# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL & AFRICAN PALMS USA

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 4, 2022 8:00 & 10:30am

# **HOLY EUCHARIST**



The Baptism of Christ – Marko Ivan Rupnik

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# Welcome to St. John's Church

We are a diverse faith community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us. We love the beauty of worship, and live into the faithful and constant commitment towards seeking social and economic justice and reconciliation among all peoples. We come from across the globe, with varied family configurations, educational backgrounds, occupations, interests, and talents and invite you to join us.

If you are visiting our church for the first time, please introduce yourself to an usher and/or priest. We have a small gift for you from the parish.

If you are seeking a spiritual home, please speak with the Clergy.

# Please join us for Coffee and fellowship following the worship service

If you are a guest with us today, please know that you are welcome to enjoy some fellowship, coffee, and tea with us in the Parish Hall following the service.

#### Children are welcome at all services

If you have little worshipers with you today who might enjoy coloring, Play-Do, or a Rubik's cube, these can be found at either entrance.

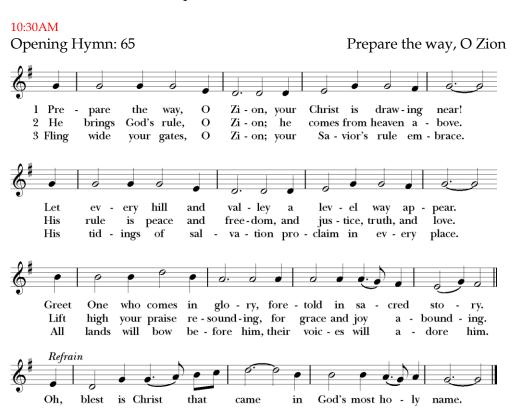
## The Nursery is open from 8am to 12pm for children age 5 and under.

SUNDAY @ ST. JOHN'S			
8am	Worship with Eucharist, no music in the Sanctuary		
9am	Adult Forum: Book & discussion group in the undercroft		
	Meeting Room		
9am	Choir Rehearsal in the undercroft Choir Room		
9:45am	Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall		
10:30am	Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary		
12-1pm	Middle & High School Youth Group in The Gathering Space upstairs		
12-1pm	Hand Bell Choir in the undercroft Choir Room		
1-2pm	Children's Choir in the undercroft Choir Room		

# **HOLY EUCHARIST**

#### 10:30AM

Prelude: Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us Paul Grime



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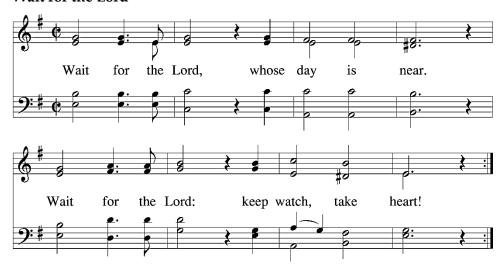
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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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.** 

#### Wait for the Lord



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# The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

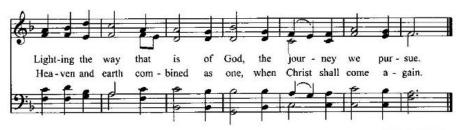
People And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.** 

#### Advent candle is lit





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MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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Heavenly Father, you call us to prepare for the coming of your Son: forgive us our unreadiness to receive him. Lord, have mercy.

#### Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you were proclaimed by John the Baptist: help us also to prepare your way. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, you speak through the prophets: make us attentive to hear your word. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open you eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,

the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

the calf and the lion and the fatling together,

and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,

their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

# Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \* and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \* and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \* and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \* he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \* from one generation to another.

- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \* like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \* there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \* who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \* and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

#### Romans 15:4-13

and again Isaiah says,

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

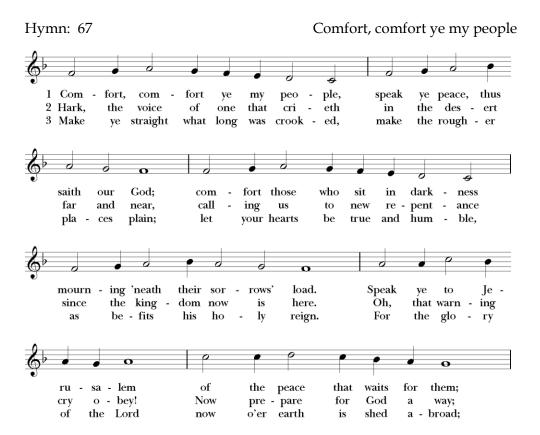
Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

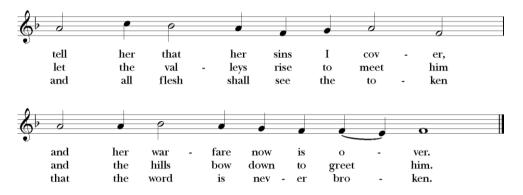
"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

People





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

# The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 3:1-12 People Glory to you, Lord Christ

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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 ax 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.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

#### THE SERMON

#### 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.

# Prayers of the People

A representative of the congregation prays:

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick, and raise up all who have fallen, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

Especially in our prayer today, we pray for: Dee, Matt, Patrick and family, Bob, Jane, "Young Dave", Phil, Edgar, Penny, Fred, Stephen, Peter, Nan, Jack, Rinchen, Bud, Jeanne, Sophia, Tim, Nancy, Scott, Lu, Frances, and Mary.

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant concludes:

Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People Silence And also with you.



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Anthem: What Shall We Call Our King? Children's Choir

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise

Holy are you, God of Jesse, for the branch of our salvation is rooted in you. To Abraham you promised to raise up a people bound to you in love, and through the household of David you brought life greater than our imagining in a child of grace, Jesus our Lord. Though we deny your love for ourselves and seek to limit the reach of your mercy to others, you beckon us to repentance, open our eyes to new life, and embrace us to join your family of faith. In your Son's death we see the depth of our sin; yet in his resurrection we see the extent of your grace. You bless us beyond reckoning, for you welcome us into the company of prophets and apostles and saints on earth and in heaven, with whom forever we sing your praise.

#### 8AM

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.

#### 10:30AM

Sanctus WLP 852

William Bradley Roberts





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Anointing God, your Spirit rested upon your Son with wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and fear. In Christ you have anointed your future out of our past, your kingdom out of our plans, and your salvation out of our poverty. As your Spirit rested upon him, send down that same anointing Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith,

People Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Astonishing God, your prophet Isaiah envisioned a day when the wolf and lamb would lie down together, and the leopard with the kid, and a little child would lead them. Astonish us anew by your gentle ways of peace. Shape your church to live from faith, not fear. Make your future present through the lives of those who show us how to love our enemies. Hasten the day when the earth

will be full of the knowledge of you, and your fullness will be all in all, and all creation from the depths of the sea to the heights of the mountains will know the peace to which your Son shall lead. Awaken that dawn when we are surrounded with everlasting praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **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.

# The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

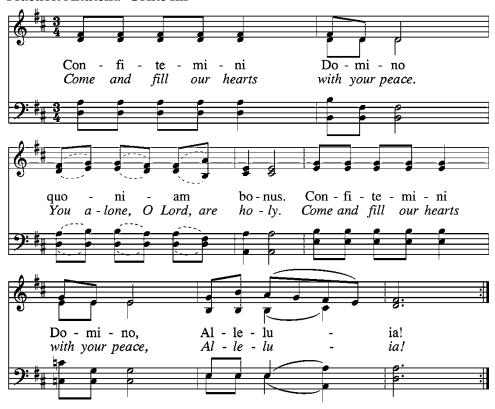
A period of silence is kept.

#### 8AM

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

#### 10:30AM

Fraction Anthem: Come fill



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# The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. You can receive in both hands, bread and wine or in just one. To receive bread, put your hands out, to receive wine, please drink from the chalice. To receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest. Glutenfree host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest. To receive communion, or a blessing, please come forward to the priest at the front of the altar.

Communion: The Day is Surely Drawing Near Michael Praetorius

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

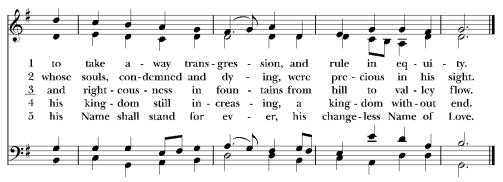
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# The Blessing

## Closing Hymn: 616

#### Hail to the Lord's Anointed





Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein, German folk song; adapt. and harm. A Student's Hymnal, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

#### **Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ **Thanks be to God.** 

Postlude: Maestoso Kindermann

## TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

Use this list to pray and to show your love and concern for the sick, shut-in, bereaved, or those merely in need of prayer. If you wish to submit a name please contact the office at accounting@stjec.org.

In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email <u>pastoralcare@stjec.org</u>.

Dee Milling	Penny	Jeanne Van Hoeck
Matt Ladd	Fred	Sophia Jusko
Patrick and family	Stephen Bellairs	Tim Wittig
Bob Cooper	Peter McWilliams	Scott Smith
Jane MacDonald	Nan	Lu Soukup
"Young Dave"	Jack Fish	Frances Hunt
Phil Yarnall	Rinchen Khandro	Mary Persinger
Edgar McHenry	Bud Nicholson	Chris Prinz



# Altar arrangements are given in memory of our Granddaughter TAYLOR MARIE BROCK by John & Kay Flickinger

If you are ill for an extended period, are hospitalized, need a visit or Eucharist brought to you, want your home blessed, are celebrating a birth, adoption, or want specific prayers for any number of celebrations or sorrows, please email: <a href="mailto:pastoralcare@stjec.org">pastoralcare@stjec.org</a>.

If you feel called to pray intentionally in a small group for the needs of the congregation or community, visit those who cannot attend service, or write cards and make calls for encouragement or support, we want to know and be in touch with you. Please email pastoralcare@stjec.org.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CASSEROLE CLUB - The Casserole Club's next meeting is Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the Parish Hall. If you are experiencing the loss of a loved one, we invite you to join this informal, come-as-you are safe assembly of people joined by the experience of deep loss.

**ADULT FORM –** "Receiving Jesus: The Way of Love" Sunday mornings at 9am in the Meeting Room. Discussion sessions for: December 4<sup>th</sup> – Chapters 5&6; December 11<sup>th</sup> – Chapter 7; December 18<sup>th</sup> – Preparation for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS & MUSIC - Celebrate Christmas by remembering, honoring, or giving thanks for someone with a Christmas floral tribute or special Christmas music during worship. Names will be printed in the bulletins. Deadline to submit donation form is Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Donations can also be made online at <a href="www.stjec.org/give">www.stjec.org/give</a> (Christmas Flower OR Christmas Music).



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