

# The Feast of St. John the Apostle

January 1, 2023

## The Collect of the Day

Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light; that we, being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of your truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## A Reading from Exodus 33:18-23

Moses said, "Please show me your glory." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 92: 1-4, 11-14



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### *The Psalm will be chanted.*

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the **LORD**, \*  
and to sing praises unto your Name, O Most **High**,
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the **morning**, \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night **season**,
- 3 Upon an instrument of ten strings and upon the **lute**, \*  
with the sound of melody upon the **harp**.
- 4 For you, **LORD**, have made me glad by your **deeds**, \*  
and I will shout for joy because of your **handiwork**.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a **palm tree**, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar in **Lebanon**.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the **LORD** \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our **God**.
- 13 They also shall bring forth fruit in their old **age**, \*  
and shall be green and full of **sap**,
- 14 That they may show how upright the **LORD** is, \*  
my rock, in whom there is no **unrighteousness**.

Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**, and to the Holy **Spirit**:  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever **shall be**, world without  
end. **A-men**.

## A Reading from 1 John 1

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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## The Holy Gospel according to St. John 1:1-18

*All standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Holy Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

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*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

*After the Gospel is Proclaimed*

**Deacon:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **Proper Preface** *Christmas*

*For the Celebrant to read after the Sursum Cordia.*

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right to become your children.