



# San Jose Episcopal Church



## The First Sunday of Advent: Holy Eucharist Rite II

November 29, 2020 at 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

### All are welcome at San Jose Episcopal Church

We welcome you to San Jose Episcopal Church, a traditional parish focused on the Holy Eucharist and the best of the Anglican tradition, which welcomes all people and embraces many points of view. Our commitment is to work, worship, and minister in the service of our Lord; and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we intend to live prayerfully and joyfully in each other's company. We welcome everyone who wants to join us on any part of this holy pilgrimage. Above all, know that we are blessed to have you worship with us.

For more information, please visit [www.sanjoseepiscopal.com](http://www.sanjoseepiscopal.com) or you may contact an usher or member of the clergy.

### About Worship in the Episcopal Church

If our liturgy (worship) is unfamiliar to you, we hope the information below will be helpful.

If you require help, please inform one of our ushers or simply turn to one of your neighbors in the pews, let them know you are a visitor and they will gladly help.

Our liturgy is rooted in the practices of ancient Christianity. Everything you see and hear today, including the prayers, music, architecture, physical postures, and responses, hold deep meaning about our beliefs, and are intentional and outward expressions of our faith.

- **Responses spoken by the people are in bold.**

*Directions are printed in italics.*

- Families with children of all ages are welcome at our worship services. Spiritual coloring sheets, crayons, and other resources are in the rear of the church.
- There are many postures of prayer observed in the Episcopal church, usually standing or kneeling, but please do what you find most comfortable.
- Restrooms are located outside of the main church entrance to your right as you exit.

### About Receiving The Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at San Jose.

- During this period of social distancing, the clergy will bring communion to your pew.
- If you wish to receive a blessing instead of bread, cross your arms over your chest.
- Notify the clergy if you require a gluten-free wafer.

**The Word of God**

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

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

**Trisagion**

*Celebrant:* Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,

*People:* **Have mercy upon us.**

**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.**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9** *Please be seated.*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18** *Spoken in unison at 8:00. Sung by the cantors at 9:30.*

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*

shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*

stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; \*

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, \*

how long will you be angered

despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*

you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; \*

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*

the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; \*

give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## **Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Hymn**

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Latin, ca. 6th cent.

Merton, William H. Monk

*Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say; "Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day." Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth's bondage let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies. Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven; let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven; So when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear, may he with his mercy shield us, and with words of love draw near. Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son, with the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run.*

## **The Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37** *Please stand.*

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon** *Please be seated.*

The Rev. Gray Hodsdon

**The Nicene Creed** *All stand and speak in unison.*

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.

**Prayers of the People for Advent**

As we contemplate the coming of Christ, let us make ourselves ready in heart and mind by praying for the needs of our community and our world.

For the Church of Christ and all its many members; that common worship might remind us of common ground, that shared Sacraments might unite us in shared experience, and that we might always together seek out the will of God.

Lord as you come to us: **Find us ready.**

For San Jose Episcopal; that we might live into our calling, reaching out to all those who need our fellowship and communion, that we may be faithful to you and patient with one another, and that we might enjoy your Holy Spirit's presence with us.

Lord as you come to us: **Find us ready.**

For our nation and the nations of the world; that the peace of Christ might come and reign in our world, that the needy may be helped by the strong, and that the divisions between us might end.

Lord as you come to us: **Find us ready.**

For all those who suffer from any fear, illness, or distress; that your healing may come to them and that our hearts might be stirred to reach out to them.

Lord as you come to us: **Find us ready.**

For all who have died that they may find their rest in you, that their faithful lives may be examples to us, and that those who grieve their loss will be comforted by their hope of reunion in you.

Lord as you come to us: **Find us ready.**

**Confession of Sin** *The people may stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

*All:* 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. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *All stand and greet one another in the name of Christ.*

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

### **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory**

Blest be the King whose coming

Federico J. Pagura

*Valet will ich dir geben*

*Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God! For him let doors be opened, no hearts against him barred! Not robed in royal splendor, in power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the poorest, such his humility! Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God! By those who truly listen his voice is truly heard; pity the proud and haughty, who have not learned to heed the Christ who is the Promise, who has atonement made. Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God! He only to the humble reveals the face of God. All power is his, all glory! All things are in his hand, all ages and all peoples, till time itself shall end! Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God! He offers to the burdened the rest and grace they need. Gentle is he and humble! And light his yoke shall be, for he would have us bear it so he can make us free!*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p.367

*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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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**

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.

*Eucharistic Prayer B continues on page 368 of the Book of Common Prayer. The people may stand or kneel.*

### **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 Lord's Prayer**

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 Fraction Anthem** *Sung by the cantors.*

Setting by Ray W. Urwin

My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.

My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

### **Communion**

God the sculptor of the mountains

John Thornburg

*Urbs beata, Sarum Plainsong*

*God the sculptor of the mountains, God the miller of the sand, God the jeweler of the heavens, God the potter of the land: you are womb of all creation, we are formless; shape us now. God the nuisance to the Pharaoh, God the cleaver of the sea, God the pillar of the darkness, God the beacon of the free: you are gate of all deliverance, we are sightless; lead us now. God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth, God the table turning prophet, God the resurrected Truth: you are present every moment, we are searching; meet us now. God the dresser of the vineyard, God the planter of the wheat, God the reaper of the harvest, God the source of all we eat: you are host at every table, we are hungry; feed us now.*

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*All:* 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.

## Blessing

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.**

## Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Voluntary

Valet will ich der geben

Johann Sebastian Bach

## Parish News

### **An Introduction to the Psalms**

Meeting Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm on Zoom, Fr. Gray Hodsdon will guide a discussion on the Psalms. If you would like to participate, please email Fr. Hodsdon and he will send you a zoom link.

### **Looking for Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive**

SJEC and SJEDS assist the Salvation Army in their Red Kettle Drive each year. We will be ringing the bell at Publix on University Blvd on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Several two-hour shifts are available each day. See the sign-up schedule in the back of the church and join in to help ring the bell!

### **Children's Ministry Faith at Home - Focus on Prayer Walk**

Discuss with your family areas in your lives where you are all struggling at this time. Perhaps it's work, school, a friendship, or doing chores. During the week, pick a day or multiple days to symbolically or physically visit the location where each person is struggling and pray for the person and situation. If it's possible, make a prayer walk or visit to the location. If not, use an item in the home such as a friend's photograph or a textbook as a prayer prompt. "Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere." (*Ephesians 6:18*)

### **The Angel Tree Goes Up Today!**

Please select an angel, marked with a Christmas wish, from the tree and bring a gift in to help someone in need. We will be taking the gifts to St. Mary's Episcopal Church Christmas Store where parents can select gifts for their children and children can select gifts for their parents. **Please bring the unwrapped gift back to the church by December 6.** If you are unable to come to church to select an angel you may contact Cathe Gray at (904) 535-9946 or Susan Beaudin in the church office (904) 733-1811 and they will provide you with an angel. If you will not be attending church service on Sunday, December 6th, gifts may be dropped off in the church office during business hours. If you would prefer to have someone come to your house to pick up your gift, let Cathe Gray know. Gift cards are also welcome as the Christmas Store staff can use these for wrapping supplies or gifts. Anyone interested in volunteering in the Christmas Store as a personal shopper or a wrapping elf, contact Emily Waters for more details at [emilywaters@stmarysjax.org](mailto:emilywaters@stmarysjax.org) or (904) 354-5075.

### **Birthday Celebrations**

29 Jan Berglund	30 Renee Grosse	1 Patti Harvey	1 Ben Monger	2 David Csikai
3 Sybil Crawford	3 Sarah Farris	4 Jane Gut	4 David Meyer	5 Roy Harvey

### **Anniversary Celebrations**

29 Scott & Barbara Morrison	2 Melissa & Chris Spediacci
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## Prayer List

Lord, hear our prayer for:

Member names in bold

**Roberta Miller, Patti & Roy Harvey, Teresa Hall, Bette Loyd, Pete Richter, Beverly Shaw, Wendy Monger, Nick Freyer, Nick Woodworth, Ted Pina Sr., Denise Press, Sara Farris, Carolyn & Bud Tyler, Mike & Betty Dubovsky, Sally Whitcomb, Susan Arnold, Cheryl Peele, Nell Mincer McCubbin, Billie, Sandra Dean, Chrissi Hills, Carol Johnson, Jerry & Bobbi Hanks, Frank Green, Cheyney Johnston, Jane Gut, Robert Menger, Deaux, Bill VanAs, Auriel Rundle, Charles Hughes, Bill Kent, Heather Hood, Ann Bachmann, Sybil Crawford, Barb Day, Helen Dean, Rick & Gloria Ferry, Nan Hucker, Jackie McKenzie, Burt & Marilyn Mendel, Lee Nimnicht Jr, Anne Powell, Dee Rea, Winnie Rowand, and Jon Wheeler.**

The Dewey Family, Doug Zipperer, Jim Davenport, Caden Wilkins, Dominique Wilkins, Barlow Family, Dee Murray, Becky Stanley, Becky Sullivan and Kelly, Robert Harris, DeLong Family, Lenny, Kathy, Sgt. Meghan Lewis Pollard, Frank Mazzucca, Emily Staples, Peggy Mankowitz, Matt Moehle, Elaine Patrick, Bender, Robyn Causey, Joyce Moore, Gail & Kasper Meier, Clint Lancaster, Sandy Hill, Pam Baker, Hannah H., Betty Sterling, Mark Hall, Ted Snider, Tony Weeks Jr., Joshua Kellar, Shirley Ackerman, Taylor-Hobirk family, Zack Duke, Ari Jo Miller, Polly Daniels, Scott, Valerie Chandler, Susan, Karen Neu, John Harrison, Doreen Yocum, Allan Studer, Hanada, Kate Couier, Edwin, Kellee, Thomas & Patricia Myers, Ray, Barbara Weddon, Trudy Firmani, Terri Reichardt, Oaklyn Kilgore, Betti, Hannah D., Nick, Marji Johnson, Thomas Guest, Heidi Adams, Will Dupree, Darrin, Donna Finley, Melissa, Beckett, Luke Jarvis, Logan, Gage, Olive Toy, Paula Pollard, Jerry Ross, Christian, Rick, Bobbye Salt, Cobb Harbeson, Lauren Packnick, Jill Simone, Brenda Chester, Bob, Ryan Dalton, Jody Leiser, Ken Elder, Renee Branholm, JT Thorton, Rose Cavallero, Kathy Peare, Bill, Torrance, Megan, Marianne Brooks, Emory Robinson, John E. Robinson, Ken Crosby, Justin, Gary Bishop, C. J. White, Chayton Bennett, Jewel, Judy Vanhillyer, Steve, Lisa, and Chad.

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