

December 16, 2018—The Third Sunday of Advent

8 am Hymn 76

10:30	Entrance Hymn 76	<i>On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry</i>	Winchester New
	Offertory Hymn 65	<i>Prepare the Way, O Zion</i>	Bereden väg för Herran
	Communion Hymns 69 & 75		St. Mark's, Berkeley & Ascension
	Exit Hymn 640	<i>Watchman, tell us of the night</i>	Aberystwyth
	Voluntaries	<i>Adagio</i> <i>Choral Dorien</i>	Naji Hakim (born 1955) Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20—Isaiah 12:2-6—Philippians 4:4-7—Luke 3:7-18

The First Song of Isaiah—Isaiah 12:2-6 *Sung antiphonally between organ and lectern sides.* *Ecce Deus*
Sung antiphonally. At the mid-verse () we observe the breath, exhale & inhale (2 beat pause) Plainsong Mode 2.1*



Cantor 1. *Surely, it is God who / saves me; *—saves—*
 I will trust in him and \ not be afraid.

Lectern side: 2. For the Lord is my stronghold and my / sure defense, *—saves
and he will \ be my Savior.

Organ side: 3. Therefore you shall draw water with re-/ joicing *—saves—
from the springs \ of salvation.

Organ side: 5. Make his deeds known among the / peoples; *—saves—
see that they remember that his Name \ is exalted.

Lectern side: 6. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has / done great things, *—saves—
and this is known in \ all the world.

ALL: 7. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring / out your joy, *—saves—
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy \ One of Israel

Anthem

Advent Carol

Alfred Fedak (born 1953)

Desert, blossom as a rose, Rising, radiant as it grows, All arrayed in crimson show; Come to us, O God of hope. Thirsty land, become a stream, Flowing fountain, calm, serene, Clear cascade from heaven above; Come to us, O God of Love. Alleluia!

Weakened hands, be now made strong; Silent tongues, break forth in song; Blinded eyes, your sight employ;
Come to us, O God of Joy. Soon a pathway shall be found; for the faithful, holy ground, Safe from
angry, warring beast; Come to us, O God of Peace. Alleluia!

Sing God's praise, Jerusalem! Hope, joy, love and peace shall come; Sorrow, sighing now dispel; Come to us Emmanuel. King of glory, Soul of bliss, Everlasting life is this: Thee to know thy power to prove, Thus to sing, and thus to love! Alleluia!



Please Join Us for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Services

EVENSONG on Thursdays at 6 pm in Advent: December 6, 13 & 20

Monday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

5 pm Family Eucharist with Community "Instant" Pageant

8:30 pm Christ Mass with Christmas Concert

Midnight Mass *Incense will be used at this service.*

Tuesday, Dec. 25, **Christmas Day—10 am**

Wednesday, Dec. 26, **Boxing Day Tea—2-4 pm** At the rectory.

Sunday Dec. 30, **Single Service at 9 am** Lessons & Carols for *Christmas & Holy Eucharist*

Sunday Jan. 6, **The Epiphany 8 am & 5 pm.** *The evening service is followed by a potluck*

TODAY: Songs for Grace at 5 pm here. A benefit concert for the Grace Center featuring Marina & Berna with openers Alexandra & Josh. \$10 suggested donation.

Vestry notes - 12/11/18

- The 'Renewing Our Covenant' stewardship campaign is nearing completion. To date, 65 pledges have been received, totaling \$117,000. This represents a 5% increase to the average pledge, and the Vestry would like to thank all who have pledged! The Vestry would also like to invite those who have not participated thus far to consider that every dollar pledged helps defray operating expenses; and, that every individual who prayerfully commits to a pledge - in whatever amount - adds to the vitality of our faith community.
- Please note that the annual Epiphany Service and Potluck at 5pm on Sunday, January 6 will include a celebration of the life of Adele Q. Ervin. Adele contributed her time, treasure and considerable talents to St. John's for many years, and a professional portrait of Adele will be unveiled, blessed and installed.
- The Vestry, after nearly a year of research and deliberation, has approved the installation of solar panels on the roofs of the rectory, parish hall and main church. This project has been made feasible through an Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts 'green loan,' and net savings to the church are projected at \$100,000 over a 25 year period. Please see (or email) Paul McGahey, Chuck Everett or Fr. Bret for more details.
- St. John's is again partnering with Ascension Memorial Church in Ipswich on an adult and youth mission trip to the Navajoland Episcopal Diocese of New Mexico at the end of June. All are welcome on this journey of service, cross-cultural awareness, natural beauty, and fun! An information seminar is scheduled for January 18 at 6 pm at Ascension Memorial. Please see Doug Parsons for details.

Music Notes ♫ The anthem this morning, Advent Carol by Alfred Fedak reflects the themes of the readings and directly mentions "rose" which is often used as the vestment color of the day (as well as the pink candle where used in the Advent wreath). This Sunday *Gaudete* (the word of the ancient entrance chant) is traditionally (along with the fourth Sunday in Lent: *Laetare*) observed with a bit more joy than in the other Sundays. The tune of the Anthem is *Orientis partibus*, a medieval carol whose text

is about the donkey that carried Mary and becomes eventually the familiar song that I grew up with, “The Friendly Beasts,” which tells the Nativity story from the point of view of all the animals in the stable. This tune is found with many others that are beloved: *Divinum mysterium* (82: Of the Father’s Love Begotten) and *Personent hodie* (92: On this day Earth shall Ring) of many others, even in our Hymnal 1982.

Tomorrow begins the final 7 days before Christmas which are marked by the **Great O-Antiphons** which we sang about at our Advent service back on Dec. 2. I’ve revised and updated a devotion guide that I produced years ago to help us pray great songs of justice and hope. I’ve included the words to “Veni Emmanuel” which were written by Jim Cotter which give a rich restatement of these themes. Pick a blue one up in the Parish Hall or on the guest register near the Middle Street doors.

I’m so honored to be planning for the generous gift of the sabbatical which begins on Jan. 1. Here’s what I’m doing:

1. Rest, renew, relax, restore.
2. Doing an installment on the Lenten Hymn Podcast SongsInTheDesert.org
3. Visiting other churches around the Boston area most Sundays, and sometimes for the weeknight rehearsals.
4. 2 short visits to churches in Philadelphia (Christ Church, St. Mark’s, St. Thomas, Whitmarsh) and New York City (Transfiguration AKA “Little Church,” St. John the Divine, St. Thomas and Trinity, Wall Street.)
5. Attending American Sarum Conference in Princeton Feb 17-20.
6. Writing 2 short articles about some of the things that we do here that are unique.
7. Studying Yoga and the Alexander Technique (movement and body work for musicians).

Thank you for this gift.

Thank you for your pledge. *Newly received pledge from Bill Melvin and Al Browne, Jr.*

Country Cupboard Fair Pop-Up Shop. Just a reminder that our Pop-Up shop in the bookcase in the PHI hallway will come down after the service on December 16th. So please check it out for last minute gifts. Someone will be available after each service to serve you.

The Open Door sign-up for Monday, December 17 is in the parish hall.

Toys for Kids ...Please return gifts by December 17. Thank you.

Christmas Flower Memorial names: Please return your names by December 17. Thank you.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sundays	EUCARIST: Program Year: 8 (said) & 10:30 (sung) 9:15 Adult Forum—Program Year 7:30 pm Sunday & Sober AA	Thursdays	9:30am-1pm Our Place 10 am-3 pm Thrift Shop 4:30-5:45 pm Cape Ann Choir School 6 pm Evensong (<i>Advent & Lent</i>) 7:15-8:45 pm Parish Choir rehearsals
Mondays	6 pm Women’s <i>Cursillo</i> Reunion Group (1st & 3rd Mondays) 7 pm Bible Study (1st Monday) 7 pm Psalm Study (4th Monday)	Fridays	9:30am-1pm Our Place
Tuesdays	10 am-3 pm Thrift Shop 5 pm Free Harvest Meal	Saturdays	10 am-3 pm Thrift Shop 5pm Art Service (<i>first Saturdays; res. Oct. 7</i>) 8 pm Big Book AA
Wednesdays	7 am Men’s Bible Reflection 9:30 am-1 pm Our Place 10 am-3 pm Thrift Shop 7 pm Fish City AA		



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Participating in the Liturgy		<i>The People of God gathered in St. John's Church</i>	
Presiding & Preaching		The Rev. Bret Hays, rector	
8 am	Leaders	10:30 am	
Norm Barr	Lectors	George Sibley & Faith Berry	
Bill Melvin	Euch. Ministers	Claudette Chmura & Beryl Cox	
Bill Melvin	Intercessors	Joan Gorga	
Norm Barr	Acolytes	Sue Lupo & Geoff Grow	
Dani Stotzer	Ushers	Faith Berry & Joan Gorga	
	Greeters	Carole Secrest & Fred Rhinelander	
Mark Nelson, organist	Musicians	The Parish Choir, Mark Nelson, Director	
Preparing for the Liturgy			
	Altar Guild	Karen Kasper & Kim Prentice	
	Flower Guild	Mark Nelson	
	Bread bakers	Catherine McGeary, Sue Lupo, Kim Prentice and Iona & Melanie Murray-Brown.	

Food Bank for next week: **Soup**

Coffee Hour is hosted by Dori Mottola & Chuck Everett; *Please sign up for future dates.*

The Action Shelter Sandwiches are provided by Gwen Kopka & Carole Secrest.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in remembrance of Brian Tarr given by “the elephants” Beverly, Nancy and Jean.

The Advent Wreath candles burn in memory of James M. Knott, Jr. on his birthday given by Janet Knott. **2018 sign-ups for Lamp/Flowers**, etc. are in the parish hall or next to sacristy door in hallway.

St. John's Intercession List: Sarah, Judy, Vicki Baxter, Andy Spellman, Patricia Anders, Susan Kessler, Jeffrey, Sr. Judy Fortune, Susan, Malcolm Henderson, Harold Ercolani, Margo Lion, Sally Elwell, Christine, James T. D., Maud & family, Meghan, Tom Kaito, Katherine Esty, The Riccio family, Sharon Martin, Richard Jefferson, Anthony Shamitaro, Catherine Genovese, David Arnold, Connor Macauley, Jackie Vannah, Susan Richardson, Mary McIntyre, Jane Walsh, Patti Kelleher, Margie Sonthemier, Beni Rose, Jack Ketchopulos, Marie Giacalone, Grace Center, John Fleming. Contact prayer list manager: Joan Gorga 978-283-5926 or jmgorga@yahoo.com.

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Alan McIntosh Gates, Bishop of Massachusetts & Gayle E. Harris, Bishop Suffragan

The Rev. Bret Bowie Hays, Rector

Wardens: Paul McGahey & David Stotzer

Mark Edward Nelson, Music Director

Clerk: Geoffrey Pope

Elizabeth de Veer, Parish Administrator

Treasurer: Karen Kasper, Assistant Treasurer: Sue Lupo

Marge Bishop, Church Assistant

VESTRY

Martha Whitney, Thrift Shop Manager

2019 – Connie DeSimone, Joan Gorga, Lynn Runnels

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2020 – Pat Earle, Nancy Harrison, Jim LaBelle

Binky, the Parish Mascot *

2021 – Tom Chmura, Dori Mottola, Bill Melvin