



*Deepening our relationships with God, each other,  
and the wider community.*

**Sunday, November 27, 2022**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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**Stowe, Vermont 05672**

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# The Holy Eucharist

*A bell will ring 2-3 minutes before the service begins for silent prayer.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Hymn #66 *Come thou long expected Jesus* *The Hymnal 1982*

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.

Blessed be the one, holy, and living One.  
**You come to your people and set them free.**

Collect for Purity – *said by celebrant*

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.**

### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

First Sunday of Advent

Oh blest is Christ that came:  
**In God's most holy name.**

*A single candle is lit.*

The Church lights candles in Advent marking the weeks which lead to the celebration of Christ's birth on Christmas. The candles remind God's people of the light of Christ in the midst of a world in darkness. We are a beacon of hope to the reconciling love of God in Christ. One simple candle gives the light we need to spread hope and share the dream God has for us, a dream where light overcomes darkness and life overcomes death. This is the light we light today as we begin our journey to the manger.

Let us pray.

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, this town, and this faith community, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Oh blest is Christ that came  
**In God's most holy name.**

### **Hymn of Praise**

**My soul waits for you, my soul waits for you,  
More than watchmen for the morning,  
More than watchmen for the morning. [REPEAT]**

**My soul waits for you, my soul waits for you,  
More than watchmen for the morning,  
More than watchmen for the morning**

**My soul waits (*pause*) for you.**

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God be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

Collect of the Day – *said by the celebrant*

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 Lessons**

*Please be seated for the lessons.*

A reading from Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 (*taken from the St. Helena's Psalter*)

I was glad when they said to me, \*  
“Let us go to the house of God.”

Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Holy One, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of God.

For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.  
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
“May they prosper who love you.  
Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.  
For my kindred and companions’ sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.  
Because of the house of the Holy One our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good.”

A reading from Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able for the*

**Hymn #56 v 1-4** *O come, O come Emmanuel*

*The Hymnal 1982*



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.  
**Glory to you Lord Christ**

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord;  
**Praise to you Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated for the*

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Richard R. Swanson, Rector

*Please stand as you are able for 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.**

*Please remain standing as you are able for the*  
The Prayers of People

Almighty One, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations  
of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others either silently  
or aloud.

*The congregation may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*The deacon bids the confession*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

*Leader and 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.**

*The Priest pronounces the absolution,*

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

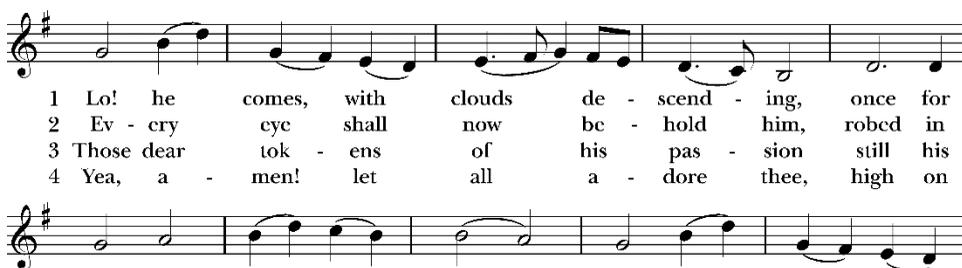
## The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The clergy and people exchange greetings with one another in the name of the Lord. At this time, we ask that during the peace, everyone stays in their own seat and verbally exchanges words of greeting and peace. Members of the same family may certainly touch one another, but otherwise the greeting should be words or a bow. We all have different feelings about being touched at this time, and erring on the side of reserve for that is most appropriate.*

*St John's in the Mountains is grateful for your presence with us today. We are fortunate for the generous financial gifts we have received, from you, our dear parishioners and friends. Please consider continued giving to St John's in the Mountains. For those online or at home if you wish to make a gift, please do so through our PayPal account at [www.stjohnsinthemountains.org](http://www.stjohnsinthemountains.org).*

### Hymn #57 *Lo! He comes with clouds descending* *The Hymnal 1982*



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
2 Ev - cry eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
 ex - ul - ta - tion, to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine  
 train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

## The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty

God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs of everlasting life; that when Christ 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:

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: '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.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

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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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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,

**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed John the Baptist, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the bread and says*

We break this bread to share the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*The Celebrant then says*

The gifts of God for the people of God, Holy Food for Holy People.

*No matter where your faith journey has taken you, or where it may be leading you today, all are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's in the Mountains Episcopal Church. Please hold out your hands to receive the bread. Consecrated wine will be offered in individual vessels. If you would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

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, O God, 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.**

*Please be seated for the  
Announcements*

*Please stand as you are able for the  
Blessing*

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*The deacon offers the*  
Dismissal

*The people respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

Participants in today's service:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Richard R. Swanson,

Deacon: The Rev. Zarina Castro

Lectors:

Intercessor:

Musician: Audrey Coty

Greeter:

Altar Guild: Kristin Wells

Counters: Bill Robinson

AV Tech: Donald Clinton

Agape Hour:

## Service Music:

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #125 The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

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## Updates from the All-Parish Vestry Meeting Please note the following changes effective 3/20/22

- ~ Masks are optional inside the building at your comfort level
- ~ Please **wear** masks during the singing of hymns
- ~ If you're not feeling well, please stay home, even if you have mild symptoms
- ~ **Agape hour** will take place directly following worship.



## **Order Your Holiday Evergreen Swags Now**

As you begin to decorate your home for the holidays order an Evergreen Swag for your door, barn, or table from St. John's. These holiday swags decorated with pine cones, ornaments, and ribbon are made to order.

Church members guided by St. John's Lynne Harries will construct swags using fresh greens on Saturday, December 3rd for your pick up Sunday, December 4th.

**Cost: \$20 each or \$35 for 2 swags.**

Consider giving one to a neighbor or friend. Money raised will benefit our communities through distribution to local organizations by St. John's Outreach Committee.

**Place your specific order by Tuesday, November 29th. Call or text Deb Clark at 802-730-7423**

Thank you,  
St. John's Outreach Committee