-ly / treacherous.

**4** Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach / me your / paths. \*

**5** Lead me in your / truth, and / teach / me,

for you are the God of / my sal- / vation; \*

for you / I wait / all day / long.

**6** Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your / stead-fast / love, \*

for they / have been / from of / old.

**7** Do not remember the sins of my youth or / my trans- / gressions; \*

according to your steadfast love remember me, for your / good-ness' / sake, O / Lord!

**8** Good and upright / is the / Lord; \*

therefore he instructs / sin-ners / in the / way.

9 He leads the humble in / what is / right, \*  
and teaches the / hum- / ble his / way.

**THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

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.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

**THE GRADUAL HYMN**

*How firm a foundation*

**HYMN 636**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36** (*please remain standing*)

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

*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.

*People*

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE NICENE CREED (*please stand*)

BCP 358

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. (*pause*)  
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: PLANNING FOR RITES AND RITUALS** (*please kneel*)

My brothers and sisters, may God strengthen your hearts in holiness. Trusting in God, let us pray, “O come, O come, Emmanuel; *be our hope and our salvation.*”

God our hope, make us increase and abound in love for one another. Keep your Church on the paths of love and faithfulness. In the Diocesan and Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Trinity, Jersey Shore, and the Anglican Church of Brazil. O come, O come, Emmanuel;  
*Be our hope and our salvation.*

God our hope, usher in your reign of justice and righteousness. May all the world know your peace and safety. We pray especially for Joe, our President; Tom, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor, and for all those serving in the Armed Forces. O come, O come, Emmanuel;  
*Be our hope and our salvation.*

God our hope, you place signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. Give us the eyes to see, the wisdom to prepare, and the faith to trust in you. O come, O come, Emmanuel;  
*Be our hope and our salvation.*

God our hope, under your reign divisions are overcome, unity restored: bring the people of this region – from city, village, and town – together in a spirit of love and respect. O come, O come, Emmanuel;  
*Be our hope and our salvation.*

God our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the sick and the suffering, the anxious and the grieving; Amy Swiernik, Missy Braden, Angelica, Carl, Chase, Cole, Dave Pennell, Emily Lavender, Geta, Joanna Torres, Ken Kiedrowski, Martha, Pablo Gouveia, Tiny Nolan, Kathy, Isla Rae, Mary Ellen, and Lamar Swisher. O come, O come, Emmanuel;  
*Be our hope and our salvation.*

God our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus with joy. May we, and all who have died, rise to life immortal with all your saints. O come, O come, Emmanuel;  
*Be our hope and our salvation.*

*Celebrant* Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

## THE CONFESSION

**BCP 360**

*Celebrant* 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 your Son 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.

*Celebrant* 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

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

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### THE OFFERTORY

*Enter into His Gates with Thanksgiving*

*Caleb Simper*

Caleb Simper (12 September 1856 – 28 August 1942) was an English composer and church organist. He gained fame for his prolific output of choral cantatas, anthems and organ works, which were widely performed and sold in their millions. His straightforward, sometimes simplistic and over sentimental style was written with amateur performance in mind and can be compared to that of his close contemporary, John Henry Maunder.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: FEASTING ON THE WORD**

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*         *And with your Spirit.*  
*Celebrant*     Lift up your hearts.  
*People*         *We lift them to the Lord.*  
*Celebrant*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*         *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is right and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You call all people to follow your paths of justice and peace, beating their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. In the light of your holy Word we look for the day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, or learn war anymore. Therefore, with the entire company of heaven, and with your people on earth who live in this hope, we praise you and join in the never-ending hymn:

**SANCTUS****HYMN S-129**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Please kneel if able.*

Holy are you and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son, for he is Immanuel, God with us. Fulfilling the expectations of the prophets he healed the blind and the lame, cleansed the lepers, opened the ears of the deaf, raised the dead, and brought good news to the poor. Through his life, death, and resurrection you manifest your new covenant with humankind, and through the church of his disciples you give testimony to the power of your salvation for the world.

For on the night he was betrayed he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.



When supper was over, he took the cup and gave thanks, saying, Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this is remembrance of me.

Therefore in remembrance of all your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we give ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for the world as we declare:

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

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, gathered here out of love for you, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Let the bread we break be a true fellowship in the body of Christ. Let the cup we share be a true participation in the new covenant in his blood. By your Spirit empower us to be Christ for the world, serving in his name until the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**S-149**

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

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**BCP 364**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

### **THE INVITATION**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

*Come with us, O blessed Jesus*

**HYMN 336**

## SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS *(standing)*

*Celebrant* In the name of God and on behalf of this parish, 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. We who are many are one body.  
*People* *Because we all share one bread, one cup.*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**BCP 365**

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

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## THE CLOSING HYMN

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*

**HYMN 436**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* *Thanks be to God.*

**POSTLUDE**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*Edward Broughton  
Tune: Adeste Fidelis*

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (originally written in Latin as "Adeste Fideles") is a Christmas carol that has been attributed to various authors, including John Francis Wade (1711–1786), John Reading (1645–1692), King John IV of Portugal (1604–1656), and anonymous Cistercian monks. The earliest printed version is in a book published by Wade, but the earliest manuscript bears the name of King John IV, and is located in the library of the Ducal Palace of Vila Viçosa. A manuscript by Wade, dating to 1751, is held by Stonyhurst College in Lancashire.



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*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Kenneth and Eleanor Watts in honor of Magdalena Ann McIntyre, their first great grandchild born on October 23, 2021!*

**UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN’S:**

**Today**

**Wreath Sale Pick-up**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II

**Monday, November 29**

**Veritas Academy all week**

5:30 p.m. Daughters of the King  
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee

**Tuesday, November 30**

1:30 p.m. Martha’s Ministry  
2:30 p.m. Food Pantry  
5:00 p.m. VH Dance  
6:30 p.m. Advent Adult Forum  
(zoom)

**Wednesday, December 1**

12:05 p.m. HE with Healing  
3:30 p.m. Eagle’s Nest  
6:00 p.m. Advent Event  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 2**

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

**Friday, December 3**

**Narnia Youth Retreat (WKND)**

9:00 a.m. Community Meal Prep

**Weekly Support Ministries**

AA: Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
NA: Mon., Wed., & Fri. 12:00 p.m.



**KIDS OF ALL AGES  
ARE INVITED TO THE**

# Advent Event

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021**

**Make an Advent Wreath • Write Christmas Cards to  
Parishioners or Friends • Create an Ornament for  
the Courtyard Tree • Decorate Cookies!**

Chili, Mac and Cheese & Crafts at 6:00

Parish Hall & All Purpose Room

Outdoor Worship at 7:00

St. John's Courtyard

PLEASE RSVP TO MAKE AN

# Advent Wreath

Supplies are limited. Please email Sue Dodge (lalimule@verizon.net) or sign up on the board in the parish hall. To cover the cost of supplies, wreaths will cost \$12.

Wednesday, December 1 at 6:00 pm  
during the Advent Event



# ADVENT ADULT FORUM

**Week One:** Darkness

**Week Two:** Desire

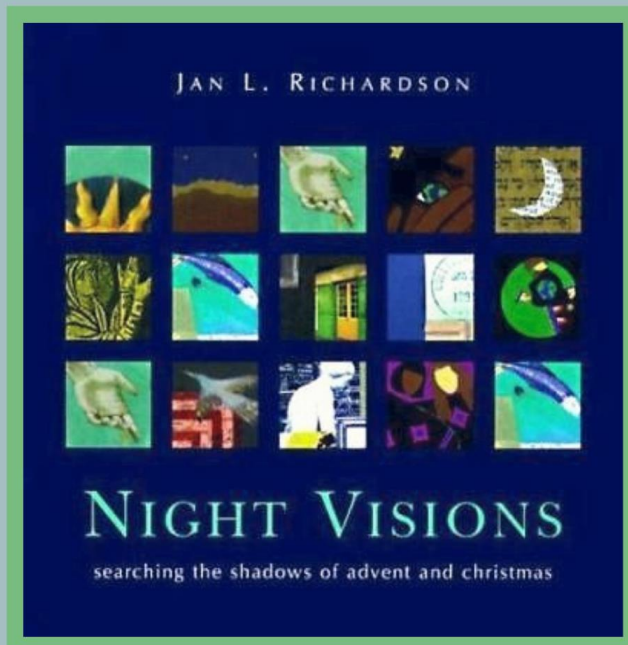
**Week Three:** Preparing a Space

**Week Four:** Hope

**Week Five:** Birthing

**Week Six:** Welcoming

**Week Seven:** Thresholds



Sundays at 9:15AM in the All Purpose Room

Tuesdays at 6:30PM on Zoom

Meeting ID: 833 7360 7182

Passcode: 523928



- jackets
- scarves, gloves
- blankets
- toilet paper
- toothpaste & toothbrush
- bottled water
- deodorant
- new underwear
- new socks
- baby diapers & wipes
- tissues
- feminine hygiene
- combs & brushes
- cereal
- tuna & crackers
- hand warmers
- granola bars
- canned veggies
- canned pasta sauce
- infant formula
- individual fruit cups
- packaged snacks
- peanut butter
- hand wipes
- travel-sized shampoo



## WELCOME

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. We are glad you are here. Please tell us a little bit about yourself by clicking the QR Code or by filling out a pew card and placing it in the offertory plate.

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