

The logo features a shield with a cross, divided into four quadrants. 

**St. John's**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**DECEMBER 4, 2022**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II**

## **WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S!**

We are a church whose worship, communal life, and outreach to the New Haven and university communities are inspired by the Biblical message of God's redeeming love for humanity in Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our vision is to grow and be formed in the image of Christ, to be a welcoming, loving, obedient and flourishing church that loves God and serves one another. We exist to be the presence of Christ in our neighborhood, and a blessing to the nations. We are committed to the work of racial healing, reconciliation, and justice.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
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SUNDAY DECEMBER 4, 2022

PRELUDE— JANE MEDITZ AND MOE GRAVIET

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(Please Remain Seated)*

*(Verse 1 will be sung by song leader. Congregation will join for verses 2 and 3.)*

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying



1. There's a voice in the wil-der-ness cry-ing, a\_\_ call from the ways un - trod:
2. O\_\_ Zi-on, that bringest good tidings, get thee up to the heights and sing!
3. but the word of our God en - dureth, the\_\_ arm of the Lord is strong;



Pre - pare in the desert a high - way, a high-way for our God!  
Pro - claim to a des-o-late peo - ple the com-ing of their King.  
he stands in the midst of na - tions, and he will right the wrong.



The val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the lof - ty hills brought low;  
Like the flowers of the field they per-ish, like grass our works de - cay,  
He shall feed his\_\_ flock like a shepherd, the lambs he'll gent - ly hold;

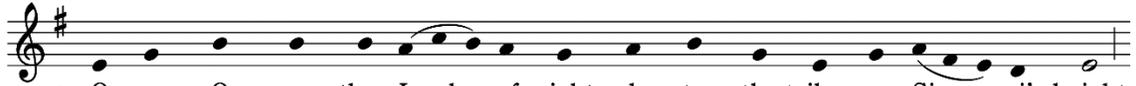


make straight all the crook - ed pla - ces where the Lord our God may go!  
the power and pomp of na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way;  
to pas-tures of peace he'll lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

WELCOME— PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Si - nai's height  
4. O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from Sa-tan's ty - ran - ny



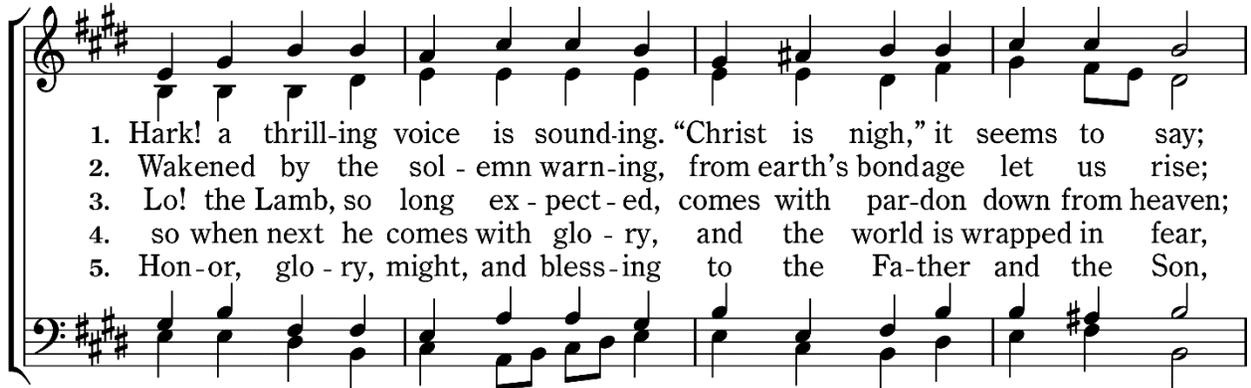
in an-cient times didst give the law, in cloud, and ma-jes - ty, and awe.  
that trust thy might - y power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.



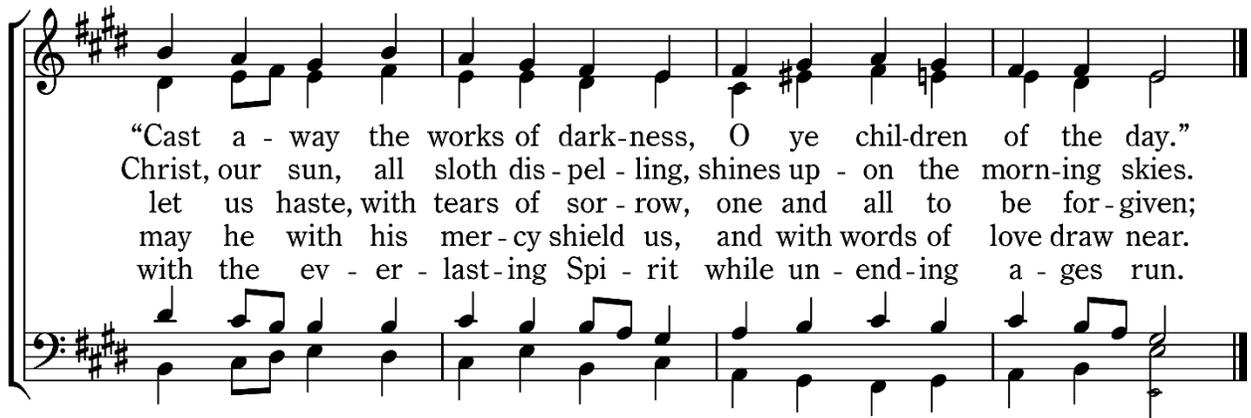
Rejoice! Rejoice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## OPENING HYMN

### Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding



1. Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2. Wakened by the sol - emn warn-ing, from earth's bondage let us rise;  
3. Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;  
4. so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5. Hon-or, glo - ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,



"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye chil-dren of the day."  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.  
let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for-given;  
may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end-ing a - ges run.

## CLERGY WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

### OPENING SENTENCES

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

*People:* **His mercy endures for ever.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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.**

## KYRIE

### Kyrie eleison



1, 3. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.  
2. Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.  
Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains two lines of lyrics. The first line is for the 1st and 3rd verses: 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.' The second line is for the 2nd verse: 'Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy.' The second staff contains two lines of lyrics: 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.' and 'Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with rests, and some notes are circled with dashed lines.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **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.**

## PRAYER FOR THE GUIDANCE AND CARE OF CHILDREN

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST LESSON— ISAIAH 11:1-10

*Reader:* A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him,  
and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**THE RESPONSE— PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19**  
*Deus, iudicium*

*(Led by Celebrant; Congregation reads text in bold.)*

<sup>1</sup> Give the King your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

<sup>2</sup> **That he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup> That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the little hills bring righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> **He shall defend the needy among the people;  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup> He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup> **He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup> In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>18</sup> **Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous deeds!**

<sup>19</sup> And blessed be his glorious Name for ever!  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**THE SECOND LESSON— ROMANS 15:4-13**

*Reader:* A Reading from the letter to the Romans

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name";  
and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";  
and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him";  
and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## THE SEQUENCE

*(Please stand. Please sing verses 1-4 before the Gospel and Verse 5 after the Gospel)*

### On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - noun - ces that the  
2. Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make straight the way for  
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our ref - uge, and our  
4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fall - en

Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.

**THE GOSPEL— MATTHEW 3:1-12**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry**

5. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom  
with the Fa - ther we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

**THE SERMON –THE REV. CANON RANJIT K. MATHEWS,  
CANON FOR MISSION ADVOCACY, RACIAL JUSTICE, & RECONCILIATION,  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT.**

**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 (VI)

*(Please stand or kneel.)*

*Leader:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*(Silence)*

*Leader:* For all people in their daily life and work;

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

*Leader:* For this community, the nation, and the world;

***People:* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Leader:* For the just and proper use of your creation;

***People:* For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

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

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

*Leader:* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***People:* For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Leader:* For Michael, our presiding Bishop, and Jeffrey and Laura, our Bishops, and all other ministers;

***People:* For all who serve God in his Church.**

*Leader:* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*(Silence)*

*(The People may add their own petitions.)*

*Leader:* Hear us, Lord;

***People:* For your mercy is great.**

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

*(Silence)*

*(The People may add their own thanksgivings)*

*Leader:* We will exalt you, O God our King;

***People:* And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

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

*(Silence)*

*(The People may add their own petitions.)*

*Leader:* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***People:* Who put their trust in you.**

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Thomas', Bethel; Christ Church, Bethlehem; Old St. Andrew's, Bloomfield.

Ministries to the homeless, for parishes that offer a temporary or permanent shelter. For Chapel on the Green, New Haven, Church by the Pond, Hartford, and all Ecclesia ministries.

In the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East.

*Leader and People:* **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 ABSOLUTION**

*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**

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

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

**THE OFFERTORY**

*Instrumental*

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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.

*Celebrant:* 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,—



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,—



hea-ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.—



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Celebrant:* 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,

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

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

*All:* ***Amen.***

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**All: 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

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

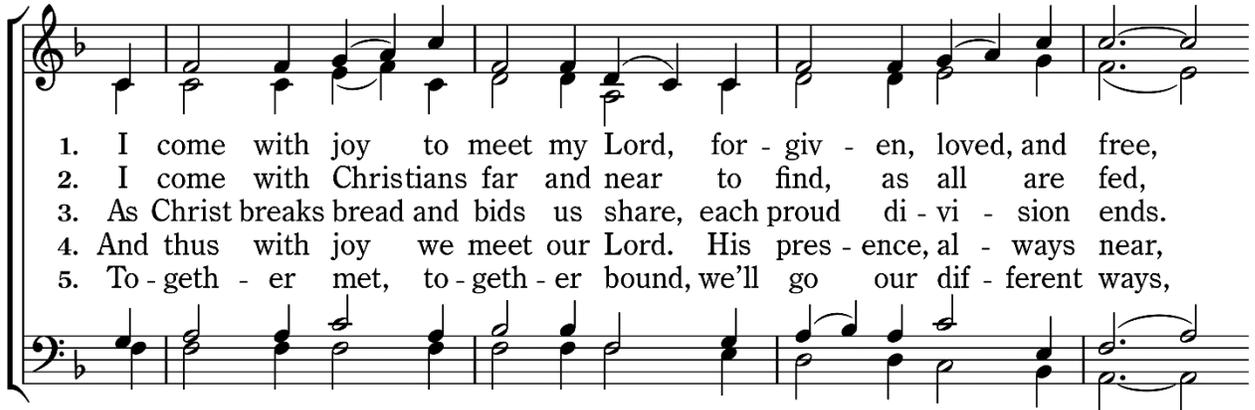
**All: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

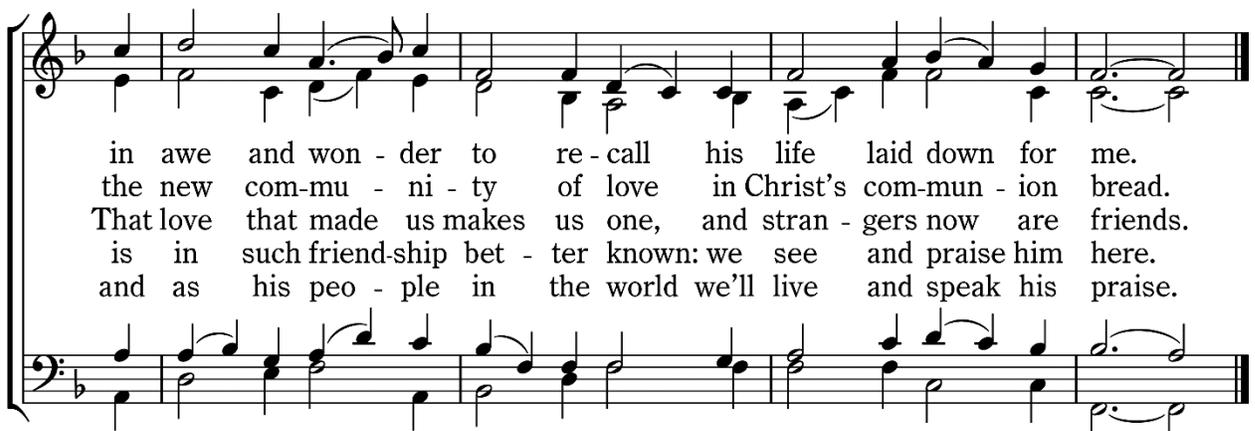
*(The Celebrant receives the Sacrament and then offers Communion to those gathered in the church. Please come down the center aisle to receive Communion and turn right afterwards. We are now offering bread and wine during Communion. Please come to one of two stations. For those who receive only the bread, the Celebrant will place the wafer in your hand. Step aside, consume the bread and then return to your pew. A separate station is available with both bread and wine. The Celebrant will either place the wafer dipped into wine onto your tongue or onto your open palm.)*

## COMMUNION SONGS

### I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord



1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, for - giv - en, loved, and free,  
2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion ends.  
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence, al - ways near,  
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll go our dif - ferent ways,



in awe and won - der to re - call his life laid down for me.  
the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
That love that made us makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
is in such friend - ship bet - ter known: we see and praise him here.  
and as his peo - ple in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

## Even So Come

### Verse 1

All of creation all of the earth  
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord  
Jesus is coming soon

### Verse 2

Call back the sinner wake up the saint  
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame  
Jesus is coming soon

### Chorus 1

Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come

### Verse 3

There will be justice all will be new  
Your name forever faithful and true  
Jesus is coming soon

### Chorus 2

Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come

### Bridge

So we wait we wait for You  
God we wait You're coming soon  
So we wait we wait for You  
God we wait You're coming soon

### Chorus 3

Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
Even so come Lord Jesus come  
Even so come Lord Jesus come

## THE SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Leader:* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing the sacrament, that those to whom you go may share with us in this Holy Communion. We, who are many, are one body, because we are all part of the Body of Christ.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant:* 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

*Celebrant:* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

God Is Working His Purpose Out

1. God is work - ing his pur - pose out as year suc - ceeds to  
 2. From ut - most east to ut - most west, wher - ev - er foot hath  
 3. March we forth in the strength of God, with the ban - ner of Christ un -  
 4. All we can do is noth - ing worth un - less God blesses the

*May be sung in canon*

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## **DISMISSAL**

*Leader:* Let us bless the Lord.

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Morning Prayer**

Start your day with a short prayer service:

Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 7:30-8:00am

In Grace Chapel

**Home Groups** are an opportunity to deepen your faith and experience community.

St. John's currently has four groups, which meet every other week:

### **Sundays 7:00-8:30 pm**

Host & Location: John Hare, 15 Everit St., New Haven

Scripture theme: Philippians

Contact: David Mahan, [david.mahan@yale.edu](mailto:david.mahan@yale.edu), 203-500-6446

Next meeting: Sunday, December 11

### **Sundays. 6:00-8:00 pm**

Host & Location: Kathryn Greene-McCreight, 198 McKinley Ave., New Haven

Theme: *Seeds of Faith: Theology and Spirituality at the Heart of Christian Faith*, by Griswold & McIntosh

Contact: Kathryn Greene-McCreight, [greenemccreight@aya.yale.edu](mailto:greenemccreight@aya.yale.edu), 203-687-8910

Next meeting: Sunday, December 11

### **Thursdays 6:00-8:00 pm** (including a light supper)

Host & Location: Gabe LePage, 86 Mansfield St., New Haven

Scripture theme: "Scripture Potluck" -- group members take turns sharing scriptures

Contact: Paul Smith, [paulsmith29@yahoo.com](mailto:paulsmith29@yahoo.com), 203-675-4306

Next meeting: Thursday, December 15

### **Thursdays 1:30-2:30 pm**

Host & Location: Bill Rowley, online

Scripture theme: The Questions of Jesus

Contact: Bill Rowley, [rowleys@gmail.com](mailto:rowleys@gmail.com), 714-872-0701

Next meeting: Thursday, December 15

### **Interested in forming more groups?**

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## **OUR PREACHER TODAY**

**The Rev. Ranjit K. Mathews** serves as the Canon for Mission Advocacy, Racial Justice, and Reconciliation in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. He works with parish and diocesan leadership to make real God's realm of justice, love, and peace, with a focus on ECCT's commitment to dismantle racism and white supremacy in our nation and in our church.

Ranjit graduated from The George Washington University with a Bachelor's in Business Administration, and from Union Theological Seminary with a Master's in Divinity with a focus on Contextual Theology.

He previously served as Partnership Officer for Africa on the Presiding Bishop's staff of The Episcopal Church. As such Ranjit functioned as a diplomat from The Episcopal Church and the Presiding Bishop to Anglican Provinces and dioceses in Africa south of the Sahara, working towards mutual mission priorities amongst Anglican/Episcopal partners in the region.

Prior to his work with the churchwide office, the Rev. Mathews was associate rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Long Beach, California, a bilingual parish where he worked to build connections between the English-speaking and Spanish-speaking community members and led the youth group. Before that he was a Lecturer in Theology at the Msalato Theological College of St. John's University in Tanzania as a member of The Episcopal Church's Mission Volunteer program and served as assistant rector of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Milton, Massachusetts.

Before becoming Canon in the ECCT, Ranjit served as the rector of St. James Episcopal Church in New London, CT. He was recently appointed the secretary of the Social Justice and International Policy Legislative Committee for the House of Deputies and is Chair of the interim Task Force of Dialogue with South Sudanese Anglicans living in the diaspora. He serves on the board of the Episcopal Evangelism Society and was recently elected as the clergy representative to the Anglican Consultative Council from The Episcopal Church.

Ranjit lives with his spouse, Johanna, their two boys, Dhruv and Kabir, and their dog, Samara in Rocky Hill, CT. He grew up in the Boston area and considers New England home. Ranjit loves national and local politics, pop culture, hip-hop, sports, and being out in creation. His pronouns are *he/him*. Ranjit can be reached at [rkmathews@episcopalct.org](mailto:rkmathews@episcopalct.org) or via phone at  [\(203\) 639-3501 ext. 115](tel:(203)639-3501)

## **RESOURCES FOR THIS LITURGY**

- *Book of Common Prayer, Holy Eucharist Rite II.*
- *The Lectionary Page:* <http://lectionarypage.net>
- *Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer.*
- *The Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer.*
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