

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**Hear the Spirit ~ See God's Beauty ~ Act in Love**



*The First Sunday of Advent*  
*November 30, 2025 10am*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude** *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

*All stand to sing the*

**Opening Hymn #601** *O day of God draw nigh*

ST. MICHAEL

**Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People* **You come to your people and set them free.**

**Collect for Purity**

**The Kyrie S-91**

*All remain standing to sing the*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**The Collect of the Day**

*insert*

*Presider* The Lord be with you

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

## The First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

insert

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 122

*Laetatus sum*

*Tone I.2*



- 1 *I wäs*—glád when they sáid to me, \*  
“Let us go to the / house of thē LÖRD.”
- 2 Now our féet are stánding \*  
within your gates, / O Jerúsalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is búilt as a cíty \*  
that is at u/nity wíth itsëlf;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tríbes of thé LORD, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the / Name of thē LÖRD.
- 5 For there are the thrónes of júdgment, \*  
the thrones of the / house of Dävid.
- 6 Pray for the péace of Jerúsalem: \*  
“May they pros/per who löve yöu.
- 7 —Péace be withín your walls \*  
and quietness with/in your íöwërs.
- 8 For my brethren ánd compánions’ sake, \*  
I pray for / your prospëritÿ.
- 9 Because of the hóuse of the LÓRD our God, \*  
I will / seek to dö you göod.” [Ant.]

## The Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

insert

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence Hymn #68 *Rejoice! Rejoice, believers*

LLANGLOFFAN

*Verses 1 and 2 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.  
Verse 3 will be sung after the reading.*

**The Gospel:** Matthew 24:36-44

*insert*

*Presider*            The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*             **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Following the Gospel*

*Presider*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*             **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rector

**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**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Bridget, Lyn, Megan, Markus, Cecilia, Elizabeth, Lin, David, Alicia and Renee and all those we now name either silently or aloud.

Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*Minister 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 stands and says*

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

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*All are invited to exchange greetings of peace.*

## Welcome and Announcements of our Ministries

The Rector

## Offertory Hymn #61 "Sleepers wake!" A voice astounds us

WACHET AUF



*During the Offertory Hymn, our ushers will pass the collection plate. You are welcome to make an offering by leaving cash or a check in the plate, or by scanning the QR code to donate online via Tithe.ly.*

*Whether you are able to support our ministry financially or not, please know that you are invited to full participation in this church on exactly the same terms and conditions as God's grace and love: completely free of charge.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Presider gives thanks to God, continuing until the words*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

## The Sanctus S-114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

*The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory.**

*The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words*

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tuesday, December 2, at 6:30pm**, join us at the church for an “Entering Advent” potluck. Bring a dish, an appetizer, drinks, or a dessert to share. We’ll have some conversation prompts on Advent themes, and a prayer or two, but it will mostly be a chance to be together.

**Please consider making a Christmas flower donation** in memory or in honor of loved ones or in thanksgiving for special gifts. Envelopes and donation slips are available at the back of the church and at coffee hour.

**Once again, we are gathering Christmas toys** for a family of three through the Kennedy Center. A wish list with tear-off tabs is on the kitchen counter – please take a tab at coffee hour and return unwrapped gifts to the Parish House by the end of the day on **Thursday, December 11.**

**Our 2026 budget** will be created based on pledges received, so if you have not yet submitted your pledge for 2026, please send it this week if at all possible so that we can begin the budget process for next year.

**Our dear friend Michael Fenn** will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on December 7th at 10am at St. John's Episcopal Church in Powell, Wyoming. Please keep Michael in your prayers.

### **FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**Tuesday, December 2 ~ 6:30pm**

Entering Advent Potluck

**Wednesday, December 10**

Stop by the St. John's table Charlestown's Holiday Night Out

**Saturday, December 13 ~ 5pm**

Lessons and Carols

**Sunday, December 21**

Christmas Pageant at the 10 am service

**Wednesday, December 24 ~ 4pm**

Holy Eucharist for Christmas Eve

**Thursday, December 25 ~ 10am**

Holy Eucharist for Christmas Day

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