

Sacred Stillness

ADVENT I
November 30, 2025 | 11:30 a.m.

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Pastor Jon Haug

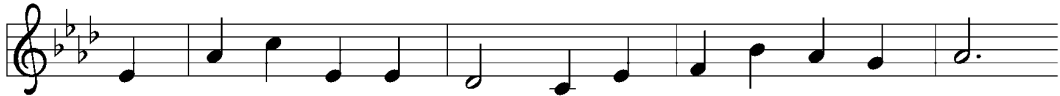
*GATHERING SONG

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers
Congregation stands to sing when cued.

C. E. PEERY
ELW HYMN 244



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom near;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.

*ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING

Let us pray. Faithful God, out of war's chaos, you bring the order of peace.

Renew us in hope, that we may work toward Christ's advent of peace among all nations. Amen.

*GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

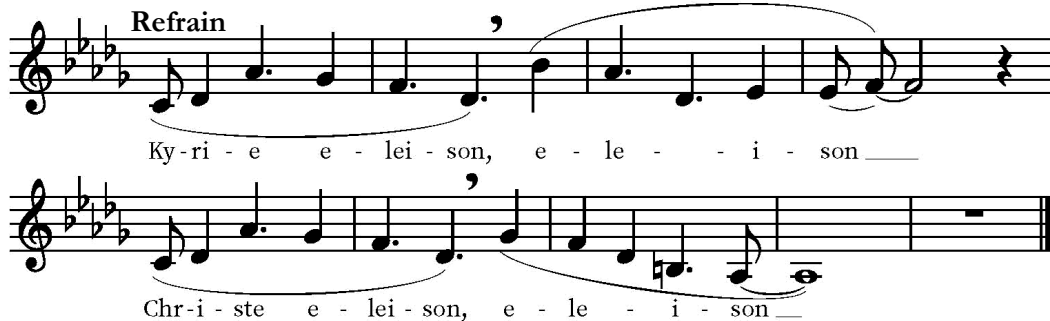
And also with you.

*KYRIE

S. JOHNSON

Refrain sung first by cantor - thereafter, all.

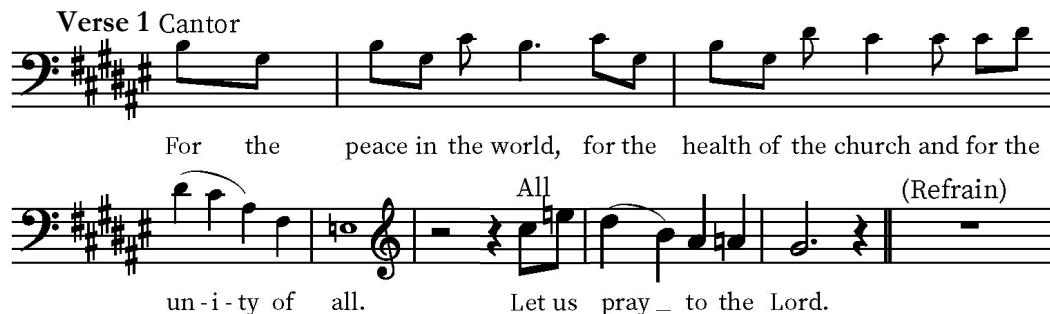
Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, e - le - - i - son ____

Chr-i - ste e - lei - son, e - le - i - son ____

Verse 1 Cantor

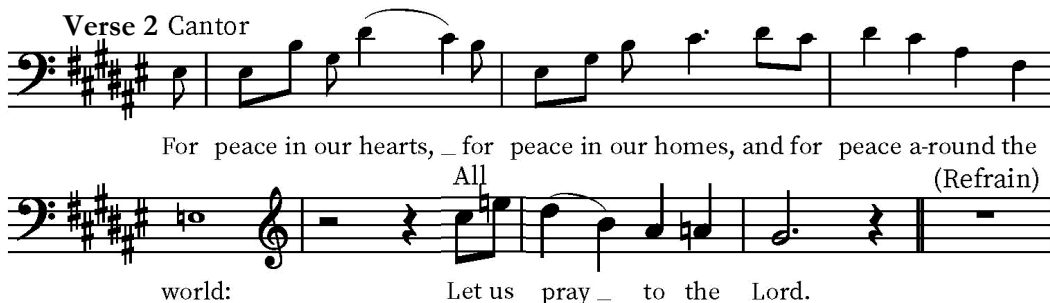


For the peace in the world, for the health of the church and for the

un-i - ty of all. All (Refrain)

Let us pray _ to the Lord.

Verse 2 Cantor



For peace in our hearts, _ for peace in our homes, and for peace a-round the

world: All (Refrain)

Let us pray _ to the Lord.

Music continues on next page...

Verse 3 Cantor

For your spi - rit to guide us, that you cen - ter our lives in the

All (Refrain)

wat - er and the world: Let us pray _ to the Lord.

Verse 4 ALL 3 (Refrain)

Help, save and de - fend us gra - cious God! _

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

PSALM 122

I Rejoiced

T. THOMSON

Refrain sung twice. 1st time by cantor, thereafter all. Verses sung by cantor.

Refrain

I re - joiced when I heard them say:

let us go to the house of the Lord.

Verses I rejoiced when they said to me: "Let us go to the house of the Lord today."
 And now we stand within your gates; my heart is glad and I will sing with joy! **Refrain**

Strongly built is Jerusalem, strongly built with unity and love.
 And it is there that the tribes go up, go up to the mountain of our God. **Refrain**

For the love of friends and fam'ly, may the peace f God be with you always.
 For the love of God's house, I will pray for you, will pray for your good! **Refrain**

*GOSPEL PROLOGUE

Holy one, soften our hearts and slow our racing minds to truly hear your living Word.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24:36-44

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

FIRST GLANCE

Gift of the Christ Child partners

SERMON

Pastor Paul Baglyos

SERMON RESPONSE

Let the words of my mouth
**and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord,
our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Chris Dawson

After each petition: God of grace,
hear our prayer.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven hal-low-ed be thy name. Thy king-dom
come, Thy will be done, on earth, As it is in hea - ven.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread And for-give us our tres - pass - ses
As we for-give Those who tres-pass a - gainst us.
And lead us not In-to temp - ta - tion And de-liv-er us from
ev - vil. For thine is the king - dom and the pow - er And the glo - ry for -
ev - er, and ev - er, and ev - er. A - men

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome here at God's table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine through the faith of those who gather. Jesus invites you to this meal that imparts God's free gift of grace.

We share the meal by intinction; as you approach the center you will be handed a wafer that you may dip into the wine or juice. Grape juice is in the smaller compartment, and gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

AGNUS DEI

MASS OF A JOYFUL HEART

Lamb of God

S. ANGRISANO

Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.
sins of the world: grant us peace.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Come, Emmanuel

T. THOMSON

Verses
1. Come, O God, with - in our hearts, with - in our souls.
2. Come, O Love, re - new our lives and guide our minds.
3. Come, O Light, and lead us on the road with you.
1. Come, O God, with heal-ing pow'r re - new us.
2. Come, O Love, in pow'r re - vive your peo - ple.
3. Come, O Light, dis - pel our deep-est dark - ness.

Music continues on next page...

Refrain

Come, O come, Em - man - u - el. O - pen our hearts, re -

new us. Come, O come, Em - man - u - el.

Come in love and make us whole once more.

POST-COMMUNION MEDITATION

*Les Petits Pas #1/
O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

BY B. ANDRÉS
ARR. M. METHENEY

*SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH SONG

There is a Longing

A. QUIGLEY

Refrain



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re-
veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our hearts for

Verses



love we on - ly find in you, our God.

1. For jus - tice,	
2. For wis - dom,	
3. For heal - ing,	
4. Lord save us,	



1. for free - dom,	for mer - cy:	hear our prayer.	In
2. for cour - age,	for com - fort:	hear our prayer.	In
3. for whole - ness,	for new life:	hear our prayer.	In
4. take pit - y,	light in our dark - ness.		We



to Refrain

1. sor - row,	in grief:	} be near, hear our prayer, O God.
2. weak - ness,	in fear:	
3. sick - ness,	in death:	
4. call you,	we wait:	

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord,
and live God's love in the world.

Please help us secure the parking in a timely manner and avoid any "lock-ups" by having your vehicles out of either the parking garage or church parking lot by 2:00 p.m. (Special events will have parking times listed)

To make a one-time donation or to start a recurring donation,
or for updates and events in and around St. John's,
scan the QR Code or visit www.stjohnslc.org
to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter.



GIFT OF THE CHRIST CHILD SPECIAL OFFERING



This advent season, we will collect our annual Gift of the Christ Child Special Offering! Amongst the numerous mission partners we encourage you to support are two we're highlighting this season - Saint John's Program for Real Change and the Central Downtown Food Basket.

Saint John's Program was born on the front steps of this church back in the 1980s, when members of this congregation saw unhoused women and children in need and decided to take action. Around the same time, the Central Downtown Food Basket came to life through a partnership of local churches — including St. John's! Head to the St. John's website to learn more about these organizations and how you can support them this Advent season.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider	Pastor Jon Haug
Preacher	Pastor Paul Baglyos
Assisting Minister	Chris Dawson
First Glance	Gift of the Christ Child partners
Lector	Elizabeth Huber
Piano/Organ	Steven Johnson
Harp	Dr. Jacquelyn Venter
Cantors in Rotation	Joel Barkel, Linda Bush, Heather Mercer, Kathryn Mercer, Eliseo Paniagua
Altar Guild	Jo Hoffmeier & Carolyn Munson
Eucharistic Servers	Debra Cribbins
Greeters	Bonnie Holmes-Gen, Kathy Martinson
Ushers	Mike & Sandy Kramer

ST. JOHN'S STAFF

Director of Missional Strategy	Rev. Paul Baglyos, Bridge Pastor
Director of Youth and Family	Rev. Jon Haug, Associate Pastor
Director of Worship & Music	Steven Johnson
Director of Communications and Community Engagement	Catherine Slabaugh
Director of Administration	Katherine Thorp
Associate Director of Volunteer Management	Joel Barkel
Associate Director of Worship & Music	Eliseo Paniagua
Property Staff	Matt Balara, Doug Droze, Julius Turner
Parish Nurse	Suzi Taylor
Organist	Dan Nguyen
Audio Technician	John Bologni
Video Technicians	Tim Reese, Esperanza Foft
Nursery Attendants	Amy Afoa, Helen Disho

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- What Is Blue Christmas? Adult Education Class
Sunday, December 7th | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall

All are invited to an Adult Education Class centered around Blue Christmas - a Sunday in part focused on grief and loss, with parts that are contemplative for those who are carrying pain or loss during this season of celebration. This class will be led by Parish Nurse Suzi Taylor.

- Hot Cocoa Social
Sunday, December 14th | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall

Gather in Oehler Hall on the 3rd Sunday of Advent for a Hot Cocoa Social! You're invited to wear your favorite Christmas attire as we enjoy cookies and cocoa.

- Santa Lucia Service & Festival
Sunday, December 14th | 4 p.m. | St. John's Lutheran Church

The annual and beloved Santa Lucia Worship Service and Festival is just around the corner! Following a breath-taking service featuring this year's High School Santa Lucia and her court, all are invited to walk to The Gathering Place for the Festival - complete with dancing, Scandinavian cookies, and joy-filled festivities!

- Christmas Caroling
Sunday, December 21st | 1 p.m. | Eskaton Land Park

Help bring Christmas joy to our neighbors at the Eskaton Land Park Retirement Community with Christmas Caroling! All musical abilities welcome, no prior singing experience needed. Come dressed in your festive attire and join the merriment!

TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

- Grapeful Jelly for Sale | Sundays in November-December | 10:15 a.m. | Courtyard

Grapeful Jelly is for sale! Sales will happen Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in the Courtyard from tomorrow through December 21st, \$5 a jar. Proceeds from jelly sales will directly benefit the St. John's Snack Stop! Not a jelly person? This year, there's an opportunity to purchase jelly for an individual in need. Purchase a jar of jelly and we'll pass it along to our partners at the Central Downtown Food Basket who give food to people in need throughout Sacramento.