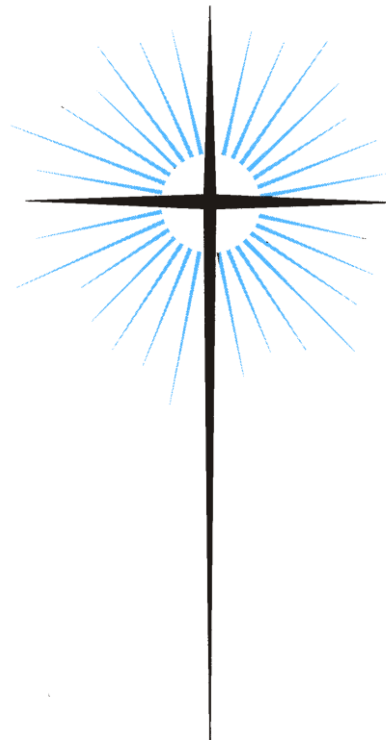


**THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22204
10 A.M. NOVEMBER 29, 2021**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

Livestream Access to In-Person Services

As St. John's transitions from primarily Zoom to in person services, we will continue to provide the ability to attend the services via Zoom. The limitations of this approach are that those attending via Zoom will only be able to listen to the service and not be heard by others. We will still enable the Zoom attendees to chat with each other up to 5 minutes before the service and at the end of the service.

You will be able to access the service using video or just audio by telephone. We will try to start the service as close to 10 am as possible so be sure to access the meeting early. The session will be open about 20 minutes before the service starts.

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If you can't copy the link - - go to zoom.com/join and enter Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589 and Password: 2020.

If you don't have Zoom on your device you will need to do that prior to the service, or on the launch menu screen click on access using browser.

If you only want to participate by phone, dial either 301-715-8592 or 253-215-8782. When you are connected you will be prompted to enter the Meeting ID: 873 5378 9589. You will then be prompted to enter the password 2020.

Thank you for coming to worship with us today—on Zoom for live-stream or in the church for the in-person service. We are thankful that we have been able to worship in different ways as one parish family. We thank those who always make this service possible for us.

- Thanks to Bill Pritchard, Regathering Committee Chair, and its members Eileen Tallent and Bryan Harbin for designing the plan, and all those who made it happen so well for us since last fall.
- And of course, Peter Olivere has enabled our sound and live-stream so that everyone had the opportunity to be with us. Vestry will review today's service so that we can learn from it and continue to plan for future ones.
- We are continuing our safety measures which are printed on the back of this bulletin. Thank you for your support!

Our doors are open today at 10 am! We ask that you come with a mask and remain masked during the service. You can expect that there will be singing (in masks), that those who wish may sit socially distanced in the transept, restrooms will be open, and communion from the reserved sacrament will be available as you leave. Please watch for the Weekly Update and updated provisions! We respect each person's decision to attend and the comfort level of her/his participation.

LIVE-STREAM: REMEMBER THAT YOU CANNOT INTERACT IN A LIVE-STREAM

PRELUDE: If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

G. Neumark

GREETING: The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. "Larry" Packard

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN: "Lo! he comes, with clouds descending"

Hymnal #58

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CANTICLE: "Prepare the way, O Zion"

Hymnal #65

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute

justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-9 (Book of Common Prayer, p. 702)

(Read responsively by whole verse.)

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?**

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Reader A Reading from the First Book of Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Narrator: Jesus began to teach them saying:

Jesus #1: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Narrator: Then Jesus told them a parable:

Jesus #2: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Narrator: Jesus continued to teach them by saying,

Jesus #3: "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. "Larry" Packard

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV

The Leader and People pray responsively

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may
be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the
ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another
and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,
that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others
and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant
that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Please offer your prayers for thanksgivings, birthdays, and anniversaries.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Please offer your prayers for healing, special concerns, and safe travel.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Please offer your prayers for anyone who has died, saying "Today we remember especially")

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

A PRAYER FOR ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Gracious God,
Send your Spirit upon us
during this interim period,
and bless our ministries
for the building up of our parish
and the mission of your Church.
Grant us all things necessary for our common life,
And bless our calling of a new priest,
That we might receive a faithful pastor,
Who will equip us for our ministries.
Help us to reach out our hands in love of others,
Even as your Son Jesus
reached out his arms on the cross.
In his name, we pray.
Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

**have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the people remain in place to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "My Lord, what a morning"

Traditional, arr. Jay Althouse

DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #380, vs. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Celebrant 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

*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.

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,

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

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 St. John 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.

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.

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

**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

FRACTION ANTHEM: "Christ our Passover"

Hymnal #S154

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN: "This is the hour of banquet and song"

Hymnal #316

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

THE BLESSING

People Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "The King shall come when morning dawns"

Hymnal #73

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Voluntary in D Major

Marc Antoine Charpentier

Thank you for leaving with mask on and respecting the distance of others.

PARTICIPANTS

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EILEEN TALLENT, ALTAR GUILD
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral Care during the Interim Period. The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. (“Larry”) Packard is available for pastoral care—abiding by the Diocesan health and safety guidelines. He may be reached at: minister@stjohnsarlingtonva.org or 703-425-8315 or 703-606-3109 (cell, no voice mail).

Our Senior Warden, Cassandra (Sandy) Winger, is the individual charged with leadership until St. John’s appoints a new rector. She can be contacted at srwarden@stjohnsarlingtonva.org or on her cell phone at 703-498-6990.

The Salvation Army Angel Tree angels are due today. Please put your gifts in the clear plastic bag (must be used) in the vestry room. Be sure to check your name off on the list which is now on the table in the vestry room.

Bishop’s Visitation is December 5, 10 am. Please make plans to join us for this visit of the Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor, Assisting Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia. If you would like to be *confirmed* (join the church), or be *received* into the church (you were confirmed in another denomination), or *reaffirm* your baptismal vows (to mark a new beginning in the church) – then please contact Fr. Larry at minister@stjohnsarlingtonva.org. He will be delighted to clarify these choices and answer any of your questions. A personalized preparation plan with safety measures will be available for anyone who wishes to participate in this way in the service.

Christmas Eve and Christmas 1 Services. We will have one **Christmas Eve service** at the usual 5 pm time. No service on Christmas Day. Service on Sunday, **December 26** at 10 am.

New Procedure for Receiving Holy Communion November 28—December 2021

A new trial procedure for receiving Holy Communion will be used from Sunday, November 28 through December 2021—unless the Vestry assesses that it is in our best interests to modify it during the trial. This procedure has been presented twice during announcements and discussed with Sandy Winger, our senior warden, and Bill Pritchard our health monitor. I appreciate the feedback from parishioners and welcome it as we move forward. We are all grateful for Bill’s ongoing monitoring and announcements.

As far as I have determined, the following process is the current procedure observed by many congregations in the Diocese, and it accords with the preference for our visiting Bishop Porter Taylor on December 5th. Please remember that partaking of one element promises the benefits of both.

- Please come to church, sit socially distanced, and remain masked throughout the service. Sing softly while masked.
- We will remain seated during The Peace. No offering will be taken; a basket for contributions will be at the entrance.
- The Celebrant will sanitize his/her hands prior to the consecration. The Celebrant will remain masked and will pray the entire Eucharistic Prayer. (The bread and the wine will remain on the altar.)

- At the distribution, the usher will ask the congregation to come forward staying masked and keeping socially-distanced in the line. People will come to the rail masked and spaced to preserve social distance.
- You will either stand or kneel at the altar. When the Celebrant nears, slide down your mask. He/she will drop the bread into your hands without contact. Partake of the bread, replace your mask, and return by the side aisles to your pew keeping socially-distanced.

The Rev. Dr. Laurence "Larry" K. Packard

The 2022 Stewardship Campaign. Last Sunday, November 21, was the day for the ingathering of pledges for the 2022 stewardship campaign. Pledge cards were brought forward too the altar for a blessing. May God's blessings be on all who pledged their funds to St. John's in the coming year.

Stewardship never has an end date, however. If you have not returned a pledge card for next year it is not too late. As we enter the season of Advent, this is a perfect time to consider what you can do for our parish in the coming year. Please remember St. John's as we prepare for the joyous season of Christmas.

Dave Dunlap

St. John's position on racism can be found on the home page of our website, www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org.

Prayers and Cards. If you have any requests for Sunday prayers, intercessory prayers or a card for someone who is sick, please contact Barbara Oliverre at prayers@stjohnsarlingtonva.org.

Pick up your copy of the Advent Devotional! *Celebrating Abundance: Devotions for Advent* by Walter Brueggemann

Thanks to Sandy Winger, our senior warden, our parish is providing a copy of a devotional for Advent—which I can highly recommend. Walter Brueggemann is recognized as one of the foremost biblical scholars who can take insights from the text and apply them to our daily lives—this time with a daily set of devotions for the Advent season. Copies of this book are in the entrance—please take one copy per family.

Look for other selections in this week's *Weekly Update*.

Thank you for observing these Instructions and Safety Precautions!

- The Bishop is sending regular updates concerning the easing of safety restrictions due to COVID. Your vestry is monitoring them and will determine how to apply them in our local situation.
- Please remain fully masked during the service. Hand sanitizer available at the entrance where you got your bulletin.
- At the peace—please wave to your neighbors from your seat.
- The restrooms are open for your use.
- Etiquette: We have to become accustomed to maintaining appropriate social distancing until both persons acknowledge that closer distances may be observed.
- Follow instructions of those who conduct and monitor the service.
- In an emergency, Bill Pritchard will provide instructions.
- Notify Senior Warden Sandy Winger at swarden@stjohnsarlingtonva.org if you contract COVID after 14 days of attending this service — December 12.