



# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**The First Sunday of Advent**

**NOVEMBER 27, 2022 11:00 AM**

*WELCOME!*

*We are delighted that you have joined us for our worship service. It is good to be together in person or virtually. We are blessed that you are here whether you are a part of our congregation, a frequent visitor or are visiting St. John's for the first time. We are glad that you are with us today and hope you will join us again.*

*The mission of St. John's Episcopal Church is to be a community of God's people who heal brokenness, build bridges, and exemplify borderless kindness.*

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## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

### Prelude

#### HYMN 66:

#### "COME, THOU LONG- EXPECTED JESUS"

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child, and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

#### OPENING PRAYER:

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now  
and for ever. Amen**

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 LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**

*Celebrant:* Today is the first Sunday of Advent, a season of Hope and Waiting

*People:* Our hope is in God, and in his son Jesus Christ. He is the Anointed One who has saved and redeemed God's people.

**The first candle on the advent wreath is lit.**

*Celebrant:* We light this first candle of Advent today to remind us and thank God for the promises He has made to us, and for the Light he has brought into the world.

Let us pray:

*All:*

O Emmanuel: *God-with-us*, you have given us your word for a light to shine upon our page; Grant us so to meditate on that Word, and to follow its teaching, that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen*

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### **HYMN 56: "O COME, O COME EMMANUEL"**

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who orderest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 122**

*Chanted by choir and congregation*

1. I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
2. Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
3. Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;
4. To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the LORD.
5. For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.
6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you.
7. Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.
8. For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.
9. Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

## **Romans 13:11-14**

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN 601: "O DAY OF GOD, DRAW NIGH"**

O day of God, draw nigh  
In beauty and in power,  
Come with thy timeless judgment now  
To match our present hour.

Bring to our troubled minds,  
Uncertain and afraid,  
The quiet of a steadfast faith,  
Calm of a call obeyed.

Bring justice to our land,  
That all may dwell secure,  
And finely build for days to come  
Foundations that endure.

Bring to our world of strife  
Thy sovereign word of peace,  
That war may haunt the earth no more  
And desolation cease.

O day of God, draw nigh  
As at creation's birth,  
Let there be light again, and set  
Their judgments in the earth.

## **Matthew 24:36-44**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Matthew

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **THE SERMON:**

**THE REV MINERVA CAMARERA SKEITH**

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**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. 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**

As we prepare for the nativity of the Son of God, let us offer prayers to Him who comes as the rising sun into the darkness of our lives, saying Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus

We thank you for the community of faith. Strengthen your church as a living witness to your love. Lord, our hope rests in your grace

Response: *Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus*

We give you thanks for the ministers of your church, especially your faithful servants of this congregation, our bishops, priests, and deacons. Lord, our hope rests in your grace

Response: *Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus*

We pray for this nation, especially those who serve in public office; may the tasks of government may be administered with courage, equity, and justice. Lord, our hope rests in your grace

Response: *Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus*

We pray for all nations of the world: where there is war, let there be peace; where there is oppression, let there be justice. Lord, our hope rests in your grace

Response: *Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus*

We pray for our community: Guide and strengthen us in our common life that we may be the instruments of your grace and love. Lord, our hope rests in your grace

Response: *Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus*

We pray for the victims of war, violence, and oppression: Bring them wholeness and healing so that your grace and strength may bring consolation and hope. Lord, our hope rests in your grace

Response: *Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus*

We pray for all migrants and their families who are seeking refuge from the ravages of war, violence, and climate change. May they find not only shelter and sustenance, but also a loving and supportive community in which to create a new beginning with dignity. Lord, our hope rests in you

Response: *Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus*

We pray for all who are in need: Be near them in their time of weakness and pain and sustain them with strength and courage. Lord, our hope rests in your grace

Response: *Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus*

We pray for those who have died: May your eternal light shine upon them. Lord, our hope rests in your grace

Response: *Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus*

*The Deacon reads the names on the prayer list and invites the congregation to offer their own petitions. Special prayers may be offered at this time. A brief period of silence will then be kept for the People to offer their own petitions.*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Hasten, O Creator, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we may live in faith and with joy behold your Son, Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

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

## **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*The Deacon or Priest 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 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.**

*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**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM: "PEOPLE LOOK EAST"**

### **HYMN 380 VERSE 3: "THE DOXOLOGY"**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Words of consecration...*

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**HYMN WLP 858: "SANCTUS"**

— Buchanan

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.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Words of consecration...*

... Therefore according to your command, O Father:

**We remember his death  
We proclaim his resurrection  
We await his coming in glory.**

*Words of consecration...*

... All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

**HYMN WLP 863: "THE GREAT AMEN"**

— Maultsby

*AMEN (sung and repeated)*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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

### **HYMN: “ANGUS DEI S 164 SCHUBERT”**

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:  
Give us your peace, give us your peace.

*Celebrant:* 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.

*You are invited to come to the communion rail to  
receive the Eucharist or a blessing.*

*You may receive the wine either by intinction, sipping, or not at all.  
Receiving the Eucharist in one kind is full reception.  
You may receive standing or kneeling. If you need a gluten free  
wafer, please tell the minister. If you prefer a blessing, please stand  
in the line with the priest and cross your arms over your chest.*

### **DURING COMMUNION: ANTHEM “MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING”**

**HYMN “IN GOD ALONE”**  
In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,  
In God my peace and joy.  
Only in God my soul can find its rest,  
Find its rest and peace.  
(Repeat)

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

*The Priest may bless the people.*

## **DISMISSAL**

*Deacon:* Alleluia, Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

**HYMN 73:  
“THE KING SHALL COME”**

The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks;  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes.

Not, as of old, a little child,  
To bear, and fight, and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun  
That lights the morning sky.

The King shall come when morning dawns  
And earth's dark night is past;  
O haste the rising of that morn,  
The day that e'er shall last;

And let the endless bliss begin,  
By weary saints foretold,  
When right shall triumph over wrong,  
And truth shall be extolled.

The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings:  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray,  
Come quickly, King of Kings.

*After the service, you are invited to enjoy  
coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall.*

## PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

St. John's is interested in meeting the pastoral needs of our community. If you have prayer requests, please contact Sheri Rasmussen at [sheri@austinstjohns.org](mailto:sheri@austinstjohns.org). If you would like the Daughters of the King to include you in their prayer list, please contact Sandra Ward at [1redsand2@gmail.com](mailto:1redsand2@gmail.com).

If you find that your situation is causing financial, spiritual, or emotional difficulties, or if you are in need of food, do not hesitate to contact Mother Minerva

512-593-1778 or [revminerva@austinstjohns.org](mailto:revminerva@austinstjohns.org)

or Deacon Victoria

512-297-5953 or [deaconvic@austinstjohns.org](mailto:deaconvic@austinstjohns.org)

**HEALING AND GUIDANCE:** Antony, Jonathan, the Holland family, Ruth, Martha, Glenda, Charles, Lisa, Patty, Sandra, China and David, Josie, Ramona, CJ, Hillary Thomas

**DECEASED:** Jim, Matias, Jimmy

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

11/27: William Cohn

11/29: Daphne Lugo Rodriquez

12/3: Cay Riley

**Today's altar flowers are given to the Greater Glory of God by  
Rosalinda Rodriguez in celebration of Daphne Lugo  
Birthday**

## **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **LABYRINTH COMMUNITY GARDEN FUNDRAISER**

The Labyrinth Community Garden annual fundraiser is underway using the SeedMoney platform! Please follow this link to visit our fundraising campaign page. <https://donate.seedmoney.org/7993/labyrinth-community-garden>. We have 30 days from November 15 to collect online donations and qualify for a challenge grant from SeedMoney. Please consider donating to the garden. Your donations have allowed us to continue to grow while keeping our rates for renting a bed at the same level as when we started several years ago.

**STEWARDS OF THE LAND** - Come and join us for coffee and donuts and talk about being good stewards of our land. There are several dates you can join us to discuss this.

- **Sunday, November 27th at 12pm** (Between the 11am and 1pm service)
- **Sunday, December 4th at 12pm** (Between the 11am and 1pm service)
- **Monday, December 12th at 7pm** ( via zoom )

### **NEWCOMERS AND BAPTISM CLASSES –**

On Sunday, Dec 4th at 3PM - 4:30PM new members and visitors are welcome to learn about St. John's and the Episcopal Church. This class is bilingual. We will talk about the history of St. John's, give a tour of the campus, and share what it is to be an Episcopalian. We will end with dinner! Please register so we can have enough food. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1i-NmlkPkkv-nSVXMig256NGKD6Z7y-j8RstMTcjawOU/edit>

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE-** On Dec. 11 we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will have a Rosary starting at 12:15 PM before the 1PM service. All are welcome!

**THE POSADAS AT ST.JAMES—** St. James has invited our congregation to the posadas this year. It will be at St. James' on Saturday, December 17, at 6PM. There will be tamales, atoles, pan dulce, coffee and pinatas.

**GREENING OF THE CHURCH–** Join us to decorate the church for Christmas December 18th at 2:15 PM

**BAPTISM CLASSES-** On Sunday, December 18th at 3:30 we ask people interested in the sacrament of baptism to continue the conversation. We will focus on the sacrament of baptism in preparation for baptisms on January 8. If you are interested in the sacrament of baptism, please attend both the Dec. 4 and Dec. 18 classes. Share the word.

**FARMSHARE AUSTIN'S FRESH FOR LESS MOBILE MARKET** today from 11am-1pm. Come shop for fresh, delicious, and affordable fruits and vegetables, local eggs and honey, and a variety of pantry staples! The market accepts cash, credit, debit, SNAP, and Double Up Food Bucks.

**SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** — Join us on Sundays at 9:45 AM as Fr. David continues his four week series “A Walk through the Old and New Testaments.” Be sure to bring your Bible (any translation) to class.

**CORNERSTONE LITERARY CIRCLE**— Cornerstone Literary Circle meets weekly on Wednesdays from 5:30pm-6:30pm on Zoom and is open to anyone who is interested. The Zoom link for the class can be found in the Tuesday Christian Formation email.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** — Each Wednesday evening at 7:00pm, we meet via Zoom to study the Bible readings for the following Sunday. The Zoom link for the class can be found in the Tuesday Christian Formation email.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** — The Thursday Morning Bible Study is hybrid. We are studying the book “**Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter.**” Join us in-person in the Parish Hall or virtually by Zoom. The Zoom link for the class can be found in the Tuesday Christian Formation email.

## EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

### Sunday, November 27

#### First day of Advent

8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:45 AM	Adult Christian Formation
11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:00 AM	Farmshare Austin farmers' market
12:00 PM	Stewards of the Land Meeting
1:00 PM	Santa Eucaristía Rito II
	Vestry of the Day: Carolyn Cline and Maria Caballero

### Monday, November 28

2:00 PM	Treasurer's Meeting
6:30 PM	Yoga in the Narthez

### Tuesday, November 29

11:00 PM	Clergy Meeting
7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting—Hybrid

### Wednesday, November 30

8:00 AM	Buildings and Grounds Maintenance
5:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
5:30 PM	Cornerstone Literary Circle ( Zoom)
7:00 PM	Wednesday Evening Bible Study (Zoom)

### Thursday, December 1

10:00 AM	Thursday Morning Study (Hybrid)
12:00 PM	Sacred Ground Facilitators
6:00 PM	AA Meeting— Parish Hall
7:30 PM	Choir Practice

### Saturday, December 3

9:00 AM	Sacred Ground Retreat
2:00 PM	All Rhythms

### Sunday, December 4

#### Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:45 AM	Adult Christian Formation
11:00 AM	Farmshare Austin farmers' market
11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
1:00 PM	Santa Eucaristía Rito II
3:00 PM	Newcomers Class— Bilingual

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Mr. Alfonso Hernandez, *Spanish Music Leader*

## VESTRY

Mr. Steve Kriechbaum, *Senior Warden*

Mr. Kevin Flegal, *Junior Warden*

Ms. Maria Caballero, *Clerk*

### *Class of 2023*

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Carlos Lugo

Sandra Welles

### *Class of 2024*

Maria Caballero

Sandra Ward

### *Class of 2025*

Carolyn Cline

Kevin Flegal

Patricia Mata

## SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

1:00 PM

Holy Eucharist Rite I

Holy Eucharist Rite II (in person and Zoom)

Santa Eucaristía Rito Dos

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