



Welcome to
St. John the Divine Episcopal Church
17740 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037



December 19, 2021
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist

St. John the Divine Episcopal Church in Morgan Hill is a welcoming, inclusive community, sharing the Love of God with one another through prayer, worship, fellowship, and pastoral care, and through our outreach ministries in the South Valley communities and the Diocese of El Camino Real.

WORD OF GOD

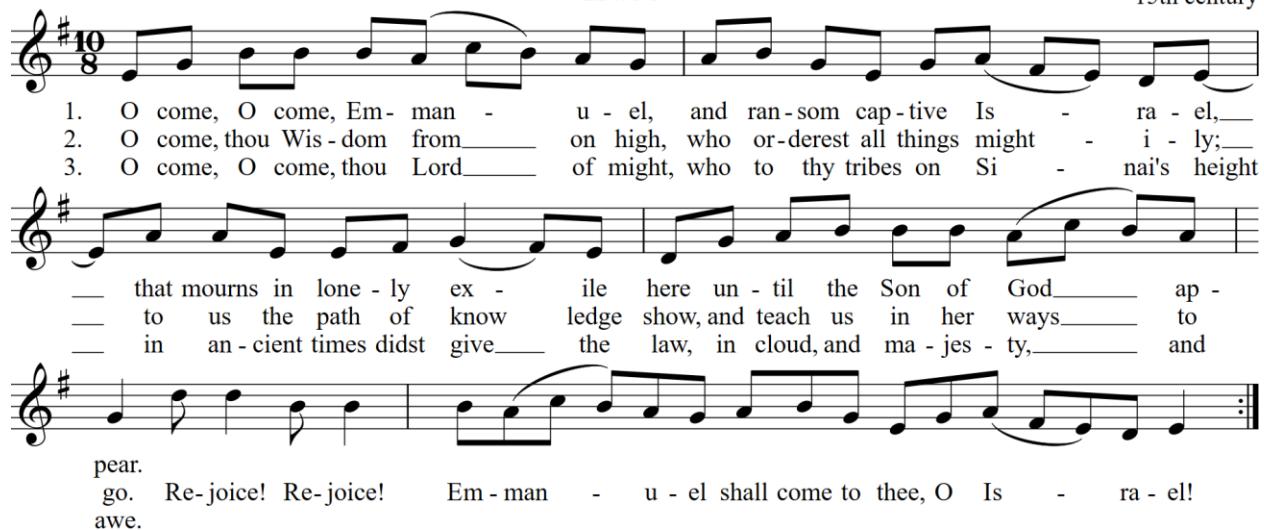
Prelude

Opening Hymn:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

H #56

VENI, VENI EMMANUEL
15th century



Advent Candle Lighting

Celebrant: Today we light the first, second, third, and fourth candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, the third candle is JOY, and the fourth candle is LOVE.

The candles are lit.

Leader: Jesus said to them, I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:34)

All: Loving God, your mercy and compassion endure forever. Open our hearts, that we may receive your love; and following the example of your Son, spread that love to a love-starved world. Through Jesus Christ, who loved us to the end. Amen.

CAROL: Light a Candle (*sung to the tune of Jimmie Crack Corn*)

1. Light a candle for hope today, light a candle for hope today, light a candle for hope today. Advent time is here.
2. Light a candle for peace today, light a candle for peace today, light a candle for peace today. Advent time is here.
3. Light a candle for joy today, light a candle for joy today, light a candle for joy today. Advent time is here.
4. Light a candle for love today, light a candle for love today, light a candle for love today. Advent time is here.

Please be seated

A Bidding Prayer

In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25 (*The story of Creation*)

Lector: Celia Feret

St. John the Divine

Carol:

From the Dawning of Creation

Delores Dufner, OSB (1939-)

Wonder, Love and Praise #748, alt. tune

PICARDY

17th century French carol

1. From the dawn-ing of cre - a - tion, God was pre - sent in the Word.
2. Light ap-peared in deep - est dark- ness. Night was end - ed, morn - ing dawned.
3. Hu-man eyes have seen God's glo - ry; hu - man hands have touched God's own.

And the Word was God e - ter - nal, source of all that came to be.
And that light is ev - er burn - ing, bright-ness nev - er o - ver - come.
In our like-ness here a - mong us, dwells the Word of God made flesh.

Je-sus is that Word e - ter - nal. Je-sus is the Word of life.
Je-sus is that Light e - ter - nal. Je-sus is the Word of life.
Je-sus is that Word in - car - nate. Je-sus is the Word of life.

SECOND LESSON: Genesis 3:1-15 (*Adam and Eve*)

Lector: Andy Lief

St. Stephen's in the Field

Anthem: *Adam, Lay Ybounden*, arr. Martha Jones Burford

THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 11: 1-9 (*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown*)

Lector: Joan Best

St. John the Divine

Carol:

O Day of Peace

H#597 (alt. tune)

Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944 -)

THE BANKS OF DOON

Scottish folk melody

harm. John Bell

1. O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our hopes and
2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de -
prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, - and love, - de -
vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly graze, - a
li - vered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate fall
lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then ev - e - mies shall
from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's
learn to love, - all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of
grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's pro - mised reign of peace.
peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.



FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-11 (*The prophet proclaims good news to people in exile*)

Lector: Susan Zaballos

St. Stephen's in the Field

Carol:

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Franz Mikael Franzen (1772-1847)

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H #65

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERREN
Then Swenska Psalmboken, 1697

1.
3. Pre-prepare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near! Let
Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on, your Sa - vior's rule em- brace. His

ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear. Greet
ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro-claim in ev - ery place. All

One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

FIFTH LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-15 (*God promises a child will be conceived*)

Lector: Bethan Bath

St. John the Divine

Bells: *People, Look East*, arr. Karen Roth

Divine Jubilation

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-38 (*Gabriel visits Mary*)

Lector: Wand Bryan

St. Stephen's in the Field

Anthem: *Carol for Advent*, by Don Besig and Nancy Price

SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7 (*Jesus is born at Bethlehem*)

Lector: Jillian Dent

St. John the Divine

Carol:

Mary Had a Baby
Worship & Rejoice!, #220

African-American spiritual

1. Ma - ry had a ba - by, my Lord; Ma - ry had a ba - by, my Lord.
4. Where was he born, my Lord? where was he born, my Lord?
5. Born in a man- ger, my Lord. Born in a man- ger, my Lord.

Ma - ry had a ba - by, Ma - ry had a ba - by, Ma - ry had a ba - by, my Lord.
Where was he born, where was he born, where was he born, my Lord?
Born in a man- ger, born in a man- ger, born in a man- ger, my Lord.

EIGHTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-20 (*Angels tell the shepherds to come to the manger*)

Lector: Nancy McGuinness

St. Stephen's in the Field

Bells: *The First Noel*, arr. Karen Roth

Divine Jubilation

NINTH LESSON: John 1:1-20 (*The Word made Flesh*)

Lector: Michelle Francis

St. John the Divine

Carol:

John Francis Wade (1711-1786) **O Come, All Ye Faithful** ADESTE FIDELES
H #83

God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal, lo! he ab -
Yea, Lord we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing, Je - sus to
hors - not the Vir - gin's womb; on - ly be - got - ten
thee - be - glor - ry giv'n; Word - of the Fa - ther,
Son - of the Fa - ther, O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
Now in flesh ap - pear - ing:
dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Exchange peace.

Offertory: Bells: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!*, arr. Albert Zabel
Divine Jubilation and Andoni Bundros

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *Sanctus*

S130

Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed 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 Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus over to our humanity, through which he enters our life to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and gives himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with the Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St. Stephen and St. John, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

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

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

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

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

Communion Hymn:

While Shepherds Watched their Flocks

Nahum Tate (1625-1715)

H #94

WINCHESTER OLD

fr. *The Whole Book of Psalms*, 1592

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music is in common time with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are as follows:

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,
2. "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled mind;
3. "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's line
4. "The heaven - ly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,
5. "Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth-with ap - peared a shi - ning throng
6. "All glo - ry be to God on high and on the earth be peace;

the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
 "Glad ti - dings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind."
 the Sa - vior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
 all mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."
 of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:
 good will hence-forth from heaven to all be - gin and nev - er cease."

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Mission Song:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

H #56

VENI, VENI EMMANUEL
15th century

1. O come, O come, Em - man - uel, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 2. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest all things might - i - ly;
 3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Si - nai's height

— that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap -
 — to us the path of know ledge show, and teach us in her ways to
 — in an - cient times didst give the law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and

pear.
 go. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
 awe.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude: Organ postlude



Participating in the Service

Vocalists: Andoni Bundros, Karen Cuffie, Jessica Dickinsen Goodman, Ginny Scott

Divine Jubilation: Michelle Francis, Susan Gabbard, Kaylie Moniz, Lisa Masoni

Organist-Pianist – Andoni Bundros

Saxophone – Jim Blessing

Flute – Mary Blessing

Parish announcements:

- Community Solutions always needs diapers and wipes.
- We are also collecting full sized toiletries and cleaning supplies. Please drop off your donations at the church.
- Here is the QR code for our new website:



Reminder: *The Christmas Eve service is at 4:30pm at St. Stephen's. Next week's service is at 9:30am at St. John's. (There is plenty of room for parishioners from both churches to attend the in-person services.)*

All are welcome!