



WELCOME!

We are delighted to have you with us today. You are invited to God's table to receive communion and to share in our community. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself and fill out a Welcome Card. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are looking for a church to call home, you are welcome here!

CHILDREN AT ST. JOHN'S

Children's Chapel is offered for ages ten and under during the Gospel and Sermon, with infant and toddler care in the nursery. We enjoy a family worship service and Children's Sermon on the second Sunday of the month.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

"Prelude in B minor" Op. 28, No. 6, Frédéric Chopin

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

During the season of Advent, our worship begins with a prayer and the lighting of the Advent wreath.

First Sunday of Advent: Faith

God, we are blessed with the gift of faith, and we thank you for that gift. As we light this candle, help us to trust in you and say "yes" to you with all our hearts. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"Signs of ending all around us" vs. 1-3, Wonder, Love, and Praise 721

The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening

1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us— dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
 2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
 3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.

shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.
 Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?
 Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.

Come, O³ Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
 Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:
 Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;

Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.
 Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
 your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant
People

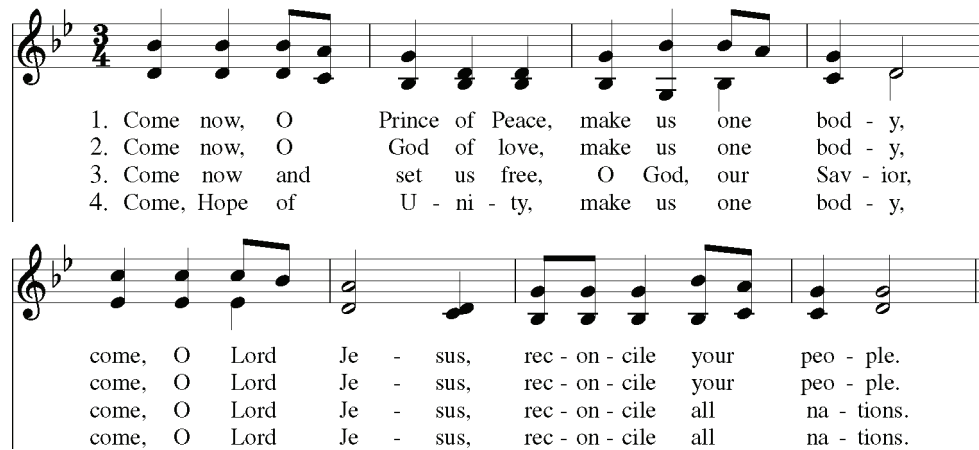
Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Come now, O Prince of Peace” vs. 1-4, Wonder, Love, and Praise 795



1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y,
2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y,
3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior,
4. Come, Hope of U - ni - ty, make us one bod - y,

come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

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. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The People Sit

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

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.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9

Remaining seated, the Lector and the People say the Psalm responsively

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
**let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

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.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

“O come, O come, Emmanuel” vs 1, 2, The Hymnal 56

The People stand as able for the hymn and the Gospel

(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

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

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 21:25-36

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

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

Jesus said, "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." Then he told them a parable: "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. 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Jimmy Bartz

The People may be seated

A moment of silence will be observed for reflection after the sermon

THE NICENE CREED

The People stand as able and say together

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.**

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Fred Reimers
Anne Rutherford
Rae Smith

**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

The Intercessor and People pray responsively, kneeling or standing

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For Joe, our President, for Donald, our President-elect, and for all the world's leaders;
for those on our Military Prayer List: Charlie Ezzell, Lieutenant Commander Wolf
Klotz, Second Lieutenant Ben Phocas, and all officers and enlisted people.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of
South Sudan; for our partners in ministry, Santa Maria Magdalena in Favorito, Cuba
and AMOS Health and Hope, Nicaragua; and in our own Diocese of Wyoming we
pray for All Saints', Torrington.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop; Katharine, our Assisting Bishop; and for all bishops
and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, those on our prayer list, and
those we now name,

People may add their petitions silently or aloud at this time.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

In thanksgiving, we pray for those celebrating birthdays and those celebrating
anniversaries. We will exalt you, O God;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

People may add their petitions silently or aloud at this time.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We thank you for the generosity directed toward our Legacy of Love campaign, for the generosity of this parish. We ask for your continued presence in our work to rebuild Browse, so that we might embody loving-kindness in new ways.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The People kneel or stand as able

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

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

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.**

THE PEACE

The People stand as able

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS + THE BIG REVEAL

The People sit. The Revelations Newsletter is available in the Narthex and Hansen Hall for more happening around the parish.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

"O day of peace" Carl P. Daw, Jr. & Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

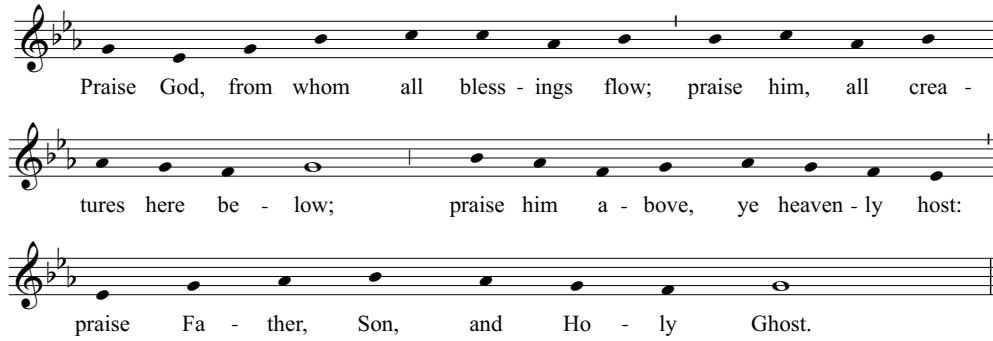
O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

PRESENTATION HYMN

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

The People stand as able



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea -
tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host:
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 3, ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

The People stand as able

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 God thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy” The Glendalough Mass

The Celebrant and the People sing together



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na, 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, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept

“Lamb of God” from Holy Cross Mass; David Clark Isele

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 Prince of peace, you take a - way the
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. grant us peace.
 sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
 sins of the world,

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive communion in this parish. If it's your first time to receive communion or the first time in this church, the most important thing to know is it's impossible to do it wrong! We're glad you're joining us. You may kneel or stand as you approach the communion rail. Place your hands together and clergy will place the wafer in your palm. You may eat the bread and receive communion as bread alone. You may dip the bread in the wine chalice (there's a fancy word for this—intinction) or you may drink from the chalice. In that act of receiving communion, we remember the life and teachings of Jesus, along with his death and resurrection, AND it's something we do TOGETHER in order to remember we are all connected—communing with one another through this life and what's to come.

A member of St. John's Healing Ministry is available to be a companion in prayer in the Columbarium to the left of the main altar during Communion and after the service.

COMMUNION HYMNS

The People are invited to sing

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” vs. 1-5

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

light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the
 suf - fer and to die, But crowned with glo - ry
 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 wea - ry saints fore - told, When right shall tri - umph
 light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Your

east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
 like the sun That lights the mor - ing sky.
 of that morn Whose day shall ev - er last.
 o - ver wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.
 peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings.





1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail,
2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear
3. For give we now each oth - er's faults
4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known,
5. Let us re - call that in our midst



There God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
God's char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
As we are faults con - fess; And let us love each
Let all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry
Dwells God's be - got - ten Son; As mem - bers of his



by Christ's love, By love are we thus bound.
mind and soul, Now love God in re - turn.
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
that we seek, Be ours God's ho - ly peace.
bod - y joined, We are in Christ made one.

6. No race nor creed can love exclude
If honored be God's name; Our family em-
braces all Whose Father is the same.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The People kneel or stand as able

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant

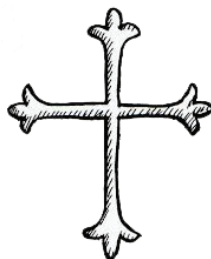
& People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**




CLOSING HYMN


“Let There Be Peace on Earth”



Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me._____



Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be._____ With



God our cre - a - tor,_____ fam - 'ly all are we._____




Let us walk with each oth - er_____ in per - fect har - mo - ny._____



Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment now._____



With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow;_____ To



take each mo - ment, and live each mo - ment, in peace e - ter - nal - ly!_____



Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me._____

THE DISMISSAL

As the procession passes down the aisle, you are invited to face the doors of the church for the Dismissal

Deacon

Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Sleepers, Wake!” Johann Sebastian Bach

We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour in Hansen Hall after the service.



The Flower Team provides altar flowers for the church on Sundays and when a parishioner dedicates flowers to a loved one. The ministry shares these arrangements with those on our In Need of Comfort list. If you would like to donate flowers in honor or remembrance of someone, contact Pam Woodson at pam@stjohnsjackson.org, call 307-733-2603 or use the sign up sheet in Hansen Hall.

The altar flowers are in loving memory of Laura Higley, given by The Higley Family.



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