

SAINT JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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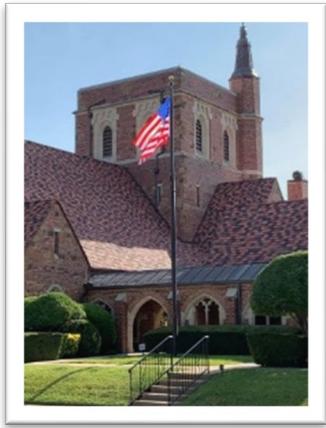
THE HOLY EUCHARIST – 9:00 AM



November 28, 2021
The First Sunday of Advent

Welcome from the Rector,

Greetings on behalf of our vestry leadership and the people of St. John's.



St. John's is a community of faith formed and nurtured by its worship, love, and Christian service. St. John's Church was founded October 1924. Our current sanctuary was built in 1953.

We work hard to articulate the historic faith of Anglican Christianity and practice the liturgical customs and traditions of the historic Book of Common Prayer. St. John's is driven by a love for Jesus Christ, fidelity to Holy Scripture, to sacred Tradition where the historic faith was birthed and formed and to the continual pursuit of Truth guided by divine revelation.

We use the **Book of Common Prayer 1928** at 7:30 am Wednesday morning in the chapel (followed by breakfast at the Old Neighborhood Grill, 1617 Park Place Avenue), 6:00 pm Saturday afternoon, and 8:00 am Sunday morning. On Sunday morning 9:00 am we use the **Book of Common Prayer 2019** and at 11:15 am the **Book of Common Prayer 2019** "Traditional Rite".

Our **Mission Statement** reads: "*With God's grace, St John's Church is seeking to be a welcoming community living the Christian faith, dedicated to the work of Jesus Christ, through reverent worship of Almighty God, exercising daily prayer, providing fellowship, Christian formation, and outreach, that by faithful stewardship we will take the message of Christ into the world through our daily lives.*"

St. John's is a Parish of the Anglican Communion, the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) and the Episcopal/Anglican Diocese of Fort Worth. Our Bishop is the Right Reverend Ryan S. Reed, SSC, D.D.

God bless you for being with us this morning.

Fr. David F. Klein, Rector
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Gathering of the People – Opening Hymn

Please talk to God before Mass and to each other afterwards. The opportunity for people to prepare properly for worship by saying their prayers before the service begins is of the greatest importance.

Prelude “Air in F Major” **George Frederic Handel**

Opening Hymn 290 “Come, ye thankful people, come” **St. George’s Windsor**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Procession of the Cross and ministers and clergy occur during the Opening Hymn. The People standing. The Celebrant begins the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

Opening Acclamation

Prayer Book 123

Celebrant: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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

The Celebrant prays the Collect of Purity.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Then follows the Summary of the Law. The Celebrant says.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie Eleison S-91

Healey Willan

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Celebrant says to the People.

The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant offers the following prayer.

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.**

Please be seated for the hearing of God's Word.

The Lessons from Holy Scripture

First Reading – Zechariah 14:3-9. Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward. And you shall flee to the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. On that day there shall be no light, cold, or frost. And there shall be a unique day, which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but at evening time there shall be light. On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter. And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 50:1-6

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

- 1 The LORD, even the most mighty God, has spoken *
and called the world, from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof.
- 2 ***Out of Zion, perfect in her beauty, ****
has God shone forth in glory.
- 3 Our God shall come and shall not keep silence; *
there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.
- 4 ***He shall call to the heavens above, ****
and to the earth beneath, that he may judge his people:
- 5 “Gather my faithful together unto me, *
those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”
- 6 ***And the heavens shall declare his righteousness, ****
for God himself is Judge.

Reader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

People: *as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.*

Amen

New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13 But now that Timothy has come to us from you and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you— for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. For now, we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 66 “*Come, thou long expected Jesus*”

Stuttgart

The Gospel Book is processed out to the congregation.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are:

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

The Reading of the Holy Gospel

All standing, the Priest reads the Gospel,

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to

St. Luke 21:25-33 “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Please be seated.

The Nicene Creed

Prayer Book 127

Please stand. The Celebrant introduces the Nicene Creed, saying

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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**

The Prayers of the People

Prayer Book 128

Please kneel. The person appointed says

Let us pray for the Church and for her mission in the world, saying “hear our prayer.”

Pause

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For *Foley*, our Archbishop, and *Ryan*, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially *Joseph*, our President, *Greg*, our Governor, and *Mattie*, our Mayor.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

We pray for our world that faces so much darkness and violence. We pray for the people suffering war conditions and the threat of war. We pray for our government and military leaders at every level to have clear minds to respond to bring peace. We pray that all people can walk the path of peace, the path of forgiveness, the path of equality.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Today's Gospel reminds us that all time and all history has been moving to its fulfillment in Christ's return. Today, Jesus urges us to be vigilant, and spiritually awake, avoiding preoccupation with the worries of this world but rather strive for the life eternal.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially those on our Parish Prayer List and all in need of God's healing and helping hand. Praying especially for: **Hugh, Lou, Felicia, Wanda, Jim, Diane, Glenna, Ann, Ron, Vivian, Cindy, Vic, Courtney, Katie, Marie... Scott, Beth, Randy, Melissa, Taylor, Joni & Chelsea, Amanda, Mike.**

We pray for all medical professionals, first responders, and health care personnel and workers, *especially* **Dr. Kate Stevens, Dr. Chris Stevens, Dr. Will Lowe, Dr. Thomas Truelson, Dr. Mariana Yager, Becky Fry, Allysa Slaughter, Renee Lavelle, Abby Blakely, Bryan Blakely, Christy Merritt, Robyn Virden, Dr. Jeff Paetz, Grace Beaupré, Fr. Bob Bosworth, and Mallory Parkey.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, especially... let us pray.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes with an appropriate Collect.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Prayer Book 130

The Celebrant says the following.

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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.**

The Celebrant stands and says the Absolution.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

Announcements. Following the preparation of the Altar.

Offertory

“Emmanuel”

Allen Pote

380 v.3 The Great Doxology

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Liturgy of the Altar

Prayer Book 132

The People standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says.

The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here the Celebrant prays the Proper Preface of the season. Then continues...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus S-125

Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Prayer of Consecration

The People kneel. The Celebrant continues.

Prayer Book 132

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

“Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time,

put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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**

The Celebrant then says.

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

Celebrant and People together pray.

Prayer Book 134

**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.***

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. The Celebrant says.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast**

Celebrant and People together pray.

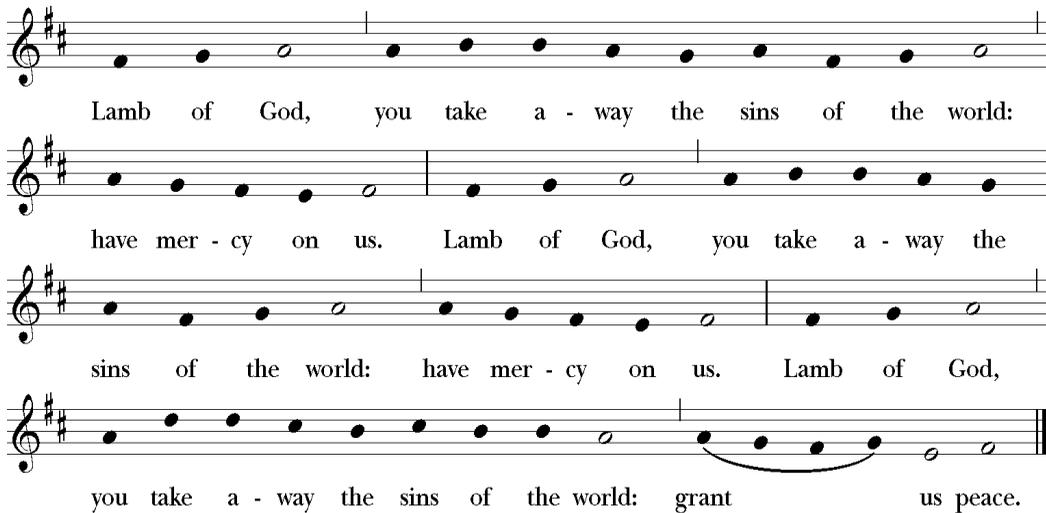
Prayer Book 135

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,**

but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord
whose property is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

Celebrant and People sing the Agnus Dei. S-161

David Hurd



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

Administration of Holy Communion

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in this sacrament with faith and thanksgiving. Amen
or this

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

The clergy and lay servers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately administer the Blessed Sacrament to the People.

Communion Hymn 314 “Humbly, I adore thee”

After Communion and during the ablutions of the Altar the following hymn is sung.

1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
3 O - me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,
who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:
lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,
tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); sts. 1-3, tr. *Hymnal 1940*; Copyright © The Church Pension Fund; st. 4, tr. *Hymnal 1982* Music: *Adoro devote*, French church melody, Mode 5, *Processionale*, 1697; acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

The Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

After Communion and the Altar is cleared, the Celebrant says.

If the service is being streamed the following prayer for Spiritual Communion is offered with faith and desire.

For Spiritual Communion for those participating online.

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.** 2019 BCP p. 677.

The Celebrant then prays with those present.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together pray.

Prayer Book 137

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Blessing

The Celebrant gives the blessing of God

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

Recessional Hymn 58

“Lo! He comes, with clouds descending” St. Thomas

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,
 bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;

swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,
 claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: St. Thomas, melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. att. Vincent Francis Novello (1781-1861)

The Dismissal of the People of God to service and prayer

After the Altar Candles have been extinguished the Priest dismisses the People.

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Postlude on ‘Stuttgart’”

Paul Bryan

PARISH NEWS

Weekly News for the Family and Friends of St. John's Church

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MEMORIALS & PRAYER

MEMORIALS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF ALMIGHTY GOD...

- † **THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** – During the season of Advent flowers are not on the altar.
- † **THE LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** - During the season of Advent flowers are not on the altar.
- † **THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** – given in the glory of God.
- † **THE DE PROFUNDIS BELL** – given in loving memory of Alma Faye Cearley by Kendall and Marty Smith and in loving memory of Jack Fry by Olga Fry.
- † **PRAYER LIST (3-wk cycle)** : Hugh, Lou, Felicia, Wanda, Jim, Diane, Glenna, Ann, Ron, Vivian, Cindy, Vic, Courtney, Katie, Marie... Scott, Beth, Randy, Melissa, Taylor, Joni & Chelsea, Amanda, Mike.
- † **THE MINISTRY OF THE FORT WORTH PREGNANCY CENTER**
- † **THE CHILDREN AND STAFF AT COOK MEDICAL CENTER**
- † **MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS:** Dr. Kate Stevens, Dr. Chris Stevens, Dr. Will Lowe, Dr. Thomas Truelson, Dr. Mariana Yager, Becky Fry, Allysa Slaughter, Renee Lavelle, Abby Blakely, Bryan Blakely, Christy Merritt, Robyn Virden, Dr. Jeff Paetz, Grace Beaupré, Fr. Bob Bosworth, Ph.D, and Mallory Parkey.
- † **FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**
- † **FOR THOSE TRAVELING:**
- † **BIRTHDAYS:** Emma Fort (2)
- † **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Jordan and Faith Garrett (29)

Visitors' Information

Visitor's Card

Help us get to know you! Please fill out a Visitor's Card, located at Pews and place it in the Offering Plate or hand it to one of the clergy.

Hospitality

"Coffee Hour" is after the 9:00 am mass.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer cards are in each pew for your prayer needs. To access the parish prayer chain, email the office@stjohnsfortworth.com or call 817-927-5341.

Counseling Office

Fr. Bob Bosworth, Ph.D. Pastoral Associate is on staff as a licensed Clinical Pastoral Counselor for individual, marriage, and family counseling. Hours are Tues and Fri 10am-7pm and Sat 10am-4pm. Appointment required. Call 859-475-4475 or visit: Dr-Bosworth.com

How to Join St. John's?

If you are Anglican or Episcopalian and wish to join St. John's, we will process a letter of transfer. If you are from a denomination, we will let you know when the next Inquirers Class begins. If you are not yet baptized, please see Fr. Klein.

Low-Gluten Hosts

St. John's offers low-gluten (less than 0.01%) communion wafers on request.

If you are gluten intolerant, please speak with the clergy.

Parish Contact Information

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Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Closed for Lunch

12:00—1:30 PM

Worship Services and Rites

Sat Vigil: 6:00 pm Lady Chapel.

Sunday Morning: 8:00, 9:00, 11:15,

Wed Morning: 7:30 am Lady Chapel.

Our Vestry

Sr. Warden - Tom Ward 2022

Jr. Warden - Gerald Gregory 2023

Clerk - Rusty Wood 2023

Vestry Members: Jacob Belk 2023, Bob Hampton 2024, Don Lange 2024, Erik Leaseburg 2022, Jason Merritt 2024, Donnie Muennink 2022, Christina Pavlovsky 2024, Sarah Stringer 2022, Patrick Wells 2023.

Treasurer

Bob Hampton

Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Gerald Gregory

Jason Merritt

Tom Ward

Next Vestry Meeting in Guild Parlor
is Tuesday, **NOV 30** at 7:00 PM.

Current Announcements

Receiving the Precious Blood of Christ.

The Chalice has been restored to receive the Precious Blood of Christ by either intinction or directly from the chalice. *One chalice* is reserved for intinction. A *second chalice* is for drinking from the chalice directly.

If you want to receive by intinction please keep the sacred host in your open hand and the chalice-bearer will take the host and dip a small portion of it carefully in the Precious Blood and place the host on your tongue.

If you want to receive directly from the Chalice after consuming the host the chalice-bearer will gently guide the chalice for you.

Of course, you are always invited to receive just the host alone. When at the Altar rail, after receiving the host cross your arms and the chalice-bearer will move to the next person.

HEALTHY PROTOCOLS

Please remember that you can wear a mask when at St. John's for worship and activities. Please use sanitizing

stations and protocols for receiving from the chalice. Follow common sense. Stay safe! Stay healthy!

Reopening of the Nursery: We want to re-open the nursery. *The nursery attendants we had before the pandemic were with us faithfully for over 30 years.* With their retirement we are now looking for replacements.

CGS Atriums open for preschool – 5th grade after the 9:00 am service. **Children will gather in the hall behind the organ with a catechist after receiving Holy Communion and will go back into the atriums.**

Teen Formation open for 6th grade through high school after the 9:00 am service. **Brianna Wilcox, Jacob Belk and Patrick Wells.** Class will meet in the Green Room.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: **“The Prophet Joel.”** Fr. Klein is leading a study on prophets of the Old Testament on Wed 9:30-10:30 am. Please join us!

Bell Choir Rehearsal: Practice is on **Thursdays. 6:00 pm is the bell choir and 7:00 pm is the chancel choir.** Join us. Alan Potts

A Stewardship Moment...

On this first Sunday of Advent, the Gospel reading depicts Jesus warning his followers about the end-time. He urges them to pray, be vigilant, spiritually awake, avoid self-

indulgence, spiritual malaise, and a preoccupation with anxiety. A serious problem that is present in our “pandemic culture.” These will not matter when the Lord asks for an account of our stewardship at the end of our life. Stewards realize their lives are not just about the here and now. They know themselves to be reflections of God’s active presence in the world and witnesses of the Lord’s promises. As we begin this season of reflection and hope, let us think on the practical effect of having every waking moment in our lives dedicated to the Lord

Anointing in Chapel



TODAY we return to our schedule of offering prayer and anointing at the 9:00 am and 11:15 am services. This is done by one of the clergy in the Chapel immediately after you have received Holy Communion. If you need anointing, please go into the Chapel.

The Season of Advent

The season of Advent marks the time of spiritual preparation with a twofold focus: to celebrate the birth of our Savior; and to pray for his Second Coming in glory. Advent means “to come” in Latin.

Advent begins on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (Nov. 30). It spans the four Sundays before Christmas. The “*alleluias*” are not said or sung. The *Gloria in excelsis* is replaced with the *Kyrie eleison*.

The **ADVENT WREATH** is a circle, which has no beginning or end. It reminds us how our lives, here and now, participate in the eternity of God plan of salvation and how we hope to share eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. The wreath is made of fresh greens and fresh greens are on the altar because Christ came to give us new life through His passion, death, and resurrection.

Three purple candles symbolizing Advents themes of penance, preparation, and sacrifice. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, which is **Gaudete Sunday**, Latin for “rejoice.” The Third Sunday reminds us of the joy that Jesus brings to all who devote their life to him. The white candle in the center represents Jesus, who entered this world to scatter the darkness of evil and provide the light that leads to righteousness and salvation. The progression of lighting candles shows our increasing readiness to meet our Lord. It is a custom of families to have an Advent wreath at home, light it at dinner time or any time for prayer and devotions. This tradition will help us stay focused on the true meaning of Christmas.

In all, during Advent we strive to increase our longing for Jesus and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of His coming may find us rejoicing in His presence and welcoming the light of His truth.

Advent Offerings!

Daughters of the Holy Cross Advent Gathering. Today at **3:00 pm**, the Daughters will hold their annual Advent meditation at Dorothy and Gerald Gregory's home, 6436 Drury Lane, Fort Worth, Texas 76116. Fr Klein will lead us in an Advent Meditation joined by fellowship. Please join us!

ADVENT SEASON TEACHING.

Our Advent teaching this year will be on the "Letter to the Hebrews." This Letter presents a striking imagery of

the nature and work of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please join **Fr. Randall Foster** for a study of this fascinating New Testament book as we prepare for the coming of our King and great High Priest! **Beginning Sunday, Nov 28.**

VESTRY MEETING DATE

CHANGE. Please note the date change of this month's vestry meeting! It is now **Tuesday, November 30th** at 7:00 pm in the Guild Parlor.

REV'D CANON DR. ROBERT BOSWORTH HOLDERS OF HOPE AWARD CEREMONY.

Thursday, December 9th, at 5:00 PM, an awards ceremony will be held to recognize various leaders who have committed to inspiring and supporting the community, thus being a Holder of

Christmas Season Schedule

Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec 19, 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve

Family Service 4:00 pm – Children's Homily

Midnight Mass – 10:30 Carol sing with Choir and Mass beginning at 11:00 pm.

Christmas Day

Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 am.

The Twelve Days of Christmas

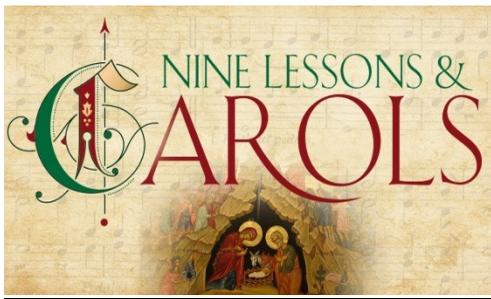
The First Sunday of Christmas, Dec 26, 8:00 am and 10:00 am.

January 1, 2022 NO VIGIL MASS

The Second Sunday of Christmas, Jan 2, 8:00 am and 10:00 am.

The Feast of the Epiphany, Jan 6, 10:00 am in Chapel

Hope for one another. This award is named for our very own Rev. Dr. Robert Bosworth, as he has exemplified hope and charity throughout his counseling ministry. Please keep Fr. Bob, Bettie, and the award recipients in your thoughts and prayers as the ceremony approaches. If you would like to attend the ceremony, please RSVP to Esther Scott at 817-807-0058.



We will celebrate the historic Anglican liturgy of “Nine Lessons and Carols” on Sunday, Dec 19th at 5:00 pm. Plan to be with us!

NEW ROTA SCHEDULES. We are currently working on the new Rota schedules for December. If you are going to be unavailable at any time from Christmas through January 1st, please contact the parish office and let us know.

Service Rota

First Sunday in Advent: Nov 28

Ben Leaseburg - Acolyte
David Leaseburg - Acolyte

Tom Ward - Chalice
Mike Beaupre - Chalice
Bill Kendell - Reader
Bill Kendell – Prayers
George Joe – Usher
-Usher

Donut Sunday

Sun, 11:15 AM

Lucas Smith - Acolyte
- Acolyte
Clay Slaughter - Chalice
Donnie Muennink - Chalice
Monty Muennink - Reader
Dorian Johnson – Prayers
Tom Leaverton – Usher
Steve Sparks – Usher
Vestry: Gerald Gregory and Bob Hampton

Second Sunday in Advent: Dec 5

Sun, 9:00 AM

Michael Leaseburg - Acolyte
- Acolyte
Clay Slaughter - Chalice
Tom Ward - Chalice
Brianna Wilcox - Reader
Kristy Leaseburg – Prayers
Patrick Wells – Usher
Will Lowe -Usher

Donut Sunday

Sun, 11:15 AM

- Acolyte
- Acolyte
Sarah Stringer - Chalice
Clifford Bronson - Chalice
Becca Stupfel - Reader

– Prayers

Mike Pavlovsky – Usher

Rusty Wood – Usher

Vestry: Rusty Wood and Erik

Leaseburg.