

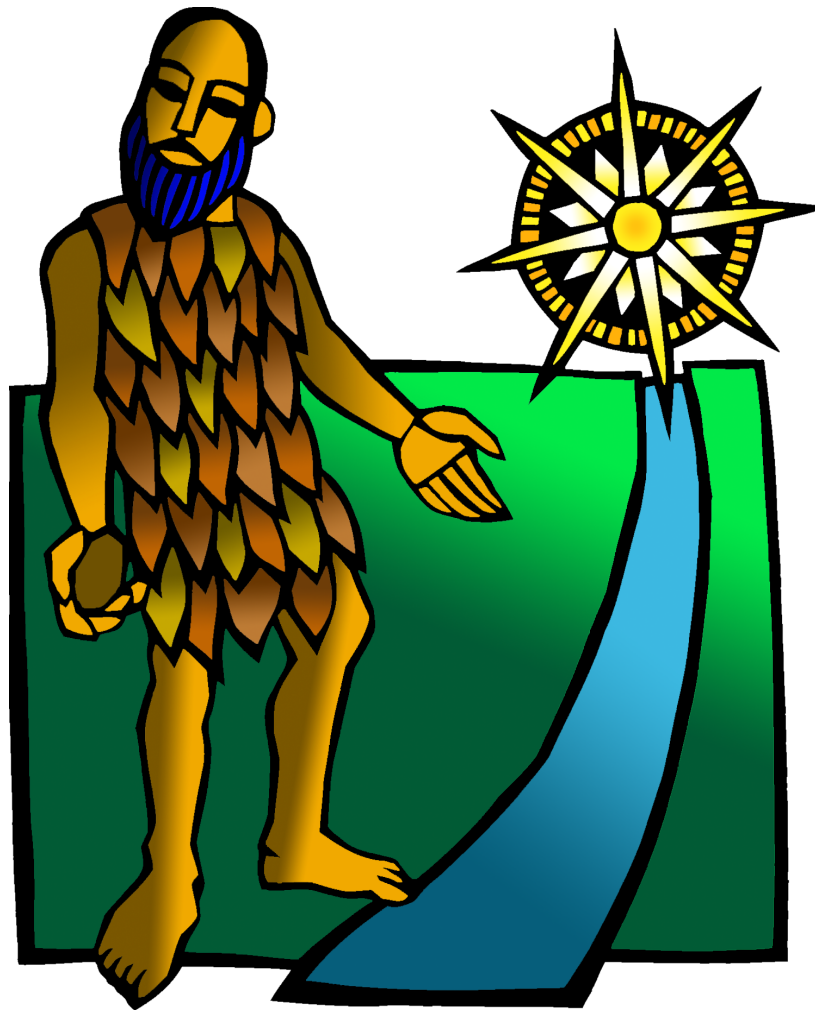


# San Jose Episcopal Church

## The Third Sunday in Advent

### Service of Light & Holy Eucharist: Rite II

December 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.



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## All are welcome at San Jose Episcopal Church

We welcome you to San Jose Episcopal Church, a traditional parish focused on the Holy Eucharist and the best of the Anglican tradition, which welcomes all people and embraces many points of view. Our commitment is to work, worship, and minister in the service of our Lord; and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we intend to live prayerfully and joyfully in each other's company. We welcome everyone who wants to join us on any part of this holy pilgrimage. Above all, know that we are blessed to have you worship with us.

For more information, please visit [www.sanjoseepiscopal.com](http://www.sanjoseepiscopal.com) or you may contact an usher or member of the clergy.

### About Worship in the Episcopal Church

If our liturgy (worship) is unfamiliar to you, we hope the information below will be helpful.

If you require help, please inform one of our ushers or simply turn to one of your neighbors in the pews, let them know you are a visitor, and they will gladly help.

Our liturgy is rooted in the practices of ancient Christianity. Everything you see and hear today, including the prayers, music, architecture, physical postures, and responses, hold deep meaning about our beliefs, and are intentional and outward expressions of our faith.

**Responses spoken by the people are in bold.**

*Directions are printed in italics.*

Much of the music we sing is found in either *The Hymnal 1982* or *Wonder, Love, and Praise*. These can be found in the pew racks. Hymn numbers beginning with **S** are found in the front of *The Hymnal 1982*. Hymn numbers beginning with **WLP** can be found in *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.

Families with children of all ages are welcome at our worship services.

There are many postures of prayer observed in the Episcopal church, usually standing or kneeling, but please do what you find most comfortable.

Restrooms are located outside of the main church entrance to your right as you exit.

We now have assisted listening devices available for use during livestreamed services. Please contact an usher to request one. Users will need to supply their own headphones or earbuds. Instruction cards are available when you request a device.

### About Receiving the Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at San Jose.

**We are currently receiving the wine by intinction.**

If you are unable to receive at the altar rail, notify an usher and the clergy will come to your pew.

If you wish to receive a blessing instead of bread, cross your arms over your chest.

Please notify the clergy if you require a gluten-free wafer.

# Service of Light

## Prelude

Entrance Hymn • 640

Watchman, tell us of the night

*Aberystwyth*

*Celebrant:* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the deed you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16*

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 candles at the Altar are now lighted. During the candle-lighting silence is kept, then all sing together*

**O Gracious Light • S 59**

*Phos Hilaron*

**O gracious light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

## Holy Eucharist Rite II

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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.**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10** *The people are seated.*

*Reader:* A reading from Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf

unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

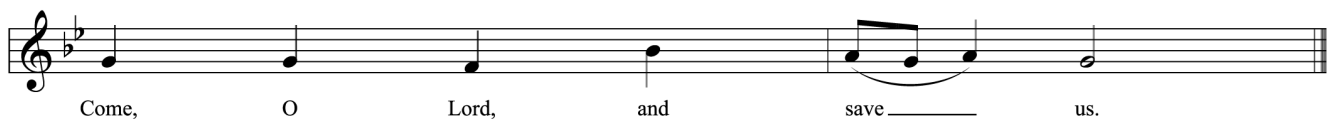
*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 146:4-9

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

*The choir introduces the antiphon the first time, then all repeat.*



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Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;  
Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;  
Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger. *All sing the antiphon.*

The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
The Lord loves the righteous;  
the Lord cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah! *All sing the antiphon.*

### The Second Lesson: James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn • 75**

There's a voice in the wilderness

*Ascension*

## **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11** *The people stand as able.*

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Sermon**

The Rev. Stephen C. Britt

## **The Nicene Creed** *All stand and speak in unison.*

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.

### **Prayers of the People for Advent**

As we contemplate the coming of Christ, let us make ourselves ready in heart and mind by praying for the needs of our community and our world.

For the Church of Christ and all its many members; that common worship might remind us of common ground, that shared Sacraments might unite us in shared experience, and that we might always together seek out the will of God.

Lord as you come to us: **Find us ready.**

For San Jose Episcopal; that we might live into our calling, reaching out to all those who need our fellowship and communion, that we may be faithful to you and patient with one another, and that we might enjoy your Holy Spirit's presence with us.

Lord as you come to us: **Find us ready.**

For our nation and the nations of the world; that the peace of Christ might come and reign in our world, that the needy may be helped by the strong, and that the divisions between us might end.

Lord as you come to us: **Find us ready.**

For all those who suffer from any fear, illness, or distress; that your healing may come to them and that our hearts might be stirred to reach out to them.

Lord as you come to us: **Find us ready.**

For all who have died, that they may find their rest in you, that their faithful lives may be examples to us, and that those who grieve their loss will be comforted by their hope of reunion in you.

Lord as you come to us: **Find us ready. Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

*The people may stand or kneel, all saying*

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 celebrant 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** *The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*

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

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

## **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory**

Song of Mary

Words: Mary Holtby

*Sung by the Chancel Choir*

Music: Richard Shephard

*My Lord and Saviour is my song, he fills my spirit with delight; to raise me up His arm is strong the lowly precious in his sight.*

*My name shall live from age to age, and ev'ry tongue his servant bless, for mercy is their heritage whose hearts the Holy One confess.*

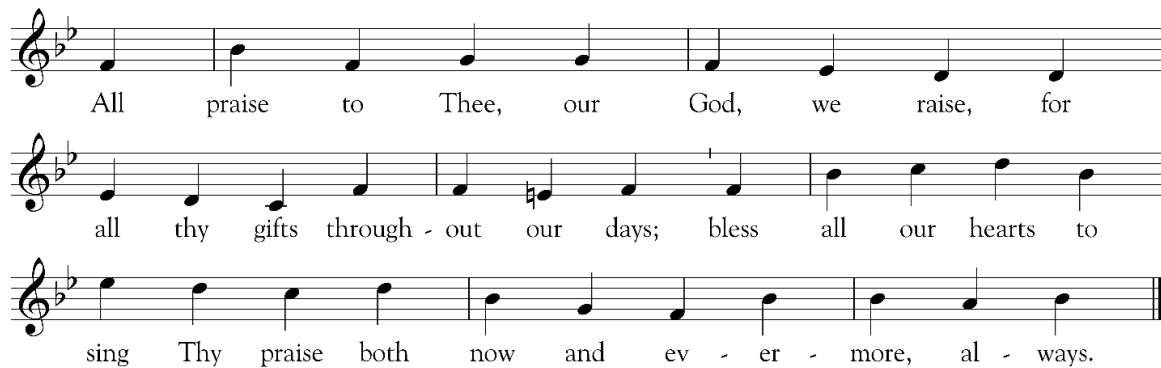
*The proud beguiled by dreams of power divided and degraded lie: he casts them down from throne and tower and stoops to lift the humble high.*

*He feeds the hungry at his board and sends the rich unfill'd away, and mindful of his promis'd word has answer'd Israel's prayer today.*

*With all the elders of our race, and those unborn who seek this birth, I sing the glory of his grace who brings eternity to earth.*

## Presentation Hymn

Winchester New



All praise to Thee, our God, we raise, for  
all thy gifts through - out our days; bless all our hearts to  
sing Thy praise both now and ev - er - more, al - ways.

## 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 voices 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 • S 124

*New Plainsong* by David Hurd

**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.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the Celebrant says the following words*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the Celebrant says the following words*

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. **AMEN.**

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.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### Communion

Postcommunion Prayer *The people stand as able.*

*Priest:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### 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.**

Postcommunion Hymn • 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

*Bereden vag for Herran*

### Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

### Postlude

