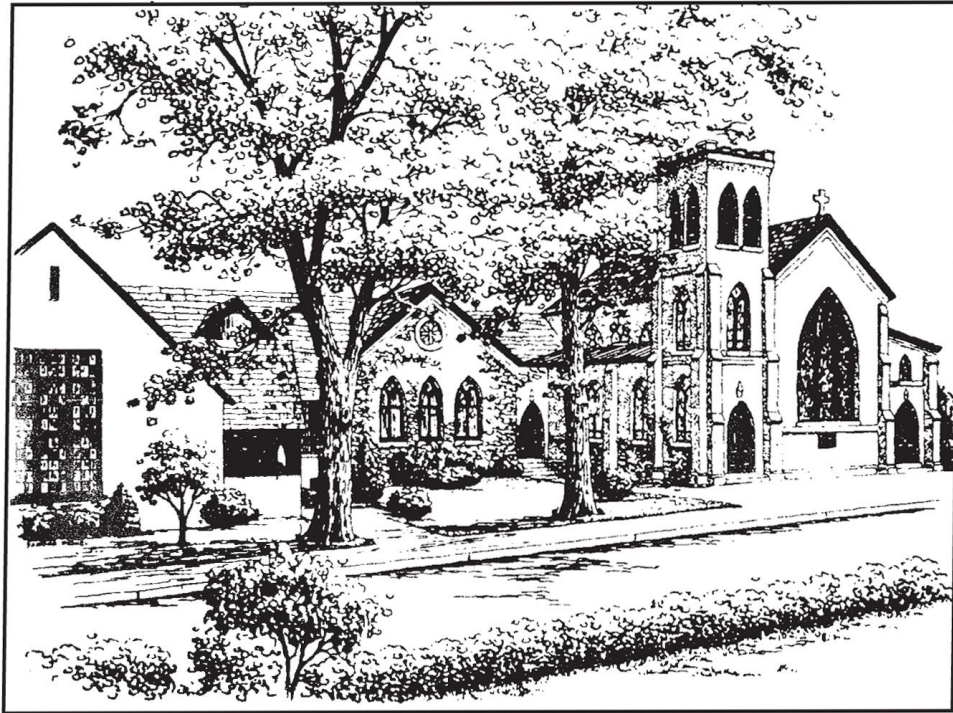


# Saint James' Episcopal Church

Warrenton, Virginia



## The Second Sunday of Advent

10:15am

10 December 2017

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# The Holy Eucharist

**Prelude:** Once He Came in Blessing

arr. John Leavitt (b. 1954)

## Announcements

*CHILDREN GATHER IN BACK OF THE SIDE CHAPEL.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

**Gathering Hymn: 56** O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 5-8)

Veni Emmanuel

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Bevridge Family

Presider Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

*THE SECOND CANDLE IS LIT.*

Presider Let us pray.

**People Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. 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.

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.**

### First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

*THE PEOPLE SIT.*

**Lector** A Reading from Isaiah.

“Comfort, O comfort my people,” says your God. “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.” A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it

together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

**Lector** The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

### **Gradual Psalm**

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

*THE CANTOR SINGS THE GRADUAL PSALM.*

1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \* you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \* and blotted out all their sins.

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \* that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \* righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \* and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \* and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, \* and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

### **Second Reading**

2 Peter 3:8-15a

**Lector** A Reading from Second Peter.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

**Lector** The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

### **Sequence Hymn: People Look East**

Besancon Carol

*THE PEOPLE STAND AS THEY ARE ABLE.*

People, look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look East and sing today: Love the guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:

give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flow'r may flourish.

People, look East and sing today: Love the rose is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.

Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen.

People, look East and sing today: Love the bird is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.

People, look East and sing today: Love the star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.

Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.

People, look East and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

### **The Holy Gospel**

Mark 1:1-8

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

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Sermon**

The Rev. Randolph C. Charles

*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 MAY 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, and for Saint James' Episcopal Church and School.

*Silence*

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

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 Carrie, Barbara, Saunee Hamlett, Thea Lancaster, Joey, Batie, Karen, Laura, George, Melba, Debbie, Dan, Meredith, Gina, Kendra, Carol, Marisa, Donna, Marie, Iris, and for those we now name...

*Silence*

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

Pray that they may find and be found by God.

*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**

*THE PEOPLE KNEEL AS THEY ARE ABLE.*

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

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

### **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 PRESIDERS SAYS THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE.*

**Offertory Anthem:** Rejoice Greatly – from Messiah

G.F. Handel (1685-1759) Bene' Giglio

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, thy King cometh unto thee!

He is the righteous Saviour, and He shall speak peace unto the heathen.

**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.*

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,

praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

## 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 might,  
8 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
15 he who comes in - the name of the Lord. Ho - 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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### Agnus Dei

*THE PEOPLE SING THE "AGNUS DEI."*

Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_ God, you take a - way the sins of the world;  
8 have \_\_\_\_\_ mer - cy on us. Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_ God, you take a-away the  
15 sins of the world: have \_\_\_\_\_ mer\_\_ cy\_\_ on us. Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_  
22 God, you take a-way the sins \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ the 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: 63** O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light

Verbum Supernum Prodiens

**Communion Hymn: 314** Humbly I Adore Thee

Adoro Te Devote

### 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: 53** Once He Came in Blessing

Gottes Sohn Ist Kommen

**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:** People Look East

arr. Kristina Langlois



**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.

**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.