



**The Episcopal Parish of
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
Hingham, Massachusetts**

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

Welcome!

Welcome to the Episcopal Parish of St. John the Evangelist. It is our hope you will find it a place of beauty and refreshment, nurture and comfort. If you are visiting this morning – whether online or in person – we are especially delighted you are here. We pray that through our worship you will find and be found by God. Please know there is always a place for you at St. John’s and may God bless you on your journey of life and faith.

About the Service: Page numbers refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer*. Hymns refer to the blue *Hymnal*. Service music, prefaced by an “S,” is found toward the beginning of the hymnal. The people’s responses are in **bold**. This service is being live-streamed both on our parish website and via Facebook Live on the St. John’s Facebook page. Please silence all cell phones and other devices when entering the worship space.

If you would like more information about our faith community, visit **St. John’s Online** at www.stjohns-hingham.org. Make sure to sign up for our weekly e-news *St. John’s Goings-On* (click the link on the right side of the home page); “like” us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/StJohnsHingham; or follow us on Twitter @StJohns_Hingham.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite I at 8:00 am

The Service begins on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer.
Collect of the Day on page 172. After the sermon the service resumes on page 326.

The Great Thanksgiving begins on page 333 (Prayer I).

Prayer after Communion – page 339.

Participants in Today's Service:

Acolyte & Reader: Dan Clevenger **Intercessor:** Tom Colburn

Altar Guild: Sue Earle

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 10:00 am

VOLUNTARY: Two Preludes on "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland"

A.N. Vetter (1657-1721)

J.H. Buttstedt (1666-1727)

All stand to sing

HYMN 76: On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

THE TRISAGION

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the reading and the psalm.

THE FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

Lector: The Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

The people remain seated and all sing the Canticle.

CANTICLE 16: The Song of Zechariah

1. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
2. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
3. Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
4. He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
5. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6. Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
7. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
8. To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
9. In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day

until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord *People:* **Thanks be to God**

The People stand to sing

SEQUENCE HYMN 65 (v.1-2): Prepare the Way, O Zion

Bereden vag for Herran

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Tim Schenck

All stand to recite

THE NICENE CREED

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The People kneel for

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form 4

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The Leader and People pray responsively at the end of each petition

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

After the final petition, the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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All stand for

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Clergy and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

The Altar is prepared for Communion. Due to Covid restrictions, the Offering Plates will be offered but not passed through the congregation. They will be available at the church entrances following the service. Please note that the ministry of St. John's is funded exclusively through the generosity of parishioners and visitors. We encourage and deeply appreciate your generosity this morning. If you are worshipping online, please consider a gift through the Virtual Collection Plate on our website.

Offertory Solo: The Desert and the Parched Land Dave Brubeck (1920-2012)

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom,
They will bloom with abundant flowers and rejoice with a joyful song.
They will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God
Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak,
Say to those whose hearts are frightened: "Fear not, be strong! Here is your God."

The shuttered eyes of blindness shall see light, The ears of the deaf shall hear.
He will leap as a deer, the lame man; and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.
Thirsty lands will burst forth rushing streams, and parched ground fill with pools.
Come to the land that is Zion. Let sorrow and sighing flee.
We shall sing with joy e'er lasting: "Fear not, be strong! Here is your God."

Isaiah 35:1-7

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The People stand, as they are able. 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.**

The Celebrant says the Proper Preface then continues:

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

After the Celebrant says the Proper Preface all say

THE SANCTUS

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. Then the service continues on page 368.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People: **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

The Eucharistic Prayer concludes:

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, then says the

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

PRAYER FOR THE SPIRITUAL RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

All those physically unable to receive, especially those joining us online, are invited to make a Spiritual Communion. As the Prayer Book directs: "If a person desires to receive the Sacrament...the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth." (BCP 457)

Priest: In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are presented, we offer to you our selves, our souls and bodies.

People: **With praise and thanksgiving, we offer our earnest wish that we may ever be united to you. And since some who join us cannot now receive you sacramentally, we pray you to come into their hearts spiritually. We unite ourselves to you, and embrace you with all the affections of our souls, that nothing will ever separate us from your love. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Holy Communion is distributed in bread form only. All baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive the Holy Communion. The Ushers will signal when it is time to come forward. If you receive communion on the right side of the altar rail, please return to your pew via the same way you arrived. If you receive communion on the left side of the altar rail, please exit via the side door and return through the side door near the pulpit. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest as the Priest approaches. Gluten-free wafers are available by request from the priest.

Kneeling, the People join in saying the

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing.

All stand to sing

HYMN 73: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

St. Stephen

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*The Altar Greens are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Shirley Fickes.*

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant: The Rev. Jack Clark **Preacher:** The Rev. Tim Schenck **Reader:** Deb Hayes
Intercessor: Mariclaire Buckley **Altar Guild:** Elizabeth Danis, Wendy Ellison **Ushers:**
Deb Hayes, Tom Martel, Tom Pyles **Digital Usher:** Dave Richardson **Stream Team:**
Katie Sutton, Tom Daley, Jamie Rossano

be faithful
be flexible

Welcome to St. John's as we continue to navigate this pandemic together. Please note that, per diocesan guidelines, masks and physical distancing are required for all indoor gatherings. Coffee hour will be held outside, weather permitting. While things may look and feel slightly different this morning, our hearts are full as we gather both online and in person. In whatever way you've joined us this morning, we're glad you're here!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enter fully into the season of hope and expectation by joining us for the annual service of **Advent Lessons and Carols** this evening at 5:00 pm. The St. John's Choir leads this long-standing and beloved parish tradition, which is followed by a Candlelight Reception featuring the wassail Smoking Bishop.

Advent Series: The Gift of (ancient) Tongues. Christianity is full of vocabulary and symbols that many of us either glibly take for granted or don't understand at all and so ignore. Yet, if we examine these words and images through the lens of their ancient Greek or Latin origins, we can gain new insights into their rich significance to us as believers. In our four-part Advent Series, parishioner Mike Connelly (retired Latin teacher at Derby Academy) will help us explore the history behind such familiar words as God, grace, glory, sin, salvation, church and redemption as well as liturgical symbols such as the fish, chi-rho, alpha and omega, IHS, and others. Please join us via Zoom on the Wednesdays of Advent from 7 to 8 pm.

Santa (in a Jeep) is Coming! Due to popular demand, we have arranged for Santa (and his sleigh-rific Jeep), to visit Hingham again this year. For more information, please contact Kenzie Blackwell at StJohnSanta@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who supported our **Giving Tree** bring seasonal joy to a family in need. Donations with stars attached will be accepted until Monday, December 6.

Sunday School and Youth Programs. For information about children's programs, contact Sunday School Director Bird Treacy at abird@stjohns-hingham.org. To learn about youth programs, contact the Rev. Jack Clark at jclark@stjohns-hingham.org.

About the Season of Advent. This weekend marks the second Sunday of the four-week season of Advent, the ecclesiastical period that immediately precedes Christmas. The word itself comes from the Latin *adventus*, or “coming.” This is a season not of shopping (though for many of us our Christmas shopping coincides) but of expectation and hope. We await the coming of Christ to a manger in Bethlehem and we await Christ’s second coming in the age to come. So, with John the Baptist we prepare and with the Virgin Mary we wait in hope and expectation. At St. John’s we mark the season with some traditional symbols. On each of the four Sundays of Advent, a wreath is lit prior to the service. As we draw nearer to Christmas, the candles on the wreath increase, marking down the Sundays of Advent. We use purple vestments and altar hangings, the color denoting penitence, for this is a season of repentance as well as hope. The purple vestments also evoke images of Christ’s royal kingship as he enters the world as God incarnate.

You're invited to help us with the **Greening of the Church** following the 10 am service on Sunday, December 12. We'll be putting greens in the window boxes and hanging Advent wreaths (which will miraculously morph into Christmas wreaths on December 24). If you can spare 30 minutes, we'd be grateful!

The weekly **Wednesday Service** meets at 10:00 am. This brief liturgy of Holy Eucharist is followed by an optional socially-distanced **Bible Study**. Anyone seeking a mid-week dose of spirituality is welcome to attend regularly or occasionally.

Laundry Love, our ministry of dignity through clean clothes, seeks volunteers on the following dates at our location in Hull (last Monday of the month). Contact Liz Donohue at donohue38@comcast.net for more information or to sign up.

Christmas at St. John's

Christmas Eve

2:00 pm Outdoor Children's Service

This very brief (15 minute) service takes place outdoors in front of the church as a Story Walk: On the Way to Bethlehem.

3:00 pm Family Service*

Our early Family Service includes carols, an interactive telling of the Christmas story, and Holy Eucharist.

5:00 pm Family Service with Choristers*

This service features carols, interactive telling of the Christmas story, Holy Eucharist, and music sung by the St. John's Choristers. This service will be live-streamed on the parish website and Facebook page.

7:00 pm Early Candlelight Service

The early service includes music by a vocal quartet, sermon, Holy Eucharist, and Silent Night by candlelight.

9:00 pm Late Candlelight Service

Our most formal liturgy, this Festival Service of Holy Eucharist includes music by the St. John's Choir, sermon, and Silent Night by candlelight. This service will be live-streamed on the parish website and Facebook page.

Christmas Day 10:00 am Christmas Day Service

This service will feature Christmas carols, sermon, and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

*Reservations required to sit in the pews. Overflow seating available to watch the service on a large screen in Upper Weld Hall. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated live by a priest in the parish hall.

Please Note: Masks are required at all indoor services. The Family Services will not include the full children's Christmas pageant, but the story will be told in engaging and age-appropriate ways. These services feature overflow seating in Upper Weld Hall with large screen viewing, along with concurrent in-person celebration of the Eucharist.

St. John's Annual Campaign Update

Pledges Received as of December 2:	145 (182 pledges in 2021)
Total Amount Received:	\$462,430 (\$590,000 in 2021)
New Pledges (first time or not in 2021):	38

Frequently Asked Pledge Questions

- *Can we pledge online?* Yes! Pledges and pledge payments may be made through the church website at www.stjohns-hingham.org.
- *Can we pledge via e-mail?* Yes! Send a note with the amount to pledge@stjohns-hingham.org.
- *Can my employer make a matching gift to my pledge?* Yes! And we would be happy to complete any required forms.
- *Can we pay for a pledge via stock gift or a directed IRA distribution?* Yes! Please call or e-mail the church office for instructions and/or forms if needed.

Pledge cards are available in the church entryway or you may use the form below.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

The Episcopal Parish of St. John the Evangelist

We invite you to make a financial commitment to support the exciting ministries at St. John's.

2022 Pledge _____

Return this form by placing it in the collection plate or returning it to the parish office.

I/we would like pledge envelopes.

Name: _____ Email address: _____

**Mission Statement of the Episcopal Parish of
St. John the Evangelist:**

*We seek to share the Good News of the Gospel through engaging worship,
faithful service, and life-long Christian formation while joyfully
living out our faith in this community and the world.*

PARISH STAFF

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HYMNS FOR DEC. 5

HYMN 76: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Winchester

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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SEQUENCE HYMN 65 (v.1-2): Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran

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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HYMN 73: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

St. Stephen

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
 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 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
 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 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

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