



**St. John's**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
COLD SPRING HARBOR



**Morning Prayer II**

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

**Prelude**  
**Introit**  
**Hymn 67**

Preludes on "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"  
O come, O come Emmanuel  
Comfort, comfort ye my people

David Lasky, Robert J. Powell  
*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*  
*Psalm 42*



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
far and near; call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
let the val - leys rise to meet him  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
and the hills bow down to greet him.  
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

**Opening Sentences**

Priest In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (*Isaiah 40:3*)

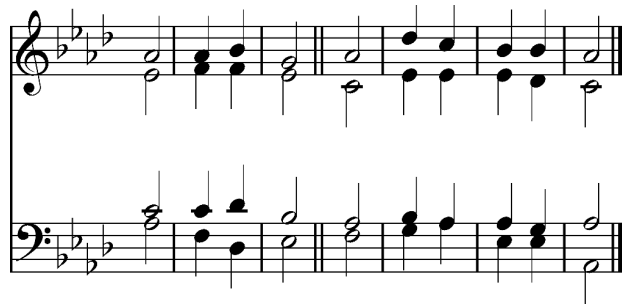
**The Invitatory**

Priest Lord, open our lips.

People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

People *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

Priest The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.



1. Come, let us | sing to • the | Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the | Rock of | our  
sal-|vation.
  2. Let us come before his | presence • with thanks-|giving \*  
and raise a loud | shout to | him with psalms.
  3. For the Lord is a | grëat | God, \*  
and a great | King a-| bove all | gods.
  4. In his hand are the | caverns • of the | earth, \*  
and the heights of the | hills are | his | also.
  5. The sea is | his, • for he | made it, \*  
and his hands have | molded • the dry | land.
  6. Come, let us bow down, and | bend the | knee, \*  
and | kneel be • fore the | Lord our | Maker.
  7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the |  
sheep of • his | hand. \*  
Oh, that to- | day • you would | hearken • to his | voice!
- Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, \*  
and | to the | Holy | Spirit: \*  
as it was in the be- | ginning, • is | now, \*  
and | will be • for | ever. • A | men.

**Canticle 16** *The Song of Zechariah*

- 1 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.
- 4 He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen***A**

## Reading from the Prophet Malachi

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

## Canticle: Hymn 444

Blessed be the God of Israel

Thornbury



1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;  
2 He from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;  
3 On pri - son - ers of dark - ness the sun be - gins to rise,



he vis - its and re - deems us, he grants us lib - er - ty.  
a Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.  
the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;  
Be - fore him goes his her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,  
He guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill his prom - ise and bring his peo - ple peace.\_\_\_\_  
the pro - phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day.\_\_\_\_  
O bless our God and Sa - vior, with songs that nev - er cease.\_\_\_\_

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## A Reading from The Gospel According to Luke

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## The Sermon

Gideon L.K. Pollach

**The Apostles' Creed** (*Priest and People*)

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.*

*He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Priest      The Lord be with you.  
People      And also with you.  
Priest      Let us pray.

**The Lord's Prayer** (*Priest and People together*)

*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 Suffrages**

Choir & Congregation

And grant us your sal - va - tion.

Officiant

Show us your mer - cy, O Lord;

Choir & Congregation

Let your peo - ple sing with joy.

Officiant

Clothe your mi - ni - sters with righ - teous - ness; Give

Choir & Congregation

For on - ly in you can we live in safe - ty.

Officiant

peace, O Lord, in all the world; Lord,

Choir & Congregation

*And guide us in the way of jus-tice and truth.*

keep this na - tion un - der your care;

Choir & Congregation

*Your sa - ving health a - mong all na - tions.*

Let your way — be known up - on earth;

Choir & Congregation

*Nor the hope of the poor be ta - ken a -*

Let not the nee - dy, O Lord, be for - got - ten;

Choir & Congregation

*way. And sus -*

Cre - ate in us clean hearts, O God;

*tain us with your Ho - ly Spi - rit.*

### The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## Prayers For the Sick and Additional Collects

*The Presider offers several seasonal and occasional prayers after which follows the Prayer for Mission below.*

### Prayer for Mission

Priest Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### A General Thanksgiving

*Priest and People together*

*We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. Amen.*

### Closing Sentences

Priest Let us bless the Lord

People *Thanks be to God*

Priest Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *(Ephesians 3:20-21)*

People *Amen.*

### Offertory

If ye love me

Thomas Tallis

### 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. Amen.*

*Old 100th*

### The Grace

Priest The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour-ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965). Music: *Bescançon Carol*, harm. John L. Hooker (b. 1944).



### Service Participants

Viola Janowitz, *Acolyte*  
Diana Collins, Daniel Barbiero, *Lay Readers*  
Saly Cynar, Billy Wresch, *Ushers*  
George Lindsay, *A-V Ministry*

The Very Rev. Gideon L. K. Pollach, *Rector*  
The Rev. Dr. Douglas C. Mohrmann, *Curate*  
Bryce Westervelt, *Director of Music*  
Dr. Carol Weitner, *Organist*

### Children's Ministry

Joe Laimo, *Children's Chapel*

Gabrielle Jeffrey, *Nursery Care*

### Pastoral Care

We ask your prayers for all those serving our nation overseas, for peace in the Holy Land, for the nation of Haiti and in particular, our partner school and church, St. Matthias in Deslandes; and for those who are ill: Melvin Beam, Chloe Clancy, Charlie Culver, Jason Dargelo, Elisa Deane, Luke Demarest, Mary Jo Hossfeld, Mike LoMonico, Jr., Peter Morris, Robin O'Brien, Peter Pawelko, Margaret Stacey, Jack Santaniello, Sarah Daggett Veldman, Donna Lee Weiland, Stephen White, Hans Wiedemann, and for all who have died especially Mary Gay Townsend who was buried from St. John's this week.

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### The Vestry of St. John's Church

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Joe Bonventre  
Nancy Cashin  
Sally Cynar  
Kristin Dennehy  
Scott Evans  
Jon Hatch, *Treasurer*

James Hoover  
Lindsay Kamdar, *Junior Warden*  
Matthew O'Connell  
The Very Rev. Gideon L. K. Pollach, *Rector*  
Jaclyn Ryan  
Jack Weidinger  
Billy Wresch, *Senior Warden*



## Special Events for Advent & Christmas 2024

### **“All Creation Waits:” An Advent Devotional**

*Sundays and Wednesdays in Advent.*

### **Christmas Pageant Casting and Costuming**

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 8, 11:30 am

### **2nd Annual Community Messiah sing benefitting St. Matthias School & Church**

Sunday, December 8, 3 pm

### **Holidays with Concerts by the Pond featuring The Westerlies**

Saturday, December 14, 7:30 pm (ticketed)

### **Open All-Choirs Rehearsal for Lessons and Carols**

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 15, 12-1:30 pm

### **Greening of the Church with Cookies and Singing**

Saturday, December 21, 3 pm

### **Advent Festival Service of Lesson and Carols**

4th Sunday of Advent, December 22, 10 am

### **Christmas Eve Services, Tuesday, December 24**

Hymn Sing & Christmas Pageant, 4 pm

Holy Eucharist with Harp and Chancel Choir, 6 pm

Holy Eucharist with Harp and Vocal Soloists, 10 pm

### **Christmas Day Service, Wednesday, December 25**

Holy Eucharist, 10 am

All events are at St. John's Church unless otherwise noted.

