

St. John's Episcopal Church

December 4, 2022 (Advent 2)

Annual Parish Meeting

*2nd Sunday
in Advent*



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Processional Hymn # 56 3 & 4 *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

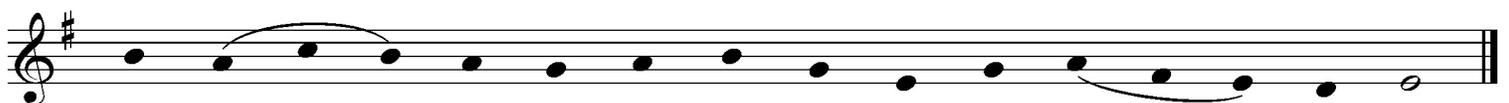
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

The Advent wreath is lit and the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Our King and Savior now draws near:

People: O come let us adore Him.

Kyrie (sung by all)

2017

Kyrie



Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i -



son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e



e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste



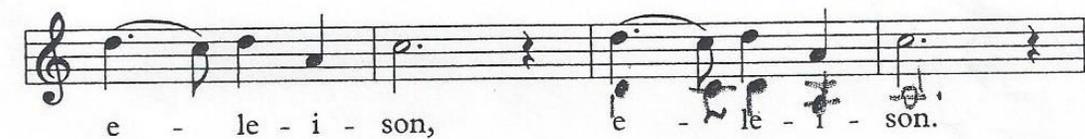
e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste



e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e



e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e



e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day (*see insert*)

The Lessons (*see insert*)

Sequence Hymn #56 (Refrain only)

Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

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

The Priest reads the Gospel (*see insert*)

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn (see above)

The Sermon

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.**

Advent Prayers of the People

Leader: In joyful expectation let us pray to our Savior and Redeemer, saying, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"

O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, and set us free and delay no more.

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free all captives from their prison.

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

O Morning Star, splendor of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

O King of the nations, you alone can fulfill their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creatures you fashioned from the clay.

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Savior: come and save us, Lord our God.

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Remember those on our prayer list and all who need or have asked for our prayers.

All pray together

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for this, your diocese of Albany. Inspire and sustain us in this time of transition. Incline our hearts to do your will, and so direct us in your ways that the leader you are raising up to be our Bishop will find here joyful disciples, making disciples, united in faith, unflagging in hope, and steeped in mutual charity. In your mercy, accept our repentance, and grant us peace; look with patience on our enthusiasms; and pour rich gifts and grace upon all who are entrusted with the ongoing work of your church; so that, with diligence and charity, we may discern correctly and walk righteously in your ways. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory hymn *all sing* “A Shoot Shall Come Forth” see next page

A Shoot Shall Come Forth

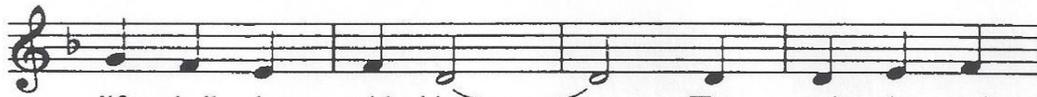
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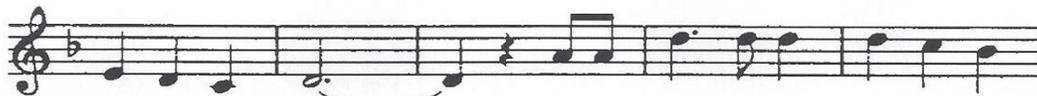
1. A shoot shall come forth out of Jes-se, _____ And a
2. From out of the wells of sal - va-tion _____ Will he
3. He'll come from the end of his heav-en, _____ And the



bud shall grow out of his roots; _____ The spir - it of
draw us the wa - ter of life; _____ His waist shall be
earth shall be torn from its place; _____ Our lives shall be



life shall be with him, _____ The spir - it of
gir - dled with jus - tice, _____ The heart of his
filled with his ra - diance _____ As flood - wa - ters



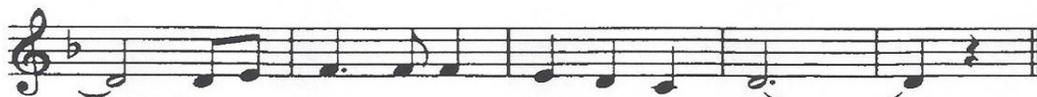
wis-dom and truth. } Then the lamb shall lie down with the
heart shall be love. }
cov - er the sea. }



leop-ard, _____ and the li - on eat straw with the ox. _____



_____ For the hand of a Child _____ shall lead them _____



_____ to the peace - a - ble king-dom of God. _____

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Doxology *All stand and sing*

Hymnal # 380
verse 3

**Praise God from whom all Blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below,
praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B

Prayer Book pages 361-366

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says:

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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Priest inserts preface for the day.*)
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

FP Schubert / arr.R Proulx
Hymnal S-130

All sing

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ . and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Priest and people

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 *(sung by everyone).*

A musical score for the Amen response, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) in 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: A - men, a - men, a - men. The music is simple and homophonic, with a steady rhythm.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Priest

**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 Priest breaks the consecrated Bread.

Agnus Dei *All sing*

Hymnal S-164
FP Schubert / arr. R Proulx

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer; redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Facing the people, the Priest says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

And may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward and receive Communion.

Communion anthem (organ only)

Deck thyself

Hymn 339

Those who do not wish to receive Communion may come forward and cross their arms to receive a blessing, or quietly offer the following prayer:

“My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.”

After Communion, the Priest says

Let us pray.

Priest and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members
of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Advent blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

COMMISSION OF EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

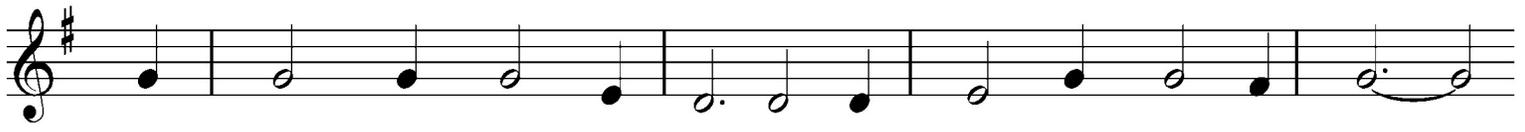
(When one is bringing Communion to someone in the community)

Clergy: *Keets*, in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

Congregation: *We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.*

Recessional Hymn # 65

“ Prepare the way, O Zion ”



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Refrain



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

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Dismissal (from the back of the church)

The Celebrant
People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. .
Thanks be to God.

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER 4, 2022



LET US PRAY for for those who are homeless, hungry, unemployed, lonely, lost, and dying, for our military and for the people of Ukraine and Russia. We pray for the Church throughout the world: for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Michael our Assisting Bishop as we search for a new Bishop. We pray for Hank Dufresne, Mike Brooks, Ian Caristi, Noah, Frank Battige, Pooja, Matthew Weeks, Anna Stone, Byard Clemmons, Anne Filuta, Karen Almeida, John Hillicross, Tom Russo, Michael, Diane Francis, Steve Rice, Diane, Vicky, Bob & Barb, Keith & Family, Jack & Anna Dingley, and Sandra, Dave Chard, Marybeth Maloney, and all who suffer from cancer, and for those with Coronavirus. We also lift up the Counseling Care Center, Reilly House, Youth For Christ, Grace Church Appalachian Mission, and the Friday night AA Group.

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The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will take place in the Parish Hall after Mass this morning

ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 18 there will be a Service of Lessons and Carols at 4:00 PM.

ANOTHER EPISODE of *The Chosen (Season 2)* is available for showing. Please let Fr. Bill know if you are interested in seeing it this morning or if another Sunday would work better for you.

THE CHOIR will rehearse after Mass this morning.

WEEKLY COMMUNITY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE AT ST. JOHN'S

- Monday, 6:00 PM - Girl Scouts
- Wednesday, Noon - Adult Children of Alcoholics
- Thursday, Noon - Living Resources cleaning crew
- Friday, 8:00 PM - Alcoholics Anonymous
- Saturday, Noon - Adult Children of Alcoholics

PLEASE SUPPORT THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY.

A bin is located in the narthex of St. John's. All items are welcome, but they are particularly in need of soup, canned vegetables, rice, deodorant, paper towels and shampoo.

**AS WE EMERGE FROM THE RESTRICTIONS OF THE PANDEMIC,
WE ASK THAT YOU KINDLY CONTINUE TO OBSERVE THE
FOLLOWING:**

Masks are optional for those who are vaccinated. (Extras are provided at the back of the church.)

Hand sanitizer is provided in the narthex and at the back of the church.

Please place your offering gifts in the collection plate at the entrance to the church.

While family groups may sit together, we ask that all others observe a reasonable distance from non-family members as much as possible within comfort levels.

The Rt. Rev. Michael Smith	Assisting Bishop of Albany
The Rev. William Hinrichs	Rector
Edward Tremblay	Senior Warden
Gayle Hinsdill	Organist & Choir Director
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Acolytes	Micah Brady, Addison Brady, Julia Weaver
Crucifer	Micah Brady, Addison Brady, Julia Weaver
Reader 1	Linda Tremblay
Reader 2	James Lavin
Chalice / Intercessor	James Lavin
Counters	Linda Tremblay & Frank Roberts
Coffee Hour	Vestry

