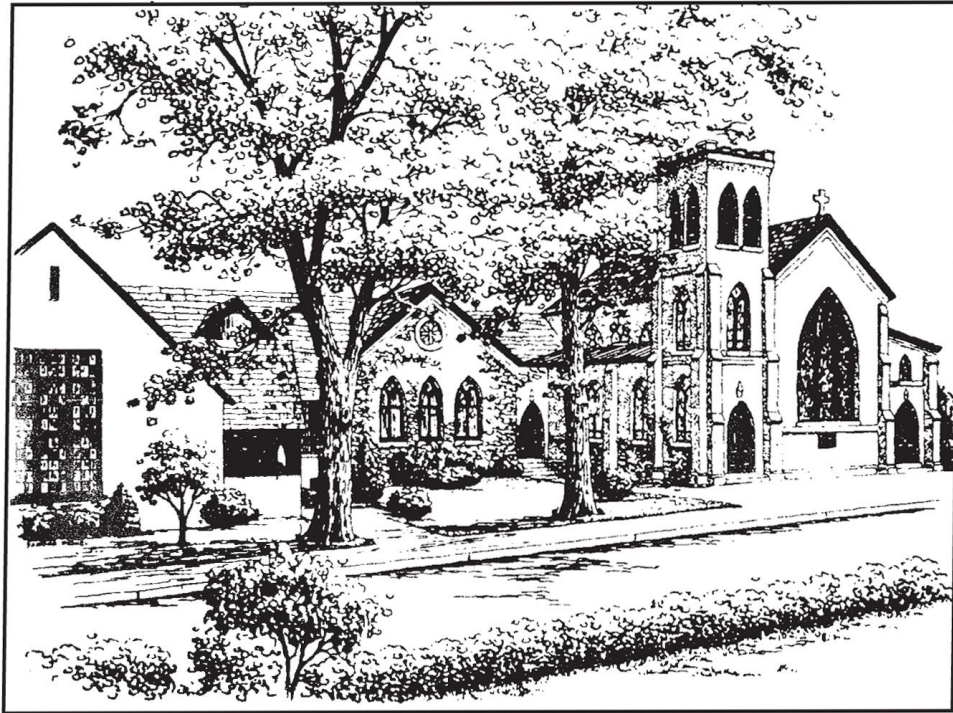


# Saint James' Episcopal Church

Warrenton, Virginia



## The First Sunday of Advent

10:15am

3 December 2017

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# The Holy Eucharist

**Prelude:** Creator of the Stars of Night

arr. Ruth Krentz Organ

## Announcements

*CHILDREN GATHER IN BACK OF THE SIDE CHAPEL.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

**Gathering Hymn: 56** O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1-4)

Veni Emmanuel

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Kiffney Family

The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the coming of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ is coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of hope, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

*THE FIRST CANDLE IS LIT.*

**People** Loving God, as we enter this Advent Season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

*CHILDREN LEAVE WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS.*

### Gathering Sentences

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

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

### Trisagion

(Introduction) Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

### Collect of the Day

**Presider** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Presider** 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 Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

*THE PEOPLE SIT.*

**Lector** A Reading from Isaiah.

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.

**Lector** The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual Psalm

*PLAINSONG*

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

- 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.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \* the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \* give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \* show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

**Lector** A Reading from First Corinthians.

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.

**Lector** The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn: 615** "Thy Kingdom Come!" on Bended Knee

St. Flavian

*THE PEOPLE STAND AS THEY ARE ABLE.*

### The Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "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."

**Gospeler** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Benjamin Wells Maas

*SILENCE IS PROVIDED TO REFLECT ON GOD'S GOSPEL MESSAGE FOR US TODAY.*

**The Nicene Creed**

*THE PEOPLE STAND AS THEY ARE ABLE.*

**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**

Form II

*THE PEOPLE REMAIN STANDING OR KNEEL.*

*DURING THE SILENCE, THE PEOPLE OFFER THEIR OWN PRAYERS, EITHER SILENTLY OR ALOUD.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church, especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Shannon, Susan and Ted our Bishops, Ben and Randolph our clergy, Seldon our seminarian, for Saint James' Episcopal Church and School.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; and for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people, especially for Hunter, Mark, Warren, Madeleine Blodgett, Helen Emory, Todd, James, Tom Spector, their families and all deployed in harm's way.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially Barbara, Saunee Hamlett, Thea Lancaster, Joey, Batie, Karen, Laura, George, Melba, Debbie, Dan, Meredith, Gina, Kendra, Carol, Marisa, Donna, Marie, Iris,

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

**Concluding Collect**

Presider Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

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

*THE PEOPLE KNEEL AS THEY ARE ABLE.*

**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.**

### **Absolution**

Presider 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 THEY ARE ABLE.*

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

## **The Liturgy of the Table**

### **Offertory Sentence**

*THE PEOPLE SIT AFTER THE PRESIDER SAYS THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE.*

### **Offertory Anthem: Zion Hears the Watchman Singing**

J.S. Bach, arr. Mark Schweizer

Zion hears the watchmen singing, and all her heart with joy is springing;  
she wakes, she rises from her gloom;

For her Lord comes down all glorious, the strong in grace, in truth victorious.  
Her star is risen; her Light is come.

Ah, come, thou blessed One, God's own beloved Son: Alleluia!

We follow till the halls we see, where thou hast bid us sup with thee.

### **Presentation Hymn: 60 (vs.6) Creator of the Stars at Night**

Conditor alme siderum

*THE PEOPLE STAND AS THEY ARE ABLE.*

*REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGREGATION MAKE OFFERINGS OF BREAD, WINE AND MONEY AT THE ALTAR.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

Presider The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider 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 and Benedictus

THE PEOPLE SING THE "SANCTUS."

Ho— ly, — Ho - ly, — Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
7  
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san-na in the high - est.  
14  
Bless - ed is he who comes \_\_\_\_\_ in - the name of the Lord. Ho -  
21  
san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

THE PEOPLE REMAIN STANDING OR KNEEL.

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,

**People**        **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 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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei

*THE PEOPLE SING THE "AGNUS DEI."*

7 Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_ God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world; have \_\_\_\_\_ mer - cy on us. Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_ God, you  
14 take a-away the sins of the world: have \_\_\_\_\_ mer cy \_\_\_ on us. Lamb \_\_\_\_\_  
21 \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ God, you take a - way the sins \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ the  
26 world: grant \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ peace.

## Invitation to Receive Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*THE PEOPLE COME FORWARD TO THE ALTAR AT THE DIRECTION OF THE USHERS.*

*THE PEOPLE JOIN THE CHOIR IN SINGING THE COMMUNION HYMNS.*

**Communion Hymn: Wait for the Lord**

Taize Chant

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6-7; Taizé Community, 1984  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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**Communion Hymn: 60** Creator of the Stars of Night

Conditor Alme Siderum

## Postcommunion Prayer

*THE PEOPLE STAND AS THEY ARE ABLE.*

Presider Let us pray.

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

**The Blessing**

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

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.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn: 57** Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending

Hemsley

**Sending Sentences**

Gospeler Our worship is now ended, and our service in the world begins.  
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

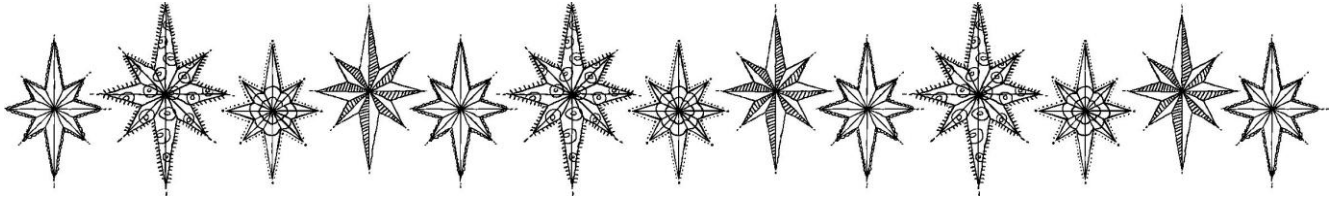
People **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** Fanfare on 'Hemsley'

Karl Osterland (b. 1956)







## **Living into Advent and Christmas**

*by Randolph Charles*

Our Advent/Christmas book of meditations this year is ***I Witness: Living Inside the Stories of Advent and Christmas***, a Forward Movement publication. Below is a description of the book:

“Many of us have heard the story of Jesus' birth, but have we lived inside it? Episcopal priest Kate Moorehead invites us to enter the story of salvation with our hearts and minds wide open, experiencing the miracle of Jesus through the eyes of witnesses: Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the wise men, and others. And Moorehead encourages us to bear witness ourselves - both then and now - to the marvel and majesty of a babe born in a manger, of Christ our King. These daily devotionals offer a companion through the seasons of Advent and Christmas and urge us to keep reading, keep listening, keep learning. The story of Christ's birth can be both familiar and new in each re-telling. Come and see.”

**The books cost \$5 and are available in the parish office on weekdays and after worship on Sundays.**

**The Adult Formation Ministry Team invites and encourages all parishioners to devote 5-10 minutes daily throughout the seasons of Advent and Christmas for reading the meditations and quiet prayer. We will continue to meet on Sundays at 9:15 and 11:45 and on Tuesdays at 10:30 for those who want to share learnings.**

## **We Welcome all Newcomers and Visitors to Saint James'!**

**We are glad you are here with us today!**

**Please feel free to join in our worship or merely sit and listen. We want you to feel comfortable. At various times in the service, people may stand, sit or kneel and you may join as you are comfortable or able. Please do not feel you must do anything.**

**Children are especially welcome in our midst.** If you have small children with you this morning you might wish to pick up some crayons and coloring material from the table at the rear of the church.

**Children from age 3 to 5th grade** are invited to attend Sunday School after the announcements. They will rejoin their families in the main worship service at the time of the Peace.

**Nursery** There is a Nursery available for children ages four and under at the foot of the stairway by the main entrance.

**Before the Service** Please enter the nave quietly to allow everyone assembled there to prepare for worship. If you wish to greet friends before worship, you might want to do so in the Cafe in the Parish Hall. As you prepare in silence for our service, you might wish to use some of these resources in the Book of Common Prayer.

Prayers for Healing – pages 458 – 461

Prayers for the Dying - pages 462 – 465

Prayers for Families – pages 828 – 829

Prayers for National Life - pages 820 - 823

Various forms of Thanksgiving may be found on pages 836 – 841

After a brief welcome, we will observe two minutes of silence before beginning the opening hymn.

You will find **Prayer Books** in the pew racks with a Black Cover and a Gold Cross on the front. **The Hymnal 1982** has a red cover and the service music is toward the front of the book and marked with a number preceded by an "S". The hymns are toward the rear of the book and labeled with a number only.

**Communion** We invite you to share with us in communion as you are led by God. Ushers will direct you to the altar rail or will notify the communion ministers to bring communion to you if you find walking or climbing the stairs difficult. We train for this and are happy to come to you. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the rail. It is customary to receive the bread by holding up your hands with palms facing upward and the minister will place the bread in your hands. To receive the wine, you may either take the base of the chalice and guide the cup to your lips or if you hold the wafer up the minister will lower the chalice so that you may dip or intinct the bread in the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, or, if you only wish to receive a blessing at the rail, please come to the main altar, cross your arms with your hands on your shoulders so that the priest may know to bless you.

***Gluten Free wafers are available on request.***

**Hearing Assistance** We have devices in the back of the church, which any usher can get for you. There are two options with the hearing assistance receivers. First, you can simply use the ear piece (or headphones if you prefer) directly. Second, if you have digital hearing aids, you can use the "T-loop," which is placed around your neck and is designed to work with your hearing aids. If you have questions that cannot be answered Sunday at church, please call the office and we will put you in touch with someone who can assist you. We want everybody to be able to hear and to fully participate in our worship.

**Video Stream & Archives** If you cannot attend a Sunday 10:15 or special Wednesday evening service, you can watch it live by going to our YouTube channel. Click on the YouTube icon under the red doors on our website home page. Additionally, all of these services and the sermons are archived on the same channel. If you have any questions or need help, please call the office and we will put you in touch with someone who can assist you.