

# St. John's Church

Henrico Parish

## The First Sunday in Advent

December 1, 2019  
8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome to St. John's Church. We are glad you are here. If you are new to us today and have any questions about our worship, do not hesitate to ask our ushers or one of our members in the pews. Here is some information to assist you:

The Nursery is located in the Parish Hall and is available during Adult Forum and the 10:30 a.m. service.

Children's Chapel School-aged children are invited to spend the first part of the 10:30 a.m. service in Children's Chapel in the Keeper's Cottage. Ask an usher for directions. Children are always welcome to remain in church during service.

Children's activity backpacks are available in the back of the church. Help yourself, and enjoy! Ask an usher if you need help.

Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall and behind the church.

The Book of Common Prayer is red.

The Hymnal is blue. Numbers preceded by "S" are in the front of the hymnal. There is no music at the 8:15 a.m. service.

Communion—Everyone is welcome to take communion; this is Christ's table.

Individual Prayers—During communion at the 10:30 a.m. service you may go to the side altar for prayer with a prayer minister.

Food and Beverages—We thank you for not eating or drinking in the church.

**Large Print Copies of the Bulletin and Book of Common Prayer are available. Please ask an usher for one.**

### Our Mission

We are a caring, spiritual community, joyfully embracing and nurturing all; serving God, each other, and the community.

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Parish founded 1611 Church built 1741

**Prelude** *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

**Processional** "Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding"

**All standing, the Celebrant says**

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

**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**Hymnal 59**

**Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355**

**The Collect for Purity**

**The Triasagion**

**At the 8:15 service**

**At the 10:30 service**

**BCP 355**

**BCP 356**

**Hymnal S102**

**The Collect of the Day**

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.

**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 plowshares, 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!

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**The Response**

**At the 8:15 service**

At the 10:30 service, the cantor sings the antiphon, and the congregation repeats it. The cantor sings the first psalm verse, and the congregation joins in on the following verses and on the antiphon, where indicated.

**Antiphon**

**Tone**

**Laetatus sum**

1. 1 I was glad when they / said to me,  
"Let us go to the / house of the Lord."

2 Now our feet are standing  
within your / gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity / with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up,  
the / tribes of the Lord, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the / Name of the Lord.

5 For there are the / thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the / house of David.

6 Pray for the / peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they / prosper who love you.

7 Peace be with-/in your walls \*  
and quietness with-/in your towers.

8 For my brethren / and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for / your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the / Lord our God, \*  
I will seek to / do you good."

**Antiphon**

**Antiphon**

**The Second Reading**

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.

**Romans 13:11-14**

Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn** "Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us"

**The Holy Gospel** Please stand

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Amelie Wilmer

BCP 358

**The Nicene Creed**

**The Prayers of the People** Please stand or kneel, as you wish, for the Prayers of the People.

As we await the coming of Christ and the reign of God's love, let us pray for our own needs, the needs of this community, and the needs of the world.

O God, creator of life and giver of gladness, let us be your Beacon on the Hill, shining your light so brightly that others may come to know you, to love, and to be loved. Help us to reach out to those around us, bearing fruit through acts of kindness, welcome, and fellowship. Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For peace in your time, O Lord, and for peace in our time. Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For Michael, our presiding bishop, for Susan and Jennifer, our bishops; for all who minister in the name of Jesus, and for all the holy people of God. Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For this church, for all churches, and for the faithful throughout the world. Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For Grace, Bremo Bluff. Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For President Trump, for Governor Northam, for all elected and unelected leaders, and for all in authority.

Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For justice and freedom among all the peoples of the earth. Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For the hungry and the oppressed, for the incarcerated and for the victimized, for those in poverty and economic insecurity, for the addicted and the sober. Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For the protection and care of all children, that they may know that they are all beloved children of God.

Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For the sick and the suffering, especially for Susan, Horace, Ellen, Neal, Helen, Phoenix, Ruth, Charles, John, Addison, Mary, Erna, Faye, Paul, Virginia, Bill and Sarah. Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For the dying and the dead. Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

For the work God have given us to do in this world, that we may be empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring about the Kingdom of God.

Come, Lord Jesus:

**Redeem us and renew us.**

**Hymnal 61**

**Matthew 24:36-44**

For our own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, offered silently or aloud.

**Confession and Absolution**

**The Peace** Please stand as you are able

**Announcements**

**The Offertory Anthem**

*The Vine and Fig Tree*

**BCP 360**

**BCP 360**

trad. Israeli tune

**The Presentation of the Offering**

At 8:15 **Celebrant** *All things come of thee, O Lord.*  
People *And of thine own have we given thee.*

At 10:30, *all sing* "People, look East"

**The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B**

**The Sanctus**

At 8:15

At 10:30

*The Celebrant continues with Eucharistic Prayer B*

**The Great Amen**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**The Fraction Anthem**

At 8:15

At 10:30

**Celebrant** *The Gifts of God for the People of God.*

*All are welcome at Christ's table. If you do not take communion, you may receive a blessing; simply cross your arms over your chest. Some choose to receive bread only, and those who are allergic to gluten may have a glutenfree wafer. Some prefer to dip their bread in the wine rather than sip from the cup. If you would like communion to be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know.*

**Communion Hymns**

*"Thy kingdom come, O God"*

*"View the present through the promise"*

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

**The Blessing**

**Recessional** *"Soon, Very Soon"*

**BCP 367**

**BCP 367**

**BCP 368**

**Hymnal S 146**

**BCP 364**

**BCP 364**

**BCP 364**

**Hymnal S 164**

**Hymnal 613**

Tune: *Ar hyd y nos*

**BCP 365**

**The Dismissal**

Deacon Let us go forth with joy and wonder in all God's works!

People Thanks be to God.

**Postlude****Welcome to St. John's Church**

If you are seeking a place to explore your faith, we invite you to make St. John's Church your spiritual home. Please complete a visitor card, found in your pew, and place it in the offering plate to receive our weekly email.

We invite you to join us at our coffee hour in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 a.m. service.

We are eager to tell you about the life and ministries of St. John's Church.

**Prayer for St. John's Church**

O God, creator of life and giver of gladness, let us be your Beacon on the Hill, shining your light so brightly that others may come to know you, to love, and to be loved. Help us to reach out to those around us, bearing fruit through acts of kindness, welcome, and fellowship. Amen.

**Serving this Morning****8:15 a.m.**

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Amelie Wilmer	<b>LEM</b>	Laura Dixon
<b>Preacher</b>	The Rev. Amelie Wilmer	<b>Lector</b>	Maureen Matsen
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. Deacon David Curtis	<b>Prayers</b>	Debbie Solyan
<b>Usher</b>	Doug & Debbie Solyan		

**10:30 a.m.**

<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	The Rev. Amelie Wilmer	<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. Deacon David Curtis
<b>Minister of Music</b>	Jim Bennett	<b>Saxophone</b>	Ross Kane
<b>LEMs</b>	Neill Goff & August Butler	<b>Lectors</b>	Pat Temple & Kathy Dixon
<b>Prayers</b>	Barbara Bayler	<b>Crucifer</b>	August Butler
<b>Acolyte</b>	Pattie Tobler	<b>Greeter</b>	Marc Dixon
<b>Children's Chaplain</b>	The Rev. Anne Lane Witt	<b>Chapel Assistant</b>	Bella Smith
<b>Tellers</b>	Rita Driscoll & Laura Streat	<b>Sound System</b>	Hannah Mawyer
<b>Nursery</b>	Qiyamah Stephens & Hillary Lebedun		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Becky Gay, Kathy Dixon, Elizabeth Schauer, & Rita Driscoll		
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Book Club #2		

**Music Permission**

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