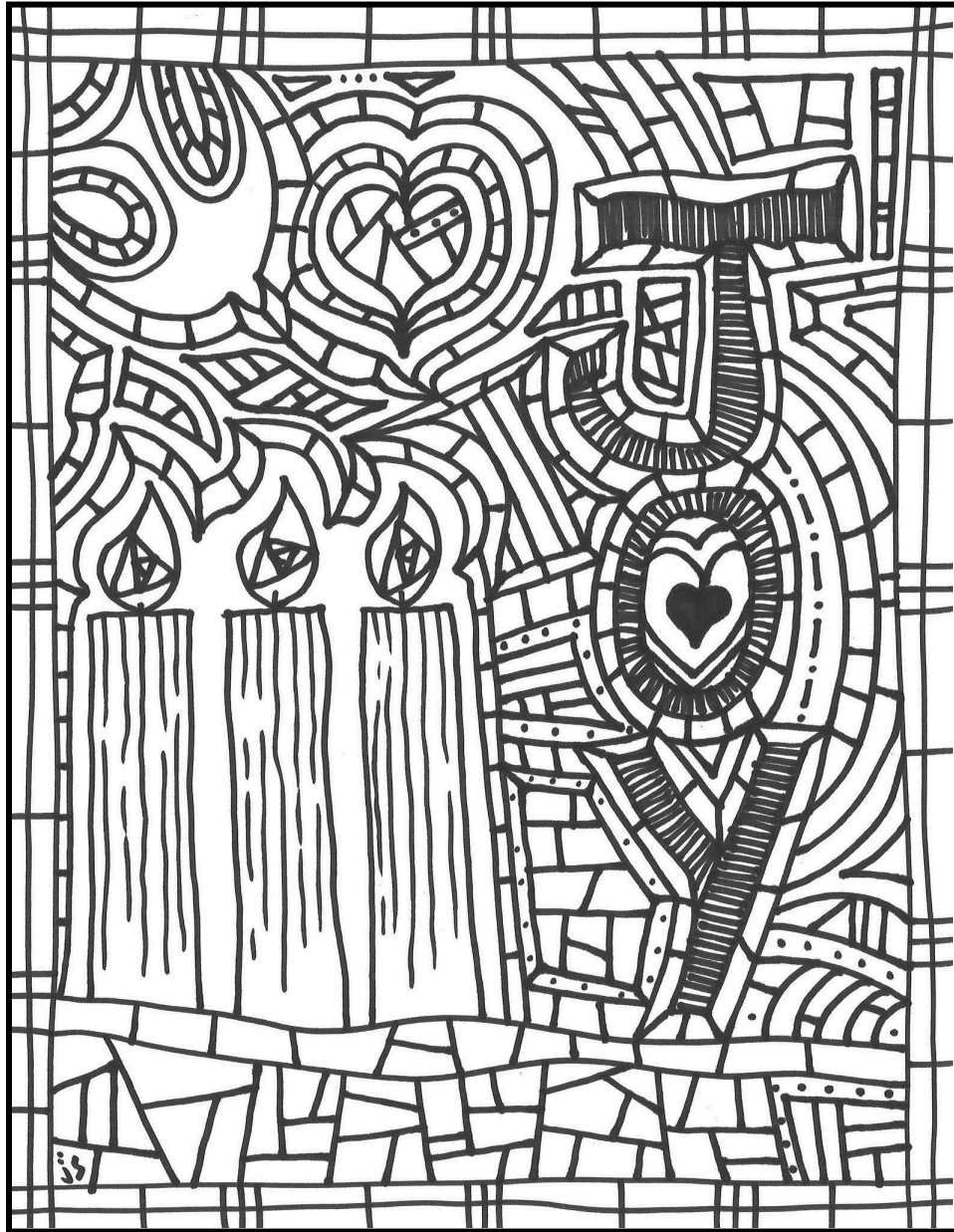




St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
COLD SPRING HARBOR



Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024, 10 a.m.

Prelude
Introit
Hymn 66

Two Advent Chorale Preludes
O come, O come, Emmanuel
Come thou long-expected Jesus

Dieterich Buxtehude
Veni, veni, Emmanuel
Stuttgart

1 Come, thou long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Is-rael's strength and con-so-la-tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
3 Born thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, born a child, and yet a king;
4 By thine own e-ter-nal Spi-rit rule in all our hearts a-lone;

from our fears and sins re-lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de-sire of ev-ery na-tion, joy of ev-ery long-ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev-er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.
by thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: Stuttgart, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Priest 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.*

Trisagion

Archangel'sky

The following is sung three times.

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

Music: Ver. *Hymnal 1982*, after Alexander Archangel'sky (1846-1924). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Priest 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.*

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Philippians 4:4-7

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce Deus*

1 Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

2 For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

3 Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

4 And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

5 Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

6 Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

7 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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.*

1 There's a voice in the wil-der-ness cry-ing, a
 2 O Zi-on, that bring-est good tid-ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God en-du-reth, the

call from the ways un-trod: Pre-pare in the des-ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro-claim to a des-o-late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst of

high-way, a high-way for our God! The
 peo-ple the com-ing of their King. Like the
 na-tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall

val-leys shall be ex-alt-ed, the
 flowers of the field they per-ish, like
 feed his flock like a shep-herd, the

lof-ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook-ed
 grass our works de-cay, the power and pomp of
 lambs he'll gent-ly hold; to pas-tures of peace he'll

pla-ces where the Lord our God may go!
 na-tions shall pass like a dream a-way;
 lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

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The Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke
 People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. 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 axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is 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 thong 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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

Gideon L. K. Pollach

The Nicene Creed (Priest and People)

*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

After each petition, the lay reader says:

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Confession of Sin

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People *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.*

Priest 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

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Offertory

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Anon.

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 Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 voice 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 S125

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Priest 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,

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

Priest 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 blessed John our patron, 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.

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

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

*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

Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Music at Communion

Watchman, tell us of the night

Aberystwyth

The Post Communion Prayer (*Priest and People*)

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



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 eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People *Thanks be to God*

Postlude

Come Now, Savior of the Nations

J. S. Bach



Service Participants

Peyton Pollach, *Acolyte*
Sarah Pollach, Anne Salmon, *Lay Readers*
Jon Hatch, *Lay Eucharistic Minister*
Scott Evans, Billy Wresch, *Ushers*
Seamus Mitchell, *A-V Ministry*

The Very Rev. Gideon L. K. Pollach, *Rector*
The Rev. Dr. Douglas C. Mohrmann, *Curate*
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Dr. Carol Weitner, *Organist*

Children's Ministry

Eric Koepele, *Children's Chapel*

Doug Mohrmann, *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.

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The Very Rev. Gideon L. K. Pollach, *Rector*
Jaclyn Ryan
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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.