



Sing to God a new song,  
for God has done marvelous things.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy.

+ Psalm 98

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

St. John's Powell

## Welcome

We are so happy you are with us. Please add your voice and heart to the prayers. Help others find a place near you and greet the person next to you as we prepare to worship together. Please stand and sit as you are comfortable.

## Christmas Eve

The service on **December 24 will begin at 5:00 p.m.** Musicians for the service include Devin Matthews, classical guitar, Tom and Kathy Walker, and Josey Nickles. The service includes story, music, and Communion. **Jane Woods will be providing activities and childcare downstairs during the service.**

St. John's does not have a service on Sunday, December 25. anticipating that this day can either be observed in quiet or with family and friends. We will be worshiping as usual on New Year's Day.

## Giving Campaign 2022



As every organization you're a part of has already said to you, your financial support means more now than ever to keep our flexibility, creativity, and faithfulness alive and thriving in the year to come. Our Pantry Project, The First Stop Community Help Center, the needs of our small campus, education programs and congregational care are all experiencing growth and vitality. This is joyous news! Clap your hands and sing—and ask God to help you discern your pledge for the coming year so that you may participate in these marvelous things.

For all that we've already accomplished together during this challenging year, for all that we will accomplish together in the future, thank God and **thank you.** And in 2023, let us be together for joy.

## Prayer Texts

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# Ministers

Altar Guild	Jane Woods
Sound	Oscar Trevino
Greeter	Jim Morales
Worship Leader	Debora Smith
Musicians	Tom Walker Kathy Walker
Reader	Elaine DeBuhr
Preacher	Charlotte Patrick
Intercessor	Tim Glatzer
Presider	Susan McEvoy
Communion Server	Tammy Legerski
Communion Server	Laura Greathouse
Communion Bread	Diana Anderson

Following the service today, please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments. Today's hosts are Steve and Megan Nickles.

# Prayer Concerns

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Korea

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Holy Nativity, Kinnear

We believe that lifting up the names of the suffering brings healing and health regardless of our knowledge of their needs.

Richard & Jennifer; Tim & Lynnae; Kathy & Family; John Grover & Family; Bobbi & Bentley; Mike & Michelle, Sharon & Steve; Margie & Josey, Bob & Charlotte; Ann & Martha; Robin & Mark; Hunter & Charlotte; Carra, Aiden, Bobby B., Larry, Alex, Irene, Fr. John, Charlie, Nancy, Alan, Katy, Marlynn, Sue, Kahli, Ron, and Marge	Justin, Ryan, Jacob, Patrick, and Chip who are serving in the military.  Josephine and Dolores who reside at Canyon Creek Care Center and Don Smith who resides at American House Assisted Living, Orange City, FL.
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# Celebrations

Birthday: Carly Asay–21<sup>st</sup>, Christine Garceau–22<sup>nd</sup>, Jasper Fell–26<sup>th</sup>, Margaret Clabaugh–30<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary: Mark & Robin Cutrell–18<sup>th</sup>

# Hymn *Verses 1, 2, 4*

1 Lift up your heads, O might - y gates: be - hold, the  
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart: make it a  
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to  
4 So come, my Sov - ereign, en - ter in! Let new and

King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
tem - ple set a - part from earth - ly use for  
you: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me your in - ner  
no - bler life be - gin! Your Ho - ly Spir - it

draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
pres - ence feel: your grace and love in me re - veal.  
guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

WORDS: George Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878); para. Psalm 24:7-10  
MUSIC: Thomas Williams' *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

TRURO  
L.M.

## Gathering

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

**Come, O Lord, and send us your light.**

Come and walk among us.

**Be our Savior and our Friend.**

God of hope, we come to you  
in the midst of a world fraught with troubles.

O come, O come, Immanuel.

**Come to bring us your peace.**

# Prayer of Advent

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Although the darkness is powerful,

open our eyes, O God,

to the light of your presence.

Give us faith to stand against the voices of division and violence.

Through your Spirit remake us into hope-filled disciples,

discovering lives attune to your wonder,

and sparking in others a desire to know you more.

In the name of the One who comes to us, we pray,

Amen.

## Alleluia

*The Cantor sings through once, then we sing together twice.*



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## Scripture

*We sit.*

O God, let your Word ring out from the mountains

and your Spirit shine forth in the earth,

So that all may hear your teaching

through Jesus Christ our peace. **Amen.**

A reading from Matthew.

*After the reading.*

The Word of God; the story of God's coming.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Sermon

## Prayers of Intercession

Be strong and let your heart take courage,  
all you who wait for the Lord.

– Psalm 31:24

We pray for the needs of all the earth saying,  
Healer of the world:  
**lead us to wholeness,  
and make us shine with your light of healing love.**

*The intercessor continues, concluding with*

Holy One, whose coming we await,  
you invite us into the light of your presence:  
illumine the dim places of our hearts.  
We are thirsty for your compassion.  
Draw near to us and fill us,  
that we may pour out your goodness to all who hunger.  
**Jesus, your light calls us forth to follow and serve you.  
Your light still shines for all to see in this world.  
May we continue to reflect your light in our lives,  
in our service, in our words and in our deeds.**

Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

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 Peace

*We stand.*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Announcements

## Offertory

Mysterious and faithful God,  
we live our lives before you, we offer our lives to you,  
whether you speak or are silent,  
whether you are hidden or revealed.

## Music

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus,” Charles Wesley.

## Eucharistic Prayer

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts.

**We open them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

**It is right to lift up thanks and praise.**

Great Deliverer, how wondrous are your deeds!

You created the world and all that is in it.

With a mighty arm you parted the waters  
and led your people to liberation.

When we were in exile, you gathered us up in your bosom  
and led us home like a mother sheep.

When we were mistreating our own,  
you sent prophets to set us right.

You pulled down the arrogant and lifted up the weak.

And when the time was right,

you sent Jesus to set us free.

Now send us again your life-giving Spirit  
and recharge your promise within us,  
for we are eagerly awaiting our liberator  
to come again from heaven.

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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So with gratitude and expectation we remember that Jesus took bread,  
blessed, broke, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

This is my body, given for you.

So also we remember that Jesus took the cup, saying,

This is the new covenant of love and grace  
poured out for you and for many.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Now, as we wait for him to come again, O God,  
stir up your power and restore us by sending your Holy Spirit  
to infuse us with hope in the great mystery of our faith:



## Acclamation of faith

Christ has died. Christ is risen.  
Christ will come, Christ will come again.

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All glory and honor are yours, eternal God,  
through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

## Amen

A - men, A - men, Al - le - lu - ia!  
A - men, A - men!

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## Breaking Bread

*The Leader breaks the bread. Silence is kept.*  
We eat this bread to remember and to hope.  
**Fill us and all who hunger with good things**  
**and remember with your loving kindness**  
all who watch for the coming light.

## Communion

*Please come to the table, whether you are single, married or divorced, drinking, using or sober, abled, disabled, or ill, gay, straight, or discovering, wealthy, getting by or in debt. Christ meets us all.*

*We approach the altar beginning with those sitting in the last rows; they shall be first. Approach the rail from the left aisle and take a cup; used cups go on the tray on the right. You may receive only bread or only wine. Our Eucharistic bread is handmade and robust. If you prefer a wafer, please tell your server.*

*Receiving the bread and wine is a central act of worship in the Episcopal Church.*

## Music

“Breath Of Heaven,” Amy Lee Grant, Chris Eaton.

“Lo How A Rose Ere Blooming,” Translator: Theodore Baker.

## Prayer after Communion

*We stand.*

Let us pray.

God of new beginnings,  
you draw near to us in word and sacrament  
to strengthen and renew us;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit,  
may your light so shine through us  
that all may welcome your Son at his coming.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Emmanuel.  
Amen.

# Hymn *Verses 1, 2*

Verses



1. O come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; The world in  
2. O Christ, whom na - tions sigh for, Whom priest and  
3. You come in peace and meek - ness And low - ly

1. si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its  
2. proph - et long fore - told, Come, break the cap - tive's  
3. will your cra - dle be; All clothed in hu - man

1. tri - umph And sad - ness flee a - way.  
2. fet - ters, Re - deem the long - lost fold.  
3. weak - ness Shall we your God - head see.

Refrain



Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the  
night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O  
come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; the world in si - lence waits the day when  
hope shall sing its tri - umph and sad - ness flee a - way.

Text: 78 76 with refrain; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663–1745; tr. by S. Mary of St. Philip, 1877.  
Music: Trad. French Carol, 16th cent.

# Sending

The ocean roars.

The floods clap the shores.

The wind sings over the hills.

God is love and grace,

and God pours love and grace into the world.

And with God's help, we are about to do the same.

Go now, good people,

to roar, clap, and sing,

and to give everything you've got,

together for joy,

in the name of the Creator,

the Sustainer, and the Redeemer,

**Amen. Alleluia!**