



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

*The Second Sunday of Advent*  
*The Official Visitation of*  
*The Rt. Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall*  
*Bishop of Arizona*

The Rev. Timothy J. Yanni, *Rector*  
The Rev. Cn. Chuck Milhoan, *Deacon*

**Welcome to the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist!**  
**Whatever brought you here today is a good thing. Know that**  
**wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome in**  
**this place. If you would like more information about our**  
**wonderful church, please speak to an usher or member of**  
**the clergy. We are so glad to have you with us!**

*As the people gather, we ask that you remain mindful of the sacredness of this place. Please be courteous to those who wish to spend time in silent prayer before the service begins.*

*The Congregation's spoken parts are in the **bold** print.*

## **ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING**

*Presider:* We come to this season of Advent and gather around a wreath to light candles. This wreath reminds us of the circle of our human community and the lights that illuminate the many ways in which we bring ourselves to the Incarnation, God's longed-for presence — human and holy, Emmanuel — God with us and God coming to us.

*Reader* In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. the Word was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through the Word, and without the Word not one thing came into being. What has come into being was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the shadows and the shadows have not overcome it.

*Deacon* We remind ourselves that there has been much light in the world that has been extinguished and we acknowledge that we have let it happen.

We remember hopes that have been extinguished.  
(*A candle is extinguished*)

We can barely remember a time of peace.

*(A candle is extinguished)*

We have tried to protect our own joys and ignored the sorrows of others.

*(A candle is extinguished)*

We have let love go out and have not even lifted a hand to protect the flame.

*(A candle is extinguished)*

*Presider* Now we have not fresh wicks but crumpled ones, and yet we name and claim this truth:  
God gives us courage and compassion to re-light hope, peace, joy and love in our lives and our times.

*Reader* We are empowered by the advent of Emmanuel, God with Us, because of whom Isaiah prophesied no bruised reed would be broken nor dimly burning wick quenched until justice fills all that lives and grows.

*(The first candle is lighted)*

*Reader* We light the candle of Hope for earth and air and seas, for the creatures dwelling among us and the plants alive with God's Spirit.

*(The second candle is lighted)*

*People* **Emmanuel, we celebrate the Advent of the past with its precious words and traditions, and we light an Advent of new hope and peace for all the seasons of your children. Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*LEVAS #120*

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Bishop* Blessed are you, Holy and Living One.

*People* **You come to your people and set them free.**

*Bishop* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Bishop* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

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

*Bishop* 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.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **THE FIRST READING**

*Genesis 17:15-22*

Thus God said to Abraham, “Now as for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, for Sarah is (now) her name. And I will bless her, and indeed of her will I give you a son. And I will bless her, and she will become nations; rulers of people shall come into being from her.” Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed to himself, “Can a child be born to one a hundred years old? And can Sarah, ninety years old, give birth? Then Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael could live in your sight!” God said, “Nevertheless your wife Sarah shall give birth to a son for you, and you shall call his name Isaac. And I will establish my covenant with him, an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. Now as for Ishmael, I have heard you and I will bless him and make him fruitful and I will make him exceedingly, exceedingly numerous and he shall be the father of twelve chieftains, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall give birth to for you at this season next year.” And when God had finished speaking with him, God ascended from Abraham.

*Reader*        Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### **THE PSALM 78:1-7**

Give ear, my people, to my teaching;  
**Incline your ear to the utterances of my mouth.**

I will open my mouth in a proverb;  
**I will utter riddles from of old.**

Which we have heard and known,  
**And which our mothers and father have told us.**

We will not hide them from their daughters and sons;  
**We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds of She Who Speaks Life, and her might and the wonderful works she has done.**

She gave her decrees for Rebekah’s descendants and placed teaching among Sarah’s offspring,  
**Which she commanded their mothers and fathers to make known to their daughters and sons.**

In order that a coming generation, children yet to be, might know,  
**And will rise up and tell their daughters and sons.**

Then they will put their confidence in God,  
**And not forget the works of God, but will keep her commandments.**

## THE SECOND READING

*Romans 8:18-25*

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the daughters and sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the daughters and sons of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*Hymnal #508*

*Breathe on me, breath of God*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 1:39-45*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Mary set out in those days and went to the hill country with haste, to a Judean town. There she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. Now when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. From where does this visit come to me? That the mother of my Sovereign comes to me? Look! As soon as I heard the sound of your greeting in my ear, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Now blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of those things spoken to her by the Holy One."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

*The Rt. Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall, Bishop of Arizona*

## THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES

*Bishop* The Candidates for baptism will now be presented.

*The Presenters for Baptism say:*

We present Joseph O'dell Cline and Michael Drozewski to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Bishop* Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidates* I do.

*Bishop* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Bishop* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Bishop* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Bishop* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Bishop* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Bishop* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*Bishop* The other Candidates will now be presented.

*The Presenters for Confirmation say:*

We present Anne Elizabeth Berger, Joseph Odell Cline, Michael Drozewski, Nancy Drozewski, Joshua Janetzke-Meiner, Lynne Koster, Ramona Lewry, Joshua Narayana and Amanda Powell for Confirmation.

*The Presenters for Reception say:*

We present Janet Albright, John Albright, Nadine Bauer, Karen Connor, Nancy Elliston, Charles Lawson and MaryAnne Vermillion to be received into this Communion.

*The presenters for Reaffirmation say:*

We present Sharon Betts, who desires to reaffirm her baptismal vows.

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidates* I do.

*Bishop* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?  
*Candidates* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*The Bishop addresses the congregation saying,*  
Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will!**

*Bishop* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Bishop* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Bishop* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, Whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*Bishop* Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitments to Christ.

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep them in faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of your Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send them into the world to witness your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory..

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Bishop* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Bishop* The Lord be with you

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

*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Bishop* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we

pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

*The candidates are presented by name to the Bishop.*

*Bishop* N, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

*Bishop* Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these, your servants, the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage and will to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Bishop* N, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen!**

*Bishop* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*People* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

*Bishop* Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFIRMATIONS

*Bishop* Strengthen, O Lord, your servant, *N* with your Holy Spirit. Empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. **Amen.**

## THE RECEPTIONS

*Bishop* *N*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**



## THE REAFFIRMATIONS

*Bishop* N, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE OFFERTORY

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*LEVAS #11 Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord*

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*Eucharistic Prayer 3, Enriching Our Worship*



*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.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

*mp*  
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
*mp*  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
4  
Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.  
6  
*mp*  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
1  
*mp*  
Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

*The Bishop continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, we present to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made.

Therefore according to his command, O Father,

**Assembly**  
We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res - ur - rec - tion  
un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed John the Baptist, St. Francis, Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
We worship you and glorify you with our voices of unending praise.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

LEVAS #264

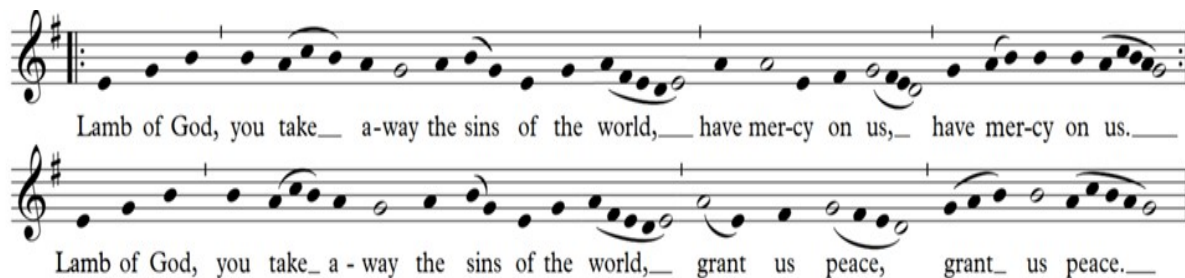
*Bishop* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say.

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debt,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever. Amen.**

## THE FRACTION

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread.*

## FRACTION ANTHEM



## THE INVITATION

*Bishop* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Hymnal #335*

*I am the bread of life*

*If you are unable to come to the altar for Communion,  
please signal to an usher and the Priest will bring it to you in your pew.*

## PRAYER FOR LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS *(as appropriate)*

*Deacon* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that \_\_\_\_\_ may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

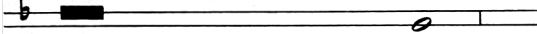
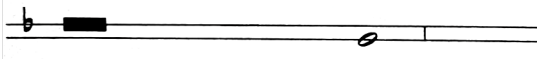
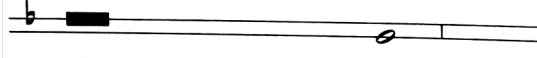

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread,  
one cup.**

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Bishop* Let us Pray

*All:* **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE PONTIFICAL BLESSING

<i>Bishop</i>	
	<b>Our help is in the Name of the Lord;</b>
<i>People</i>	
	<i>The maker of heaven and earth.</i>
<i>Bishop</i>	
	<b>Blessed be the Name of the Lord;</b>
<i>People</i>	
	<i>From this time forth for ever - more.</i>

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

## CLOSING HYMN

### Verse 1

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the one who waits.  
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

(Refrain)

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears,  
For the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.

### Verse 2

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me.  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn.

[Refrain]

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears,  
For the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.

### Verse 3

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
These are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. [Refrain]

Verse 4

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forbears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. [Refrain]

**THE DISMISSAL**

*The Deacon dismisses the people.*

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist congratulates:

**Joseph “Jazz” Odell Cline and Michael Drozewski**  
for receiving the sacrament of Baptism

**Anne Elizabeth Berger, Joseph “Jazz” Odell Cline, Michael Drozewski, Nancy Drozewski,  
Joshua Janetzke-Meiner, Lynne Koster, Ramona Lewry, Joshua Narayana and Amanda Powell**  
for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation

**Janet Albright, John Albright, Nadine Bauer, Karen Connor, Nancy Elliston, Charles Lawson  
and MaryAnne Vermillion**  
for being received into the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion

**Sharon Betts**  
for reaffirming her faith



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