

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CELEBRATION SERVICE
THE HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II
The Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022
10:45 A.M.

*You are welcomed whether you are a guest or a member,
and we invite you to join us in our worship of God.*

*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our clergy following the service.
We also invite you to please take a moment to sign our Guest Book which can be found at the Welcome
Center. This Service Bulletin contains all that you will need to worship with us this morning.
If you have a prayer request, please write it in the book that is located at the prayer desk in the north east
corner of the Parish Hall.*

Please note that this worship service will be recorded and live streamed.

*If you wish, you may remain out of the camera's view by sitting in the Chapel (stained glass window area.)
We want to honor and respect your privacy.*

***During the Season of Advent, our Community of Faith invites you to help us prepare for Christ's birth
through your participation in the age-old tradition of nesting. As you arrive please pick up a raffia twist
found in the Narthex.***

Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us during this Advent Season.

During these four weeks before Christmas, the Church stops to prepare for the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Advent bridges the past and the future, and brings them into the present. Advent is a time of the Christ who was, who is, and who is to come. Christ is seen not only as a child born of Mary, crucified and resurrected, nor as the fulfillment of all things, but as an active presence here and now. Christ stirs power from the past and hope from the future, to begin his Messianic reign in the present, which begins in the hearts of those who follow the Christ.

Even as we look at our liturgical environment, we see that it echoes what nature herself displays. Indeed, Advent is that inky blue hour between night and day, between the deep purple darkness and the light, when we know in our hearts that indeed “the dawn from on high will break upon us.” It is the messenger before the day of God, as John the baptizer was the messenger before Jesus, calling people in darkness to increase in light of love, and bear fruit worthy of repentance.

It is only through our waiting and preparation, listening to the Word proclaimed, and partaking of the Sacraments that we are able to reply with Mary, “Let it be with me according to your word.” Only then will the golden dawn of the future for which we yearn begin to break forth in all of its splendor.

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask anyone around you for help.

I hope to meet you before or after worship but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate so we can connect with you.

Again welcome to you and your family.

Happy Advent,

Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +

Rector

+ THE GATHERING RITE +

Voluntary: “Lo, How a Rose is Blooming”

Johannes Brahms

Welcome and Announcements

See Insert

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.

DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

Somos una comunidad Cristiana que da la bienvenida con entusiasmo y acogedor, comprometida con la unidad de toda la gente con Dios a través de Cristo.

Moment of Silence

At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray, or engage in other silent activity. At the tolling of the bell, please stand and face the entrance.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

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

Confession of Sin

Presider Repent, for the kingdom of God has come near. – *Matthew 3:2*

Presider Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **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.

People **Amen.**

The congregation is invited to follow the Ministers of the Liturgy to the Altar and place their raffia twists in the manger, then return to their places. Please remain standing.

Gathering Song: “Prepare Ye”

Stephen Schwartz



Gathering Hymn: "Prepare the Way O Zion"

Bereden väg för Herran

Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near! ____
He bringss God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove. ____
Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace. ____

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear. ____
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice ,truth, and love. ____
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place. ____

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy ____ a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will ____ a - dore ____ him.

Oh blest is Christ ____ that came ____ in God's most ho - ly name. ____

Collect for 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.**



Please be seated.

Children's Moment

During the singing of O Come, O Come Emmanuel, the children are invited to gather around the Advent Candles at the Altar.

Hymn of Light: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Veni, veni, Emmanuel



O come O come, thou Lord of might,
O come, thou branch of Jesse's tree
who to thy tribes on Sion's height,
free them from Satan's tyranny
in ancient times didst give the law
that trust thy mighty power to save,
in cloud and majesty and awe.
and give them victory over the grave.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Advent family Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. Your messenger, John the Baptist called the people to prepare the Lord's way, by preaching a baptism of repentance; for the kingdom of heaven has come near. As we light these candles may the refiner's fire purify us of sin, baptize us with the fire of your Spirit and bring the good work begun in us to completion by the day of Jesus Christ: for he is our light and salvation.

People **Blessed be God forever.**



Light two can-dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is-ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

Please be seated.

The Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

Lector A Reading from The Book of 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**



Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation: "On Jordan's Bank"

Winchester New



On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tists cry an - noun - ces that the Lord is nigh;
Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make straight the way for God with - in,
For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our ref - uge, and our great re - ward;
To heal the sicke stretch out thine hand and bid the fall - en sin - ner stand;
All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free;



a - wake and heark - en for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
and let each heart pre - pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
with - out thy grace we waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
shine forth and let thy light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Please remain standing.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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."

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

Gospel Response: Alleluia

S. Chard



A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu, A - le - lu - ia.



A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu, A-le - lu *(rit.)* - ia.

Please be seated.

Sermon

St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra (William Kenney)



Please stand.

During the Season of Advent, we will sing our faith using a Kenyan form of the Creed thus uniting us with Christians of other places, times and cultures. *Ninasadiki means "I believe."

Nicene Creed: "Ninasadiki"



I be - lieve in God, the al - mighty, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
And con - ceived by the Ho - ly Spir - it, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
Tru - ly hu - man, he lived a - mong us, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
On the third day he rose tri - um - phant, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
He shall come once more then to judge us, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
I ac - knowl - edge one ho - ly bap - tism, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,



who cre - a - ted earth and the heav - ens, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
he was born of the vir - gin Mar - y, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
and he suf - fered much un - der Pi - late, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
as was proph - e - sied in the scrip - tures, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
and his king - dom shall have no end - ing, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
and for - give - ness, par - don for sin - ners, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,



and in Je - sus, God's son from heav - en, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
to the earth he came as a ba - by, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
he was cru - ci - fied, died, was bur - ied, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
he as - cend - ed then up to heav - en, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
I be - lieve in one Ho - ly Spir - it, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
I ex - pect one great res - ur - rec - tion, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,



of e - ter - nal love, the be - got - ten, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.
born for us and for our sal - va - tion, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.
he de - scend - ed down in - to hell, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.
and shall come a - gain in great glo - ry, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.
I be - lieve in one ho - ly church, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.
and the life of the world to come, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.

Prayers of the People

During the season of Advent, we invite you to write your prayers on the slips of paper provided in the envelope holders in front of each chair. Please bring your prayers forward with you as you receive communion and deposit them in the receptacles at the head of the center aisle.

Peace

Presider God will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him with their hearts
The peace of our Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

+ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +

Please be seated.

Offertory Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's Name; bring offerings and come into God's courts. *Psalm 96:8*

During the Offering in Song, please sign the Canterbury Connection Cards in the service bulletin and kindly drop it in the wicker basket with your offering.

To submit your offering electronically, text the amount you would like to give to 405-645-6608 or go to "bit.ly/Give SAC" in your browser and follow the instructions. Thank You.

Offering in Song: "O Come O Come Emmanuel"

arr. Sufjan Stevens

Please stand.

During Advent, the congregation is invited to turn and face the entrance which is toward the eastward direction of Bethlehem and the rising sun.

Presentation Song: "Soon and Very Soon"

Andrae Crouch



Please remain standing.
The Great Thanksgiving

Tune: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And with you His servant.**

Presider Lift up your hearts unto the Lord
People **With hearts uplifted, thanks to Him we render:
With joy we come before Him.
In gratefulness implore Him.
With thankful hearts adore Him evermore!**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory for ever praising you as we sing,

Sanctus

Tune: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!
Heav'n and earth cannot contain all the glory of your name!**

**Hail, Hosanna, God most high! Blest is He who now draws nigh.
In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing;**

Hail, Hosanna! Praises due, be forever, Lord, to you.

Please stand or kneel.
Eucharistic Prayer 3

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, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death,
Rising, you restored our life,
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

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 the blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint Augustine of Canterbury, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

Fraction Anthem: "O Come O Come Emmanuel"

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Re - jice! Re - jice! E - man u - el
shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.



Communion Distribution

For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your row and receive the bread at the head of the center aisle. Then turn and walk to the chalice bearers to receive wine, and continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.

All are welcome to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table. Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.

To receive bread, hold your palms upward. It is helpful if you guide the cup to your mouth. If you wish to receive the bread dipped in wine, leave the bread in the palm of your hand and the chalice bearer will dip it for you.

Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread and wine to you. If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn: "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

Helmsley

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending, once for
Every eye shall now behold him, robed in
Those dear tokens of his passion still his
Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on
our salvation slain; thousand thousand
dreadful majesty; those who set at
dazzling bodily bears, cause of endless
thine eternal throne; Savior, take the
saints attending swell the triumph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
exultation to his ransomed worship
pow'r and glory; claim the kingdom for thine
train: Alleluia! Alleluia!
tree, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
ers; with what rapture, with what rapture,
own: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.
deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.
with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!
Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Communion Meditations: “Amen, Amen” *Kate & Neil Robins Sojourn Community Church, Co. 2003*
“Ososo (Come Now, O Prince of Peace)” *Geonyong Lee*

+ THE SENDING RITE +

Please stand.

Post-Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Presider 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. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider As we await our coming Savior, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: “In Dulci Jublio”

BWV 729 by J.S. Bach

*You are cordially invited to the Commons Area for refreshments following the service,
so that we may get to know you.*

*Today’s Altar Flowers are given by Angelique and Ron Chamberlain
in honor and memory of Cordelia Herring.*

We invite those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries to gather in the side chapel after the service.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessing

Presider Let us pray.

People **O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on those who begin another year. Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+ PRAYER LIST +

For those with medical issues and other concerns: *Pamela, Evelyn and Eric Thrower, The Lorange Family, Annie Mae Miller, Debbie and Al Hamilton, Mike Hodges, Reggie Egins, Jada Smiley, Will Havins, Shiloh Kile, James L. Henry, Jim Henry, Stephanie Holladay, Judy Reeder, Richard Stuhr, Robby Housh, Gavin Marshall, Mackenzie Flick, Jason Eliot, Jackie Watson, Khalil Franklin, Mary Ortiz, Pamela Hernandez Angelino, Ann Merritt, Terry Cannon, The Rev. Kay Boman-Harvey, Dorene Peel, Ladina Justus, Barbara Hendricks, Mason, Daniel, Tabitha, Erlinda, Lamar, DaShaun, Ashley, Lamar, Antonia Duenez Estrada, Charlotte Cascio, Beverly Davis, Bill Hoover, David Rios Montero, Manuel Estrada, Maria Carmen de la Torre, Inna Jones, Vermit Jones, Valentina Gopanyako, Nick Gopanyako, Selena Estrada. Gavin Marshall, Ryan Spillars, Bill Hodges, Jessica, Beverly Davis, AimeeAnn, The Inselman Family, P.J. Nelson,*

Robin Troutman, Bruce, Jay, Winston, Edit, Jonna, Yvonne, Bridget, Marsha & Leonard Cayton, Deb Krausse, Steve Bauer, Arnie Stromberg, Teresa Stromberg, Karen Koch, Scott Mills, Bill Kerr.

For those in the military: *Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfro, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Simon Liszeski, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Andrew Long, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Stephen Liszeski, Ted Liszeski, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stienl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf, our troops at home and abroad and their families.*

Birthdays: *Matthew Lapolla, Jennifer Robbins, Sherry Dale, Boyd Maser, Andy Matias, Parker Inselman, Gus Cook*

Anniversaries: *Mackenzie and Chancen Flick, Judy and Mark Heaney*

Deaths: *Crispina Herrera, David Bowen, Noma*

Those Traveling: *Charlie*

Thanksgivings and Blessings: *Charlie, Kyle and Walter*

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *St. John's, Woodward and Grace, Yukon*

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Today, Sunday December 4, 2022 – The Second Sunday in Advent

Presider: The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Guest Preacher: Bill Kenney A.K.A. St. Nicholas

Crucifer: Sergio Martinez

Acolytes: Maelynn Dexter Westmoreland and Caleb Alsay

Eucharistic Ministers: Gil Haas and Jay Kyte

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Staff Musicians: Scott Chard, Guy Nembhard, Karena Van Horn

Trumpet: Randy Polk

Organist: John Stephen Potter

Greeters: Elizabeth Covell, Claudia Rios-Estrada and Sarah Stuhr

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Sound: Eric Brimley

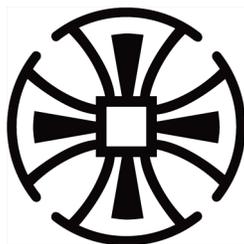
Video Team: Josh Eliot and Bri McGhee

Altar Guild: Mary Andrews and Judy Montgomery

+ THIS IS OUR STORY +

Today is the feast of St. John of Damascus. He was born in ~675 AD in Damascus, and he is the patron saint of pharmacists, icon painters, and theology students. He was one of the Fathers of the Eastern Orthodox Church, and he is best known for his strong defense of icons. He composed several hymns which are still used in Orthodox, Episcopal, and western Lutheran churches at Easter (Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain is in our hymnal). His Arab Christian father desired that he study not only Muslim texts, but Greek texts as well. John used his knowledge of the Koran to substantiate his harsh criticisms of it. As Muslims progressively occupied the Byzantine Empire, the Emperor of Constantinople issued an edict barring the veneration of icons. In response, John raised a vigorous defense of the holy images. In retaliation, the emperor sent forged documents to the Muslim caliph which implicated John in a plot to attack Damascus. The caliph subsequently ordered John's right hand to be cut off. Some days afterwards, John prayed fervently to the icon of St. Theotokos, and shortly thereafter, his hand was said to have been miraculously restored.

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Wednesday – Holy Eucharist – 12 Noon

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