



The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 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.

Giving Campaign 2022



Why pledge?

A pledge card (no matter how small or large) says, “I am a part of something larger than myself.” It says, “we believe in what we are doing as a church and in who we are becoming together in Christ.” A pledge card says “Yes. We’re in.”

Pledging also helps you uphold the discipline of giving. When you pledge, you create for yourself a **mechanism of accountability**.

But there are practicalities, too. Pledges are a vital tool in the process of **developing and managing a healthy church budget**. A church budget is a ministry funding plan. When you pledge, you help our leadership responsibly discern the viability of funding the ministry and work being envisioned.

And when you pledge, our treasurer, Laura Greathouse, tracks your giving and reports quarterly so you will have a receipt for your **charitable giving IRS tax deduction**. Laura keeps your pledge **confidential**, and if you need to change it during the year, you can let her know. Pledge cards are available at the church.

Over the next three 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!

Ministers

Altar Guild	Jane Woods
Sound	Scott Larsen
Greeter	Doug Ramier
Worship Leader	Laura Greathouse
Musicians	Tom Walker Kathy Walker
Reader	Mark Smith
Preacher	Allen Doyle
Intercessor	Katy Lytle
Presider	Susan McEvoy
Communion Server	Debora Smith
Communion Server	Diana Anderson
Communion Bread	Barb Morales

Following the service today, please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments. Today's host is Tammy Legerski.

Prayer Concerns

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: All Saints', Torrington

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, 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: Kim Dillivan—7th
Anniversary: Barb & Jim Morales—4th

Hymn *Verses 1, 2 and 4*



1. The ad-vent of our King Our thoughts must now em - ploy;
2. The co - e - ter - nal Son A maid - en's off - spring see;
3. In glo - ry from his throne A - gain will Christ de - scend,
4. Our joy - ful prais-es sing To Christ, who set us free;



1. Then let us meet him on the road With songs of ho - ly joy.
2. A ser-vant's form Christ put - teth on, To set his peo - ple free.
3. And sum-mon all who are his own To joys that nev - er end.
4. Like trib - ute to the Fa - ther bring, And Ho - ly Ghost, to thee.

Text: SM; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. by Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.

Music: Aaron Williams, 1731-1776.

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!

Music: *Do This in Memory of Me*, David Haas, © 2003, GIA Publications, Inc.

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 Esther.

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.**

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

“A Voice Cries Out,” Michal Joncas.

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.

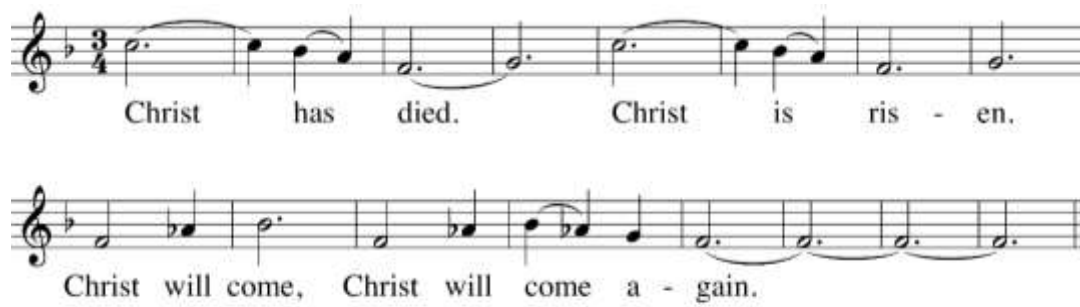
So also we remember that Jesus took the cup, saying,

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



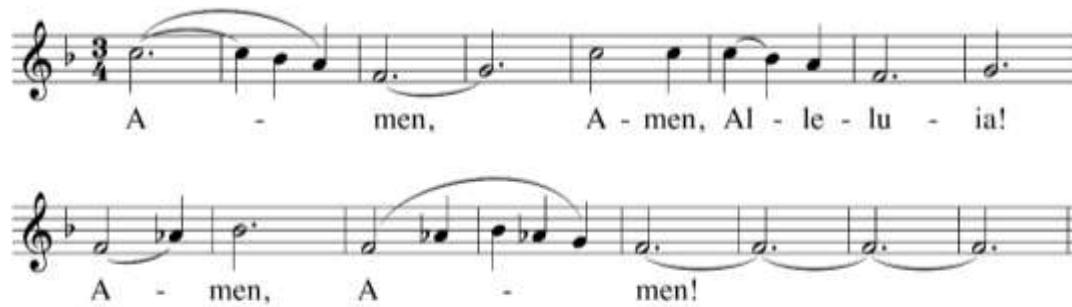
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.
Christ will come, Christ will come a - gain.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the melody for "Christ has died. Christ is ris - en." and the second staff contains the melody for "Christ will come, Christ will come a - gain." The lyrics are written below the notes.

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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



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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

*“The Thrill of Hope,” Christy Nockels, adapted from “Morning Hymn,” John Wesley.
“Savior of the Nations Come,” Traditional.*

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, 4*



1. When the King shall come a - gain All his pow'r re -
 2. In the des - ert trees take root Fresh from his cre -
 3. Strength - en fee - ble hands and knees, Faint - ing hearts, be
 4. There God's high - way shall be seen Where no roar - ing



veal - ing, Splen - dor shall an - nounce his reign,
 a - tion; Plants and flow'rs and sweet - est fruit
 cheer - ful! God who comes for such as these
 li - on, Noth - ing e - vil or un - clean



Life and joy and heal - ing; Earth no
 Join the cel - e - bra - tion; Riv - ers
 Seeks and saves the fear - ful; Deaf ears,
 Walks the road to Zi - on: Ran - somed



long - er in de - cay, Hope no more frus - trat - ed;
 spring up from the earth, Bar - ren lands a - dorn - ing;
 hear the si - lent tongues Sing a - way their weep - ing;
 peo - ple home - ward bound All your prais - es voic - ing,



This is God's re - demp - tion day
 Val - leys, this is your new birth,
 Blind eyes, see the life - less ones
 See your Lord with glo - ry crowned,



Long - ing - ly a - wait - ed,
 Moun - tains, greet the morn - ing!
 Walk - ing, run - ning, leap - ing,
 Share in his re - joic - ing!

TEXT: Isaiah 35; Christopher Idle, b. 1938, © 1982, Jubilate Hymns, Ltd. (Administered by Hope Publishing Co.)
 TUNE: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, 7 6 7 6 D; Johann Horn, c. 1495-1547

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!

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