

SAINT JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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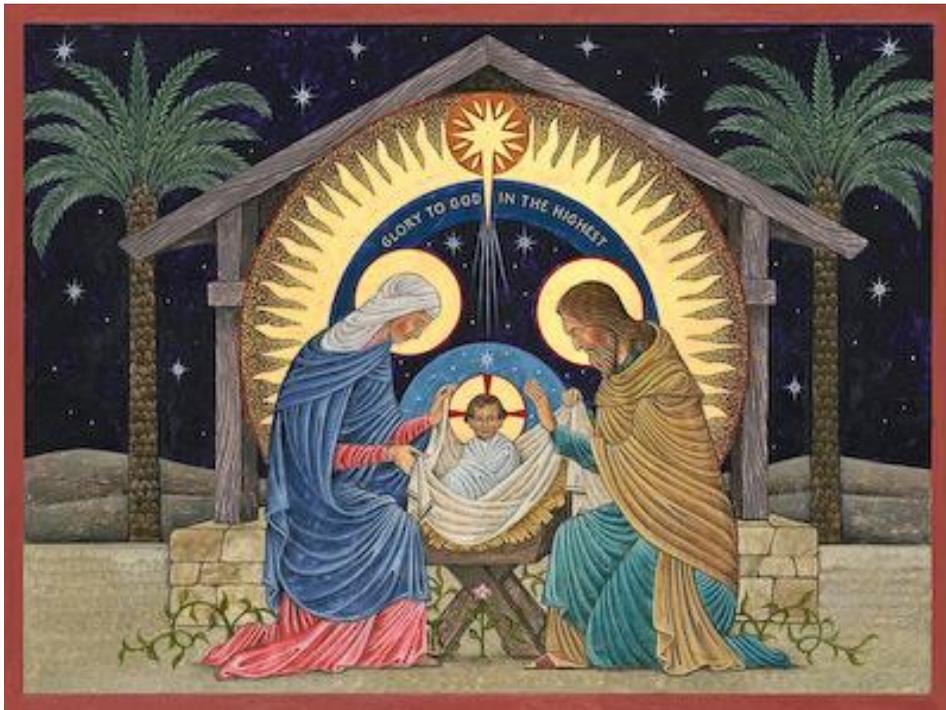
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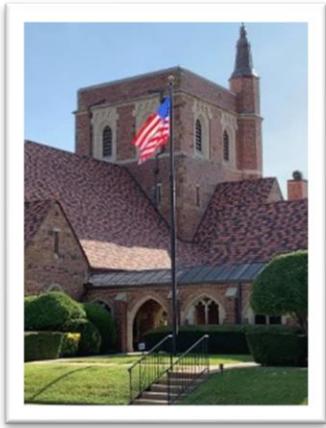
THE HOLY EUCHARIST – 10:00 AM



December 26, 2021
The First Sunday of Christmas

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 **“Canzona on ‘Joy to the World’”** **Michael Helman**

Opening Hymn 96 **“Angels we have heard on high”** **Gloria**

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex-cel-sis De-o. Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

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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.

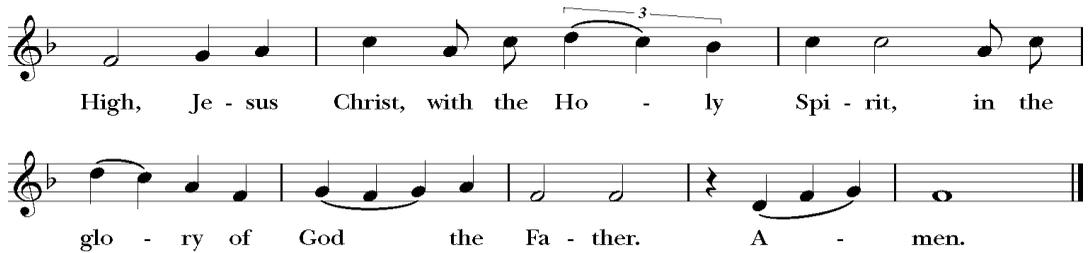
Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

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.

The Gloria in excelsis, Deo S-280

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



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, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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 – Isaiah 61:10-62:5. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,

and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 147:12-20

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion.

***13 For he has made strong the bars of your gates *
and has blessed your children within you.***

14 He makes peace in your borders *
and fills you with the finest of wheat.

***15 He sends forth his commandment upon the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.***

16 He gives snow like wool *
and scatters the white frost like ashes.

***17 He casts forth his ice like crumbs; *
who is able to abide his frost?***

18 He sends out his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

***19 He declares his word unto Jacob, *
his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.***

20 He has not dealt so with other nations; *
neither have they knowledge of his laws. Praise the LORD.

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 - Galatians 3:23-4:7

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 105 "God rest you merry, gentlemen" God Rest You Merry

The Gospel Book is processed out to the congregation.



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
 2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
 3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
 4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
 and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
 this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
 and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa-tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem-ing grace.



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com-fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

Keyborad and guitar should not sound together.

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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. John 1:1-18 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who

comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’’) For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

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 Christmas Mass we hear from the Gospel reading that God has entered into the world. In this season of Christmastide let us be faithful stewards by allowing Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. Let us be open to the call to live the virtues of faith, hope, and love.

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, Terry...Mary & Becca, Vicky, Becky, Joni & Chelsea, Michael, Kerri & Jennifer**

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 those having birthdays this week:

For those having wedding anniversaries this week: **Brian and Larue Perkins, Jorge and Sondra Lopez-Aguado, Stan J. and Jo Young, William and Denise Porter, Joe and Mary Sue Coffman, Gihan and Priyanthi Warnesuriye, Donald and Monty Muennink, Wes and Claire Phelan, Dick and Juane Reed, Nuwan and Rangi Warnesuriye**

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

“Appalachian Carol”

arr. John Jacob Niles

Dave Wende, Baritone

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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.

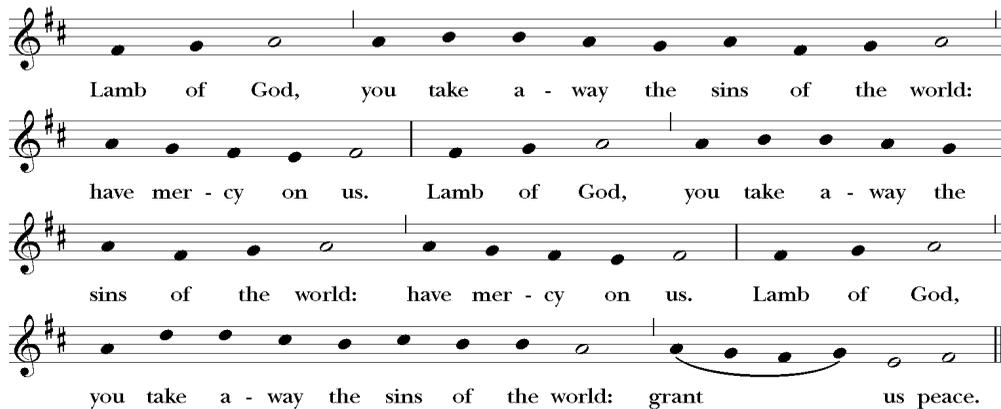
Prayer Book 135

**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 81 “Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming”

Es is ein Ros

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

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
 * 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

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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.**

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 99 “Go tell it on the mountain”

Go Tell It

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

“Fantasy on ‘Joy to the World’”

Michael Helman

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** – Christmas flower memorials.
- † **THE LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** - Christmas flower memorials.
- † **THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** – given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of her granddaughters, Meagan Watson and Madison Deaver by Trish Williamson.
- † **THE DE PROFUNDIS BELL** – will ring on the 28th in loving memory of Alvin Glen Cearley by Kendall and Marty Smith; on the 31st in loving memory of Betty Jo Williamson by Trish Williamson; and on the 1st 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, Terry... Mary & Becca, Vicky, Becky, Joni & Chelsea, Michael, Kerri & Jennifer.
- † **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:** Sandy
- † **FOR THOSE TRAVELING:** The Lange Family
- † **BIRTHDAYS:**
- † **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Brian and Larue Perkins (26); Jorge and Sondra Lopez-Aguado, Stan J. and Jo Young (28); William and Denise Porter (29); Joe and Mary Sue Coffman, Gihan and Priyanthi Warnesuriye (30); Donald and Monty Muennink (31); Wes and Claire Phelan, Dick and Juane Reed, Nuwan and Rangi Warnesuriye (1).

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT. In today's Christmas Mass we hear from the Gospel reading that God has entered into the world. As Christian stewards we allow Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. We allow Christ to share

Christmas Season Schedule

The Twelve Days of Christmas

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

his love with us that we might reflect that love out to others. We are the “shepherds” and heralds of Christ’s Incarnation. What an unimaginable gift from a generous Lord. HIMSELF! Good stewards rejoice in this gift and give glory to God and live with humility.

CHRISTMASTIDE SUNDAY SERVICE HOURS. On Sunday

January 2 we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist at **8:00 am in the Chapel** and **10:00 am with the choir.**

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.

Service Rota

First Sunday after Christmas:

Dec 26

Sun, 8:00 AM

- Altar Server and Chalice

Sun, 10:00 AM

- Acolyte

- Acolyte

Donnie Muennink - Chalice

Steve Sparks - Chalice

Dorian Johnson- Reader

Deborah Baptiste – Prayers

George Joe – Usher

Bill Kendall -Usher

Vestry: Gerald Gregory and Donnie Muennink.

Second Sunday after Christmas:

Jan 2

Sun, 8:00 AM

- Altar Server and Chalice

Sun, 10:00 AM

David Leaseburg- Acolyte

Lucas Smith- Acolyte

Clay Slaughter - Chalice

Tom Ward - Chalice

Kendall Smith - Reader

Tom Ward – Prayers

Bill Kendall – Usher

-Usher

Vestry: