

SAINT JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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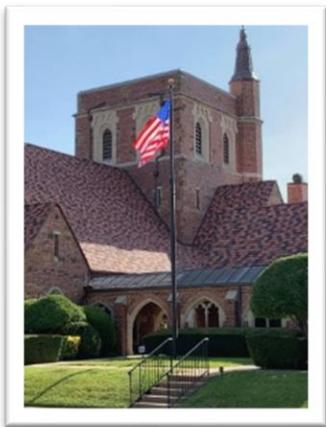
THE HOLY EUCHARIST – 9:00 AM



December 12, 2021
The Third 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

“The Calm of Heaven”

Handel/Lorenz

Opening Hymn 73

“The King shall come when morning dawns”

St. Stephen

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

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.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Children's Choir

"Light One Candle"

"Noel Nouvelet"

"Away in a Manger"

Natalie Sleeth

French Carol

Traditional Carol

The Lessons from Holy Scripture

First Reading – Zephaniah 3:14-20. Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned

and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 85

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

1 LORD, you have been gracious to your land; *
you have turned away the captivity of Jacob.

***2 You have forgiven the offence of your people *
and covered all their sins.***

3 You have taken away all your displeasure *
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

***4 Restore us then, O God our Savior, *
and let your anger cease from us.***

5 Will you be displeased at us for ever, *
and will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another?

***6 Will you not turn again and quicken us, *
that your people may rejoice in you?***

7 Show us your mercy, O LORD, *
and grant us your salvation.

***8 I will hearken to what the LORD God will say, *
for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they
turn not again.***

9 For his salvation is near to those who fear him, *
that glory may dwell in our land.

***10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.***

11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

***12 Indeed, the LORD shall show goodness, *
and our land shall give its increase.***

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and he shall direct his going in the way.

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 - Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 65 “Prepare the way O Zion” Bereden vag

The Gospel Book is processed out to the congregation.



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior'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.



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

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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 3:7-20 He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his

threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

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.**

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist being asked an insightful stewardship question: "What should we do?" John's reply is simple: judgment is near, repent, the Lord shall return. Do we practice a stewardship that reflects the Summary of the Law to love and care for our neighbors?

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...Mike, Mary & Becca, Vicky, Becky.**

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 Viriden, Dr. Jeff Paetz, Grace Beaupré, Fr. Bob Bosworth, and Mallory Parkey.**

For those having birthdays this week:

For those having wedding anniversaries this week: **Walter and Karen Wood**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, especially **Daniel**... 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

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

Erik Leaseburg, soloist

Brad Croushorn

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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.

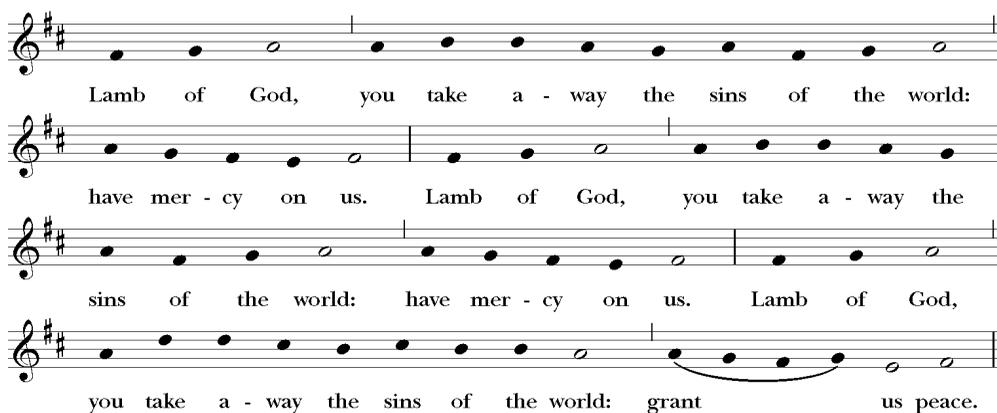
Prayer Book 135

**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.

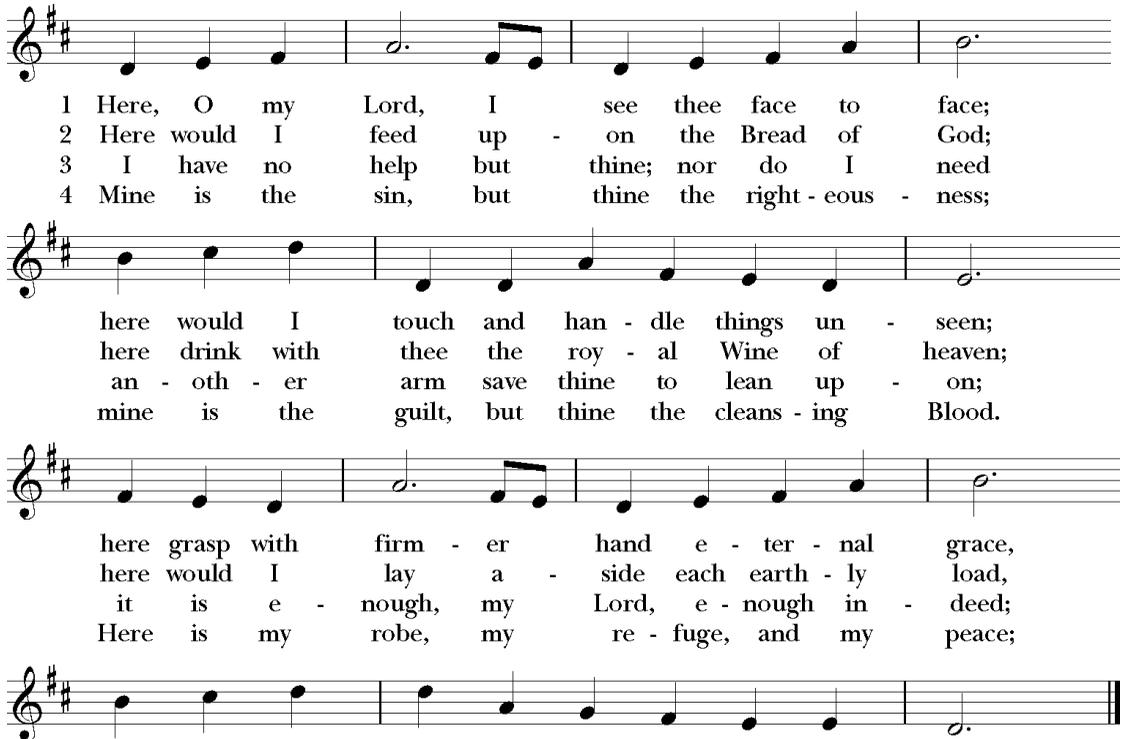
The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in this sacrament with faith and thanksgiving. Amen

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 318 “Here, O my Lord. I see thee face to face” *Nyack*
After Communion and during the ablutions of the Altar the following hymn is sung.



1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the Bread of God;
 3 I have no help but thine; nor do I need
 4 Mine is the sin, but thine the right - eous - ness;

here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 here drink with thee the roy - al Wine of heaven;
 an - oth - er arm save thine to lean up - on;
 mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing Blood.

here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 it is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;
 Here is my robe, my re - fuge, and my peace;

and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.
 thy Blood, thy right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

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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 436

“Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates” *Truro*

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 *4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica*, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

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

Truro

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 12th in loving memory of Doug Dickerson by Mira Dickerson and for Norman Greening by Jan Belsly; on the 15th in loving memory of Margaret Tucker by Trish Williamson; and on the 18th in loving memory of Dennis Williamson by Trish Williamson.
- † **PRAYER LIST (3-wk cycle)** : Hugh, Lou, Felicia, Wanda, Jim, Diane, Glenna, Ann, Ron, Vivian, Cindy, Vic, Courtney, Katie, Marie, Terry...Mike, Mary & Becca, Vicky, Becky.
- † **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:** Walter and Karen Wood (18)

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

ADVENT STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE. In today's Gospel we hear the prophet John the Baptist being asked an insightful stewardship question: “What should we do?” Each group wants to know the appropriate response to John's call; each reply

points to how they should treat others. John does not simply say, “Be baptized.” Rather, he points them to their jobs and personal relationships. John’s message is simple: judgment is near, and repentance includes treating others well. We should be willing to share what we have with those in need. To listen to John the Baptist is to be called to account. Do I give only of my excess, or am I the good steward who is willing to make daily sacrifices in order to help others?

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.

GREENING THE CHURCH. Yesterday the men cooked a great breakfast, and we had lots of helpers to “green the church.” THANK YOU Don Lange and the Men’s Group for

great food and organizing the “greening!”

PARISH HALL REDEDICATED TODAY.

A big thanks goes to many who made the Service of Rededication of the Parish Hall a lovely event! It was a wonderful way to celebrate the joy of “Gaudete Sunday.”

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. 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.

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.

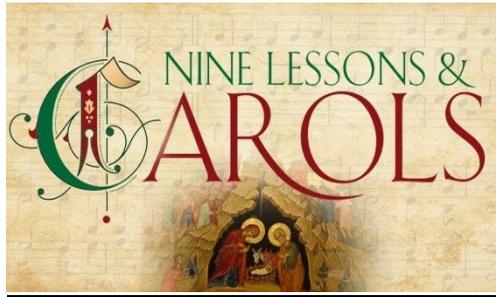
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The Second Sunday of Christmas, Jan 2, 8:00 am and 10:00 am.

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

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.



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

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

**Fourth Sunday in Advent: Dec
19**

Sun, 9:00 AM

- Acolyte
- Acolyte
Mike Beaupre - Chalice
Dinella Fernando - Chalice
Nelumdini Samaranayake - Reader
Tom Ward – Prayers
Bill Kendall – Usher
Will Lowe -Usher

Sun, 11:15 AM

- Acolyte
- Acolyte
Chris Stevens - Chalice
Clifford Bronson - Chalice
Dorian Johnson - Reader
Bettie Bosworth– Prayers
Tom Leaverton – Usher
Mike Pavlovsky – Usher
Vestry: Tom Lange and Donnie
Muennink.

Sun, 5:00 PM – Lessons and Carols

Deborah Baptiste
Bettie Bosworth
Bob Hampton
Bill Kendall
Diane Klein
Jason Merritt
Monty Muennink
Becca Stuepfel
Trish Williamson

Fri, 4:00 PM Christmas Eve

- Acolyte
- Acolyte
Lucas Smith- Acolyte

Tiffany Gildner - Chalice
Don Lange – Chalice
-Crucifer
Mike Carmena - Reader
Tiffany Gildner – Prayers

Fri, 11:00 PM Christmas Eve

Ben Leaseburg - Acolyte
Michael Leaseburg - Acolyte
Gerald Gregory - Chalice
Tom Ward – Chalice
David Leaseburg - Crucifer
Tom Ward - Reader
Bill Kendall – Prayers

Sat, 10:00 AM Christmas Day

Clifford Bronson – Altar Server
Clifford Bronson - Reader