

SAINT JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The First Sunday of Advent
Choral Evensong, Rite I
November 29, 2026 | 5:30 pm

The Ministers of the Service

Fr. Carson Webb, *Officiant*
Dr. Zachary Malavolti, *Choirmaster*
Hank Carrillo, *Organist*
Jacob Gates, *Cantor*

Welcome to Saint John's

We're glad you're worshipping with us.
Whether you're visiting for the first time or have been part of our church family for years, welcome. If you're new or looking to connect, we'd love to meet you. Stop by before or after the service and say hello to a member of the clergy or one of our ushers. *You're also invited to fill out a visitor card so we can get to know you better.*

Info For Families

Kids are welcome to join us in Church! There are coloring materials and other activities in the narthex to help keep children focused on worship. We also have kids' ministry on Sundays.

NURSERY (Ages 0-4): The nursery opens at 9:00 am on Sundays downstairs for the 10:00 am service. After the announcements, some families choose to bring their children to Communion; others prefer to pick them up after the service. Feel free to do what works best for you and your family.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL (Ages PreK-5th grade): During the 10:00 am service on Sunday mornings, children gather downstairs for Children's Chapel to pray, sing, and learn. They return to the main service in time for Communion.

A note on the cover art: Hans Memling's Scenes from the Advent and Triumph of Christ (ca. 1480, Alte Pinakothek, Munich).

A Prayer before Worship
O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music Note

Tonight, for our anthem, we offer the beloved fourth movement from Bach's famous cantata Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme. In this piece, Bach writes in the style of a chorale prelude, featuring the famous hymn-tune in long phrases by the singers as the organ provides a lyrical obbligato countermelody. Bach later transcribed this popular movement into his own organ collections and the work has remained popular since.

The Order of Service

The Organ Voluntary *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The congregation stands as the Procession begins.

The Opening Sentence

The Officiant says

Watch ye, for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. *Mark 13:35, 36*

The Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the People

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says
The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

The Invitatory and Psalter

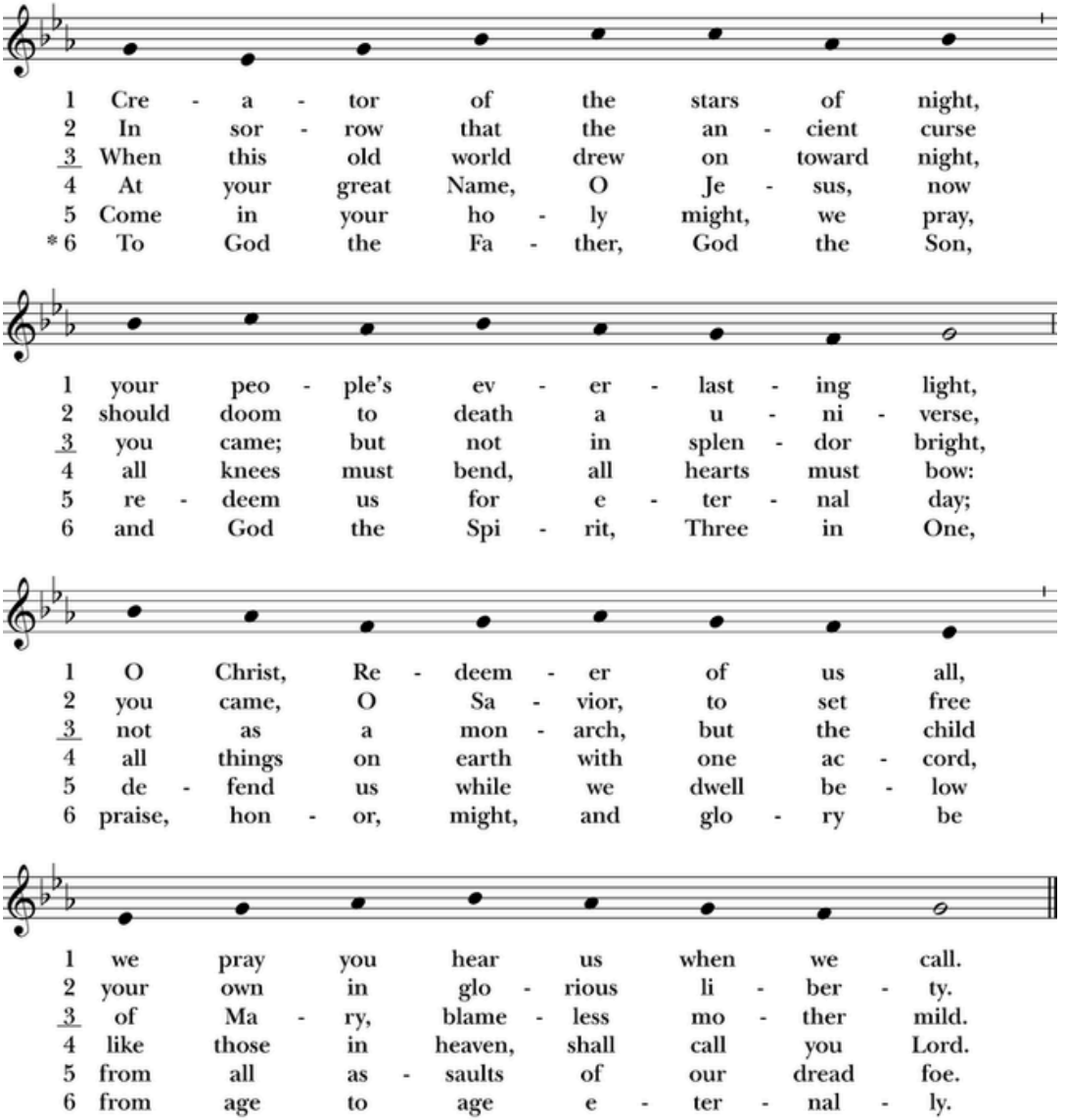
The Preces John Sanders
(1933-2003)

All stand

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Cantor O God, make speed to save us.
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.
Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Cantor Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's name be praised.

The Invitatory hymn (Hymnal 60)

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM



The Psalm

The People sit.

Psalm 111. *Confitebor tibi*
Chant in D by M. Bedford

1 I will give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart, *
secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.
2The works of the LORD are great, *
sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
3 His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour, *
and his righteousness endureth for ever.
4 The merciful and gracious LORD hath so done his marvellous works, *
that they ought to be had in remembrance.
5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him; *
he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
6 He hath showed his people the power of his works, *
that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.
7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; *
all his commandments are true.
8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
and are done in truth and equity.
9 He sent redemption unto his people; *
he hath commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and reverend is his Name.
10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it endureth for ever..

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; *
world without end. Amen.

Psalm 112. *Beatus vir*
Chant in A minor by H. Howells

1 Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD; *
he hath great delight in his commandments.
2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth; *
the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.
3 Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house; *
and his righteousness endureth for ever.
4 Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness; *
he is merciful, loving, and righteous.
5 A good man is merciful, and lendeth; *
and will guide his words with discretion.
6 For he shall never be moved: *
and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.
7 He will not be afraid of any evil tidings; *
for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the LORD.
8 His heart is stablished, and will not shrink, *
until he see his desire upon his enemies.

9 He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor. *
and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.
10 The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him; *
he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; *
world without end. Amen.

Psalm 113. *Laudate, pueri*
Chant in F by J. Ritchie

1 Praise the LORD, ye servants; *
O praise the Name of the LORD.
2 Blessed be the Name of the LORD *
from this time forth for evermore.
3 The LORD'S Name is praised *
from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.
4 The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.
5 Who is like unto the LORD our God, that hath his dwelling so high, *
and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth!
6 He taketh up the simple out of the dust, *
and lifteth the poor out of the mire;
7 That he may set him with the princes, *
even with the princes of his people.
8 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, *
and to be a joyful mother of children.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; *
world without end. Amen.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Lector A Lesson from the Second Letter of Saint Peter. 2 Peter 3:1-10

This is now the second letter that I have written to you, beloved, and in both of them I have aroused your sincere mind by way of reminder; that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles. First of all you must understand this, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own passions and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things have continued as they were from the beginning of creation." They deliberately ignore this fact, that by the word of God heavens existed long ago, and an earth formed out of water and by means of water, through which the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist have been stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise as some count slowness, but is forbearing toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and the works that are upon it will be burned up.

Lector Here endeth the Lesson.
Silence may follow.

The Magnificat *Unison Service in E Flat* Richard Shephard
Luke 1:46-55 (1949-2021)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; *
world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Lector A Lesson from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Lector Here endeth the Lesson.
Silence may follow.

The Nunc Dimmitis *Unison Service in E flat* Richard Shephard
Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; *
world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed
Officiant and People together, all standing.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The Salutation

John Sanders

The people remain standing.

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

John Sanders

Sung by the Choir

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. Amen.

The Responses

John Sanders

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Third Collect, for Aid Against All Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Anthem *Chorale from "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" BWV 140* J.S. Bach

The People sit.

Zion hört die Wächter singen,
Das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen,
Sie wachet und steht eilend auf.

Ihr Freund kommt vom Himmel prächtig,
Von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig,
Ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf.

Nun komm, du werte Kron,
Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn!
Hosianna!

Wir folgen all
Zum Freudensaal
Und halten mit das Abendmahl.

Zion hears the watchmen singing
The maidens' hearts with joy are springing
They wake and quickly to Him go.

Their Friend comes in Heav'nly splendor
With graceful strength, with mercy tender
Their light is bright, their star doth glow.

Now come, thou worthy One;
Lord Jesus, God's own Son
Hosanna!

We follow all
To that glad hall
To our Lord's table we are called.

Text: Philipp Nicolai

The Great Thanksgiving

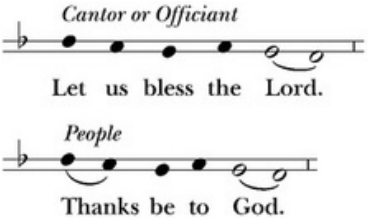
Officiant and People, kneeling.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**



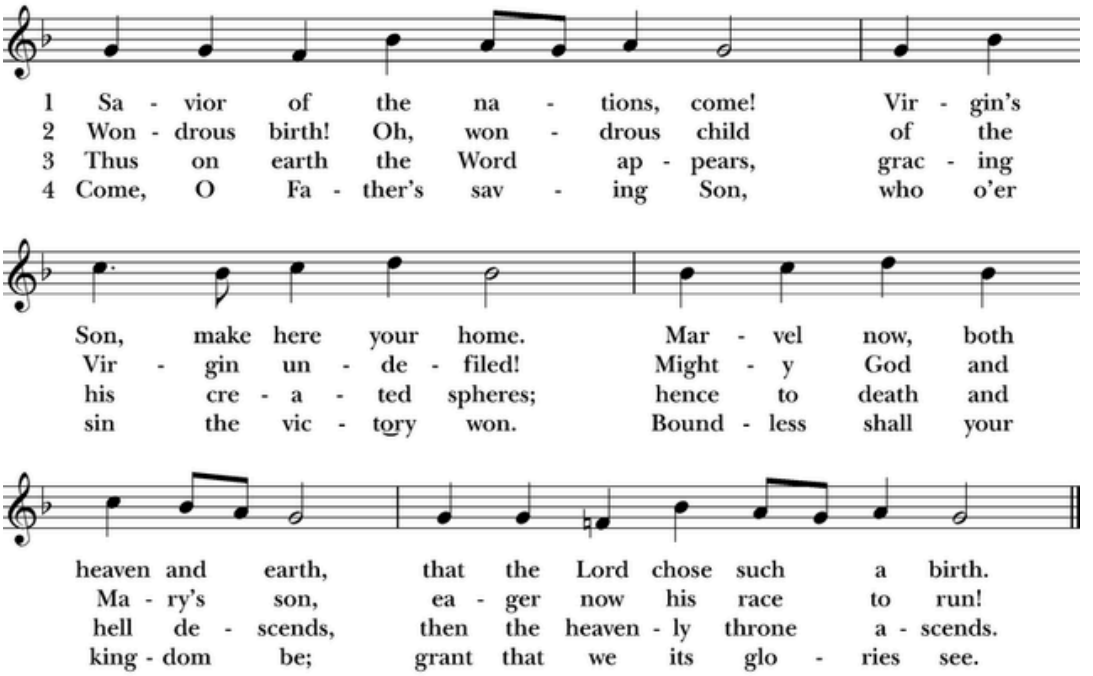
The Concluding Sentence

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

The Office Hymn (Hymnal 54)

The People stand.

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND



The people remain standing for the remainder of the Procession and depart reverently at the conclusion.

Remember those for whom prayers have been requested

Christopher Beleele
Toni Brown
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Dianne
Frank
Jerry
Judy

Larry
Lauren
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Matthew
Morgan
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Sharon
Sheila
Thomas

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