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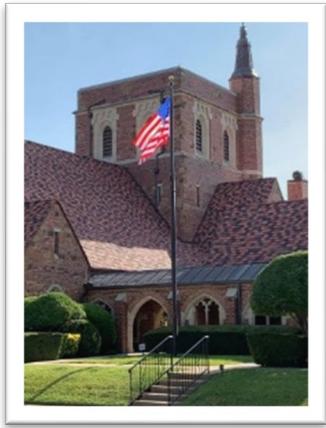
THE HOLY EUCHARIST – 9:00 AM



December 5, 2021
The Second 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

“Prelude in D Minor”

J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn 657 “Love divine, all loves excelling”

Hyfrydol

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever

hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lessons from Holy Scripture

First Reading – Malachi 3:1-5. “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

1 When the LORD overturned the captivity of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

2 *Then was our mouth filled with laughter **
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, *
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

4 *Indeed, the LORD has done great things for us already, **
whereof we rejoice.

5 Overturn our captivity, O LORD, *
as when streams refresh the deserts of the south.

6 *Those who sow in tears* *
shall reap with songs of joy.

7 He who goes on his way weeping and bears good seed *
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with
him.

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 Corinthians 4:8-21

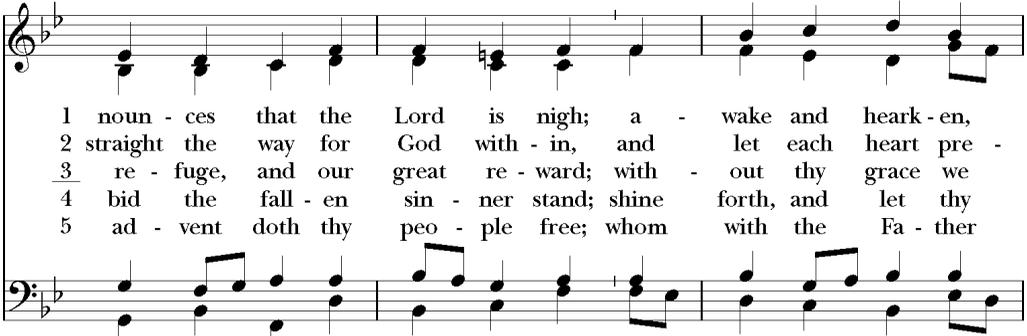
Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you! For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things.

I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me. That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church. Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power. For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power. What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

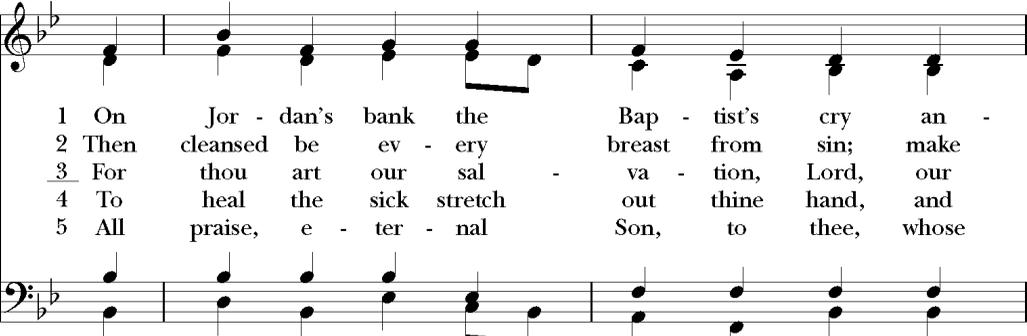
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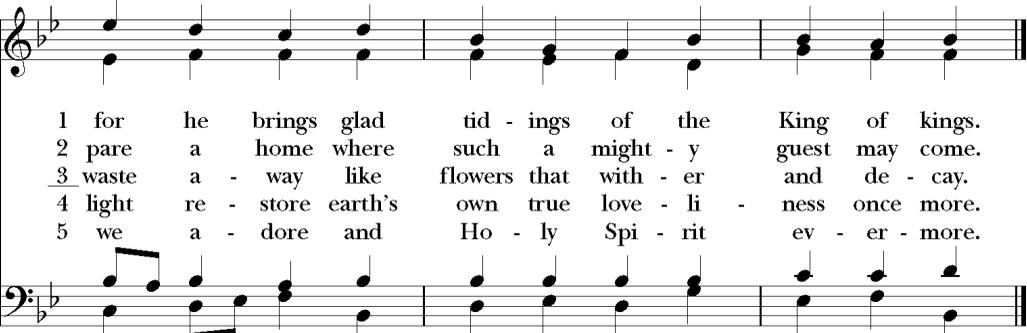
Sequence Hymn 76 “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry” Winchester New
The Gospel Book is processed out to the congregation.



1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose



1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.
 Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), 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 3:1-6 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

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.**

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... 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

“E’en So Lord Jesus Quickly come”

Paul Manz

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



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 56 “O come, O come, Emmanuel”

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



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with “The Song of Mary” on the dates given.

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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. **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 59

“Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding” Merton

Descant

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: “Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 “Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day.”
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

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

Hyfrydol

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** – will ring on the 7th in loving memory of Ernest Reuter by Trish Williamson.
- † **PRAYER LIST (3-wk cycle)** : Hugh, Lou, Felicia, Wanda, Jim, Diane, Glenna, Ann, Ron, Vivian, Cindy, Vic, Courtney, Katie, Marie... 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:** Daniel
- † **FOR THOSE TRAVELING:**
- † **BIRTHDAYS:**
- † **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

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

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

St. John's uses the 2019 Book of Common Prayer (ACNA) and the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

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, **DEC 28** 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. **After you receive Holy Communion, please bring your child(ren) to the atrium!**

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...

St. John's Church is a community of faith that is partnered with Anglicans local and worldwide to proclaim the Gospel. We see our Lord active unfolding his plan of salvation for the world. It is true that we don't

understand every detail and item in God's overarching plan, but faith allows us to see evidence of his plan working through us and others. This forms hope as we live in a world struggling with darkness. Your stewardship and support of St. John's helps us to properly promote the Gospel. Food for thought in this second week of Advent.

Anointing in Chapel



TODAY we continue with 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.

PLEDGE CARDS. Just a reminder about Pledge Cards. We have about 50% turned in. The vestry is starting to prepare the budget for next year. Thank you so much for all your support for St. John's ministry.

MEN'S BREAKFAST DEC 11.

The men are making breakfast on Saturday, Dec 11. Please join us at 8:30 am. After breakfast we plan to "green the church" for Advent and Christmastide. For more info see Don Lange.

REDEDICATION OF PARISH HALL DEC 12th



On the Third Sunday in Advent, Dec 12 after the 9:00 am service we will bless and rename the Parish Hall to "Gregory Hall" in thanksgiving for the many years of ministry of Dorothy and Gerald Gregory at St. John's and in our Diocese. We will have a special "coffee hour" served. Please plan to be with us!

Advent Offerings!

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! Join us!

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’s 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.

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

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.

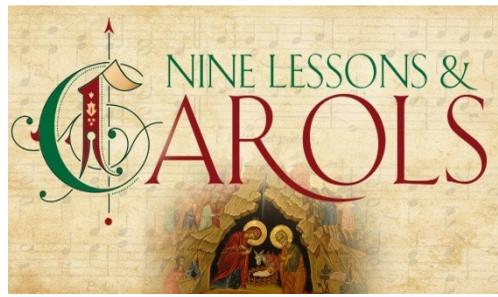
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT DEC 12th.

On the third Sunday of Advent, “Gaudete” Sunday, the tone of the season changes to provide a rich focus of joy for the celebration of the birth of Christ as well as for his promised Second Coming. The liturgical color changes from Sarum Blue to a beautiful ROSE for this Sunday. The third candle on the Advent Wreath is ROSE. The word “Gaudete” is Latin for rejoice and it is found in the Epistle reading for the day, Philippians 4:4-5. “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.” One of the defining characteristics of Christians is their joyful demeanor. Let’s not allow the struggles of this year rob us from the joy we have because of our life in Jesus Christ. Over this Advent, let us pray that the joy of the Lord would be evident in our heart and in our home. Let us seek the Holy Spirit to transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our

hearts, as we joyfully await the chance to celebrate the gift of Christ to the world.

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 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!

Service Rota

Second Sunday in Advent: Dec 5

Sun, 9:00 AM

- 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
Bob Hampton– Prayers
Mike Pavlovsky – Usher
Rusty Wood – Usher
Vestry: Rusty Wood and Erik
Leaseburg.

Third Sunday in Advent: Dec 12

Sun, 9:00 AM

- Acolyte
- Acolyte
Jacob Belk- Chalice
Chris Stevens- Chalice
Andrew Clark- Reader
Bill Kendall– Prayers
George Joe– Usher
-Usher

Special Coffee Hour!

Sun, 11:15 AM

Annaliese Merritt- Acolyte
Mallorie Merritt- Acolyte
Don Lange- Chalice
Jason Merritt- Chalice
Kendall Smith- Reader
Jason Merritt– Prayers
Marty Smith– Usher
Steve Sparks– Usher
Vestry: Gerald Gregory and Bob
Hampton