



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



The First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 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.



When the Psalmist imagined the world giving praise to God, she imagined each thing praising in its own way. The sea roaring, the earth breaking out into harmony, the waves of the ocean clapping against the shore. Each thing does what it does, in its own way, to praise God.

And the people? The people do what people do. They raise their voices in song, they make music with harps and horns.

That's not all people do to praise their Creator. We don't just make music for God, we imitate God as well. And for Christians, the thing that God is best known for is love, a love that pours itself out in generosity and grace. There are lots of ways to imitate God in that, and one of them is upon us now.

Over the next four weeks, we are asking you to **prayerfully ask what God's hopes are for your 2023 giving**, to ask God to make you part of this church's great outpouring of generosity. Together, through Advent, let us pray this prayer:

Great One, for you the floods clap, for you the hills sing.
Take my credits and debits, ins and outs,
my pluses and minuses, surpluses and lacks,
and show me how to use them
to join the great chorus of Creation. Amen

Let the fervent prayers, the lofty hopes, the quiet determination of the people of St. John's and our gifts be our song, our hymn of praise to you, you who are doing such marvelous things!

Prayer Texts

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Following the service today, please join us for refreshments and in welcoming our newest member, Abigail Page Mason, who was born on November 7th. Proud parents are Rebekah and Rob Mason. Congratulations!

Prayer Concerns

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Good Shepherd, Sundance

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

John Grover & Family; Tim & Lynnae; Bobbi & Bentley; Mike and Michelle, Sharon & Steve; Margie & Josey, Bob & Charlotte; Ann & Martha; Robin & Mark; Hunter & Charlotte; Donna & John, 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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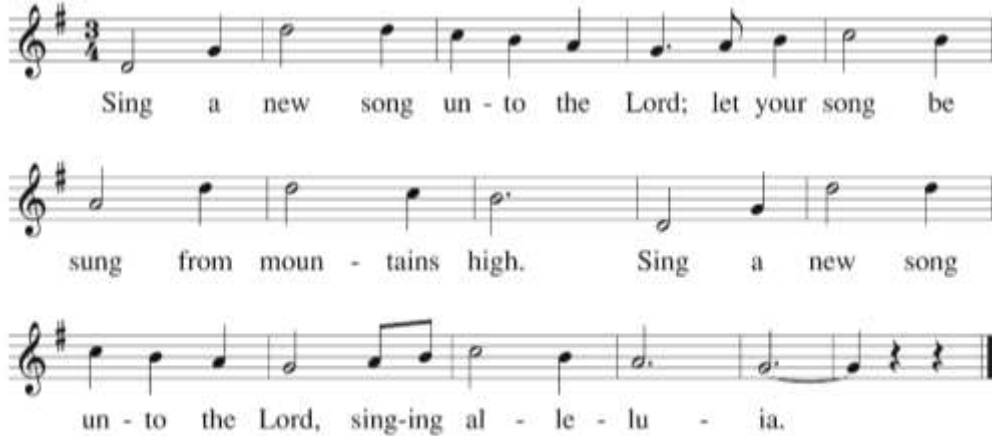
Celebrations

Birthday: Doug Ramier—29th

Anniversary: Oscar Trevino & Jen Litterer-Trevino—28th

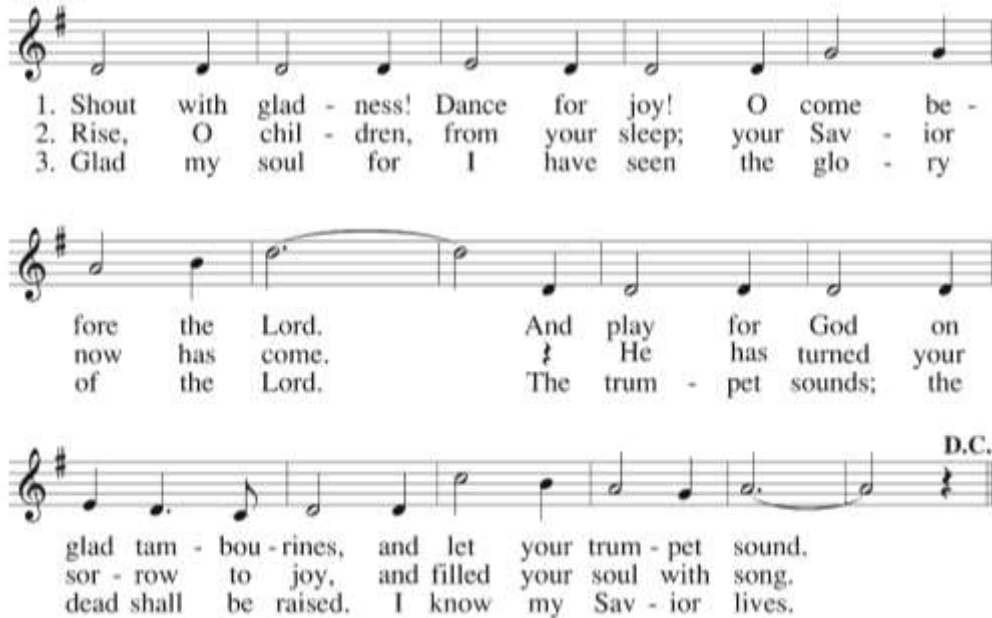
Hymn

Refrain



Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be
sung from moun - tains high. Sing a new song
un - to the Lord, sing - ing al - le - lu - ia.

Verses



1. Shout with glad - ness! Dance for joy! O come be -
2. Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior
3. Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry
fore the Lord. And play for God on
now has come. † He has turned your
of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the
glad tam - bou - rines, and let your trum - pet sound.
sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.
dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

TEXT: Psalm 98; Dan Schutte, b.1947
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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.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

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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 Psalm 98.

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

“Sing to the Lord,” Paul Baloche.

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 ris - en.
Christ will come, Christ will come a - gain.

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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

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel,” Traditional.

“God of All People,” David Haas.

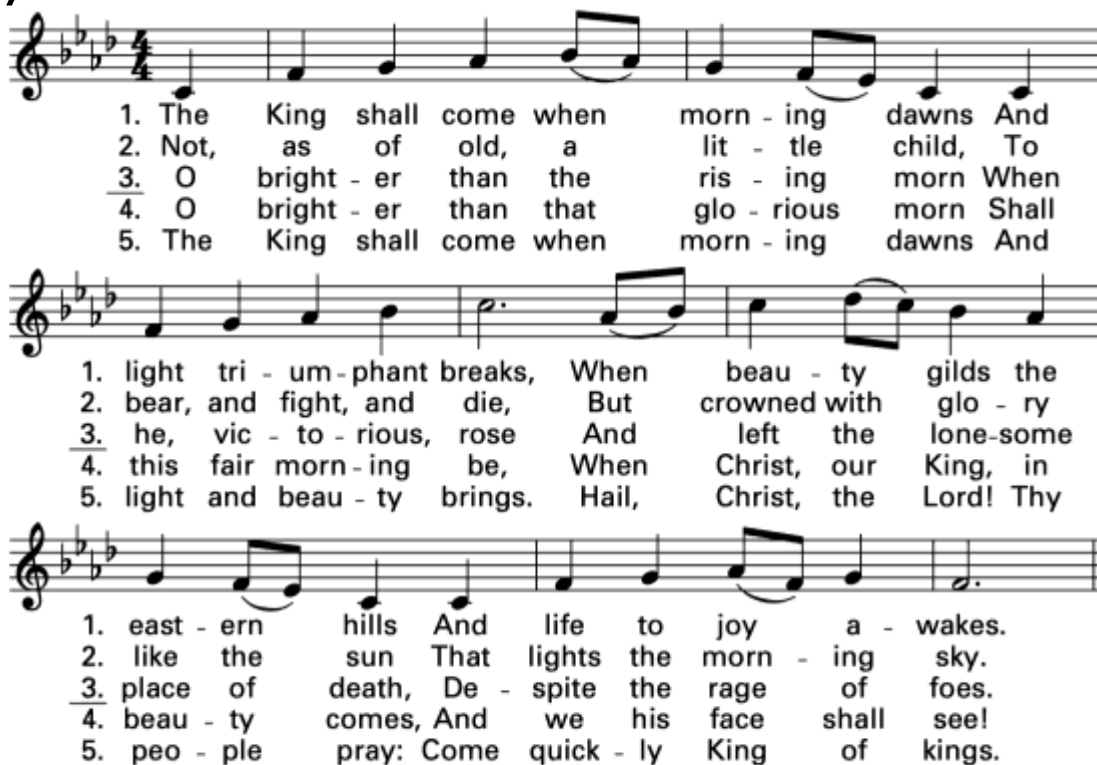
Prayer after Communion

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



1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To
3. O bright - er than the ris - ing morn When
4. O bright - er than that glo - rious morn Shall
5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And

1. light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the
2. bear, and fight, and die, But crowned with glo - ry
3. he, vic - to - rious, rose And left the lone - some
4. this fair morn - ing be, When Christ, our King, in
5. light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Thy

1. east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
2. like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
3. place of death, De - spite the rage of foes.
4. beau - ty comes, And we his face shall see!
5. peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly King of kings.

Text: CM; Greek; tr. by John Brownlie, 1859-1925, alt.
Music: *Sixteen Tune Settings*, Philadelphia, 1812; *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816.

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!