



The First Sunday of Advent

3 December 2023

10:15 a.m.

Voluntary "Sleepers, wake!" *A voice astounds us*

J.S. Bach

Advent Responsory *I Look from afar*

G.P. Palestrina

*I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
High and low, rich and poor, one with another.*

*Go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
tell us, art thou he that should come.*

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?*

Hymn 68

Llangloffan

Opening Sentences & Collect for Purity

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

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 Trisagion

David Hurd

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

Reader A reading from Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

The psalm is sung by the congregation.

Tone VIII.1



1. Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph / like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up/on the cherubim.
2. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma/nasseh.
stir up your strength and / come to help us.
3. Restore us, O / God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance,/ and we shall be saved.
4. O LORD / God of hosts,
how long will you be angered despite the prayers / of your people?
5. You have fed them with the / bread of tears;
you have given them / bowls of tears to drink.
6. You have made us the derision of our / neighbors,
and our ene/mies laugh us to scorn.
7. Restore us, O / God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance,/ and we shall be saved.
16. Let your hand be upon the man of your / right hand,
the son of man you have made / so strong for yourself.
17. And so will we never turn a/way from you;
give us life, that we may call / upon your Name.
18. Restore us, O Lord / God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance,/ and we shall be saved.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Reader A reading from First Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 640

Aberystwyth

The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus said, “But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

A brief silence follows.

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: 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, 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

The presider introduces the prayers

As we joyfully await the coming of God's reign in Christ, let us pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High and reach from beginning to end, mightily and sweetly ordering all things. Behold and bless your church, especially Michael our presiding bishop, Jennifer our bishop, Bradley and Jason our clergy, St. John's staff and vestry, the Diocese of Brasilia and their bishop Mauricio, the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon, and the people and clergy of the Church of North India and St. Timothy's, Indianapolis. Be present in ordering the life of St. John's and every congregation.

Come and teach us the way of wisdom.

O Adonai, God of the Covenant, ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and on Mount Sinai gave your law. Forgive us when we stray from your guidance and your will.

Come and restore our common life.

O Root of Jesse, you stand as an ensign to humankind; before you rulers will shut their mouths, and nations bow in worship: We pray for your peace and justice in every nation and throughout the world; be present to all whose lives are ravaged by war, strife, or disaster; especially the people Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine. Lead us toward repair, understanding, and healing across the world, in our nation, and within our communities. Guide the leaders of this and every land into the paths of peace and goodwill.

Come and redeem the world made through you.

O Key of David, and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can shut, you shut and no one can open: Guide us in opening the doors of opportunity for the unemployed, for the homeless, for prisoners, and for all who are oppressed; and lead us in closing the doors that lead to poverty, bigotry, and injustice.

Come and free the oppressed.

O King of the Nations and their Desire, you are the cornerstone that makes us one: we lift up all who are suffering and in need, especially those commended to our prayers and those we name together; **Rosemarie Goonewardene, Sue Eichhorn, Don Nead, Janet Huber, Ginny Hull, Pam Ogorzaly, Barbara Hess, Helen Slagel, Paul Lawson, Pequita Behrndt, Douglas Campbell, Carolyn Speer, Carol Helgerman, John Howland, Alyce Dressler, John & Elizabeth Barrett, Bill McInerney, Jerry & Sandra, Terry, Lori, Martie, Joy, Ben, Judy, Rhianna, Josh, Chris, Rosemary, Deb, Paul, Marcus, Ben, Brent, Gabby, Kirsten, Pam, Wendell, Charles, Kay, Dale, Sara & Jim, and their families**, and those we name now either silently or aloud.... Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous and help us minister to them in your love.

Come and fashion us anew.

O Dayspring, radiance of the Light Eternal and Sun of Righteousness: shine your light on those who have died; including Dean Hunter, Henry, David, those buried in the Memorial Garden, and those we name now either silently or aloud.... Bring comfort to all who mourn.

Come and enlighten all who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

O Emmanuel, God with us, Expected One and Savior, we give thanks for all the blessings of this life and especially for the blessings we name now either silently or aloud.... Make each of us ready to receive you into our hearts, to serve you in all whom we meet, and to greet you with gladness at the day of your appearing.

Come and save us, O Lord our God.

The presider concludes the prayers with the following

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ, let us confess our sins.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another in the name of Christ.

Announcements & Blessings for Personal Life

Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or other milestones are invited to come forward.

Watch over your children, O Lord, 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 hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

...By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Presider People
A - men.

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

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking the Bread

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 Invitation & Communion of the People

The consecrated Bread and Wine are living signs of the presence of Christ in this gathering. All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion; however, no one who comes forward will be refused. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask when you come forward.

Music during Communion

Hymn 61

Wachet auf

The Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

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

The Presider blesses the people, and they respond
Amen.

Hymn 57

Helmsley

The Dismissal

A member of the clergy dismisses the people, and they respond
Thanks be to God.

Voluntary on Helmsley

Robert Powell

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.



Those Serving

Presider	Bradley Pace
Preacher	Jodi Baron
Assisting Clergy	Jason Fortner
MC	Greg McClure
Acolyte	Jennifer Stein
Lectors	Lisa Zimmerman, Sally Hastings
LEM	Samantha LeGrand
Ushers	Bruce Johnson, Kyle Tribbett
Counters	George Moore, Dorinda Kueberth
Altar Guild	Carl Taylor, Elizabeth White, Jennifer Chandler, Jo Roberts, Kathy Johnson, Sharon Evander, Stephanie Amador Tribbett



Parish Announcements

Please welcome our guest preacher today, the Rev. Canon Jodi Baron. She serves as the Canon and Senior Associate at Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis.

Advent Lessons & Carols Service – Tonight @ 5 p.m.

The St. John's Choir invites everyone to tonight's service of Advent Lessons and Carols. The liturgy involves seven readings from scripture which form the heart of the service, each of which is further illuminated by a hymn or anthem. Advent prayers and responses further reflect the anticipation of Christ's incarnation. All are welcome to attend as we begin this season of waiting and expectation.

Children's Chapel—continues Today

Children's Chapel is an opportunity to show the kids what being an Episcopalian is all about. Children's Chapel is open to any children registered in Sunday school. Registration is simple and can be done here www.stjohns-laf.org/cfregistration/.

- 9:00-9:15 a.m. – Godly Play drop off in 2nd floor Art room. Snack provided.
- 10:00-10:15 a.m. – Godly Play pick up, Children's Chapel drop off, and break period.
- 10:15 a.m. – Chapel begins. Children are returned to parents at the Peace.

Revamping “Coffee Hour”

As part of a project for the College for Congregational Development, St. John's is collecting information regarding coffee hour, and we need your help. Please take a few moments to answer the questions displayed in St. John's Commons. Look for the easels. Look in your email inbox for a parish-wide survey, too. Thanks in advance for your help.

Jubilee Christmas is coming; it's practically here!!!!

Jubilee Christmas is coming **THIS SATURDAY**, December 9th at St. John's. Good Shepherd and St. John's will host 40 families in two shifts. The first shift will be from 9–10:30 a.m., and the second shift will be from 10:30 a.m.–noon.

In addition to monetary donations, we need volunteers to make Jubilee Christmas a success. Shoppers will need to start as soon as possible to buy the gifts for the children. The other volunteer opportunities will be for the day of Jubilee in December. Use the QR codes to sign up as a Shopper or as another Volunteer. If you would like to be put on the substitute list or for additional information, contact Mary Kay McCauley at mccauley.mk3@gmail.com or 765.490.0797.



Advent and Christmas at St. John's

Second Sunday of Advent, December 10 – 8:00, 9:00 via Zoom, & 10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship

Third Sunday of Advent, December 17 – 8:00, 9:00 via Zoom, & 10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship

Guest Preacher: the Rev. Dr. Kirsten Guidero, Marian University

12:00 noon Greening of the Church

Wednesday, December 20 – 6:00 p.m. "Longest Night" Service

Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve, December 24

9:00 via Zoom & 10:15a.m. Morning Prayer

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

4:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols Service via Zoom, hosted by Good Shepherd

9:00 p.m. Carol Prelude & 9:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25 – 10:15 a.m. Carols & Holy Eucharist

1st Sunday after Christmas, December 31— 8:00, 9:00 via Zoom, & 10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship

The Feast of the Epiphany (observed), Sunday, January 7 – 10:15 a.m. Epiphany Pageant & Holy Eucharist (one service only)

Welcome

May today's worship give you a sense of Christ's peace and inspire you to God's service.

We welcome the full participation of children in our worship. Activity bags are located at the rear of the church and may help them during the liturgy. Please return the bags after the service. **We also offer nursery care during the service.** If you feel it is more comfortable for your child to be in childcare, an usher can direct you to the nursery.

St. John's has a Hearing Loop system, which allows those wearing appropriate hearing aids to receive the church's sound system directly. If you wear a hearing aid, you may need your audiologist to activate the T-coil in your device.

New To St. John's?

We're glad you're here.

If you are visiting with us, we invite you to worship, explore, ask questions, and help yourself to all our parish has to offer. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to an usher, a member of the clergy, or by filling out a guest card. Please visit stjohns-laf.org/guest or use the QR code.



Parish Prayer List

St. John's Cycle of Prayer— Michael Bennett, Fred & Carol Berry, Cale & Ashley Bigelow, Darby Bigelow
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For the people of Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine; for hostages and all innocent civilians in harm's way; for peace in all places of conflict; for the victims of violence; and for repair, understanding, and healing across the world, in our nation, and within our communities.

For those who have died—For all who have died, including Dean Hunter, Henry, David, and those buried in the St. John's Memorial Garden

The leaders of our Communion—Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; & Jennifer our Bishop

St. John's Leadership, Staff, Clergy, & Seminarian—The Vestry, Wardens, and Volunteer staff; Amanda, Eva, Michael, & Teresa; Jason, Bradley, & Carolin

Our Ministry Partners—The Diocese of Brasilia and their bishop Mauricio and the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's, Mithon; the Church of Northern India and St. Timothy's, Indianapolis

This nation and all in authority—Joe, our President; Eric, our Governor; and Tony and John, our mayors and Erin, mayor-elect

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