

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## *The Second Sunday of Advent*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*December 10, 2023*

*10:30 a.m.*



## KYRIE ELEISON

*Cantor, then all:*  
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

*Cantor, then all:*  
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Translation: *Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

Music: Litany of the Saints, adapted by Richard Proulx, ©1991, GIA Publications, Inc.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 40:1–11*

*All sit.*

**C**omfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13**The people say the words in **bold** and sing the antiphon as indicated.*

Show us your mer - cy, O \_\_\_\_\_ LORD; and grant us your sal - va - tion.

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 **You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.**
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 **Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 **Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 **Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

*Antiphon*

## THE SECOND LESSON

*2 Peter 3: 8–15a*

**D**o not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN People, look East

BESANÇON CAROL

All stand and sing.

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the  
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed  
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be  
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall  
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to

1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the  
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may  
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has  
 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -  
 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is

1. ta - ble. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.  
 2. flour - ish. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.  
 3. cho - sen. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.  
 4. geth - er. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.  
 5. com - ing. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)  
 Music: Besançon Carol, harm. John L. Hooker (b. 1944)

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one

who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

*All sit.*

The Reverend Margie Baker

THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from 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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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

*The people say the words in bold.*

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may usher in the kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That God may establish righteousness among the nations, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures, recognize him in the breaking of the bread, and serve him in everyone we meet, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick, and raise up all who have fallen, especially those on our parish prayer list, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, especially in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Sudan, and all places where people live with warfare, violence, chaos, and great need, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may give thanks for the births of John Thomas Samuel Bannon to Stacey and Kelsey Samuel Bannon, and Anthony James Giannios to Liz McConaughy and George Giannios, and support these families in their life together, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of God.

*Celebrant* Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost, so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All remain standing or kneel.*

*All* **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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

## THE WELCOME

*All sit.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM As the pauper waits for plenty

Rosalie Bonighton (1946–2011)

Words: Dolores Dufner, OSB

As the pauper waits for plenty, as the weeping wait for mirth,  
 as a farmer waits for harvest, as a woman waits for birth, so do I wait for you.  
 As the blossom waits for springtime and the seed a fertile place,  
 as an orphan waits for family and a child his mother's face, so do I long for you.  
 As a songbird waits for morning and an eaglet waits for flight,  
 as a flutist waits for music and an artist waits for light, so do I wait for you.  
 As the homeless long for shelter and the weary for a bed,  
 as the thirsty long for water and the hungry long for bread, so do I long for you,  
 so do you long for me.



*Rosalie Bonighton was a composer, part-time teacher, and organist and music director at St John the Evangelist Church, Ballarat, Australia. Her music was influenced by plainchant and British and Celtic folk song, but she was equally interested in the extended harmonic tensions of late German Romanticism, multi-rhythms, jazz harmonies, and syncopated effects.*

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>*All stand and sing.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

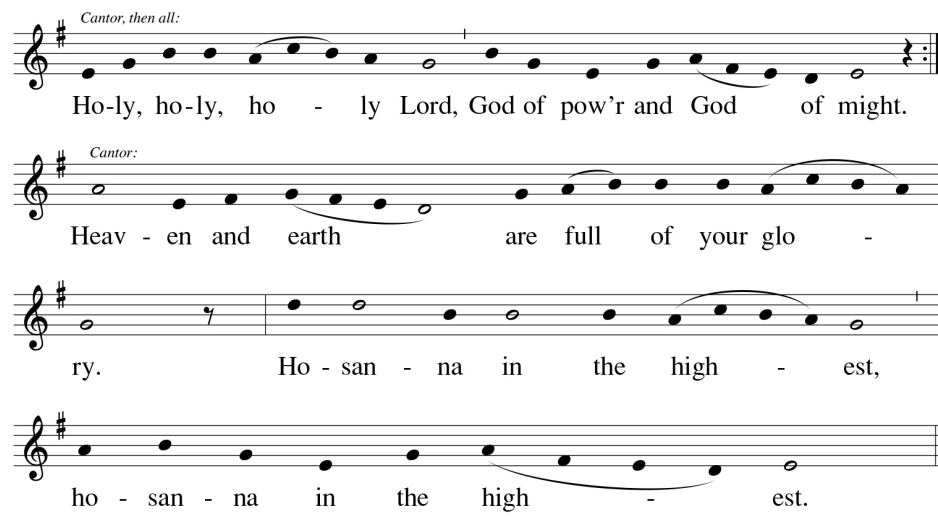
*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.*People* **We lift them to the Lord.***Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



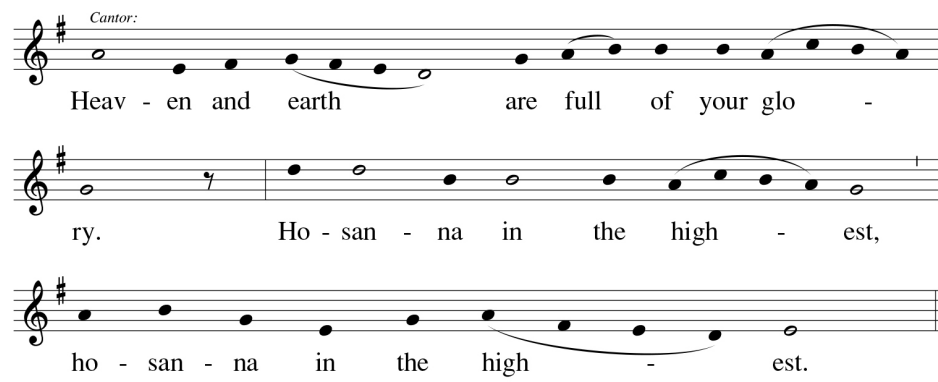
## THE SANCTUS

*Cantor, then all:*



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.

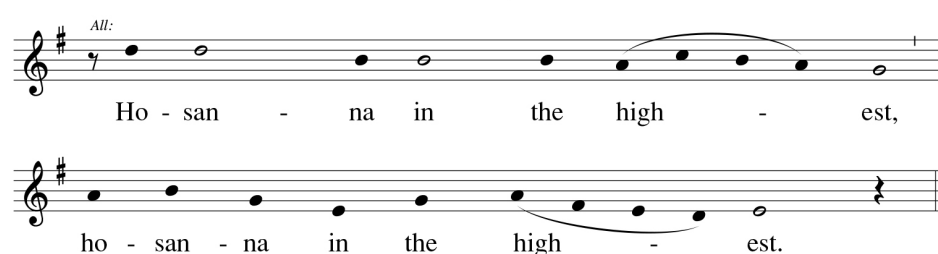
*Cantor:*



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

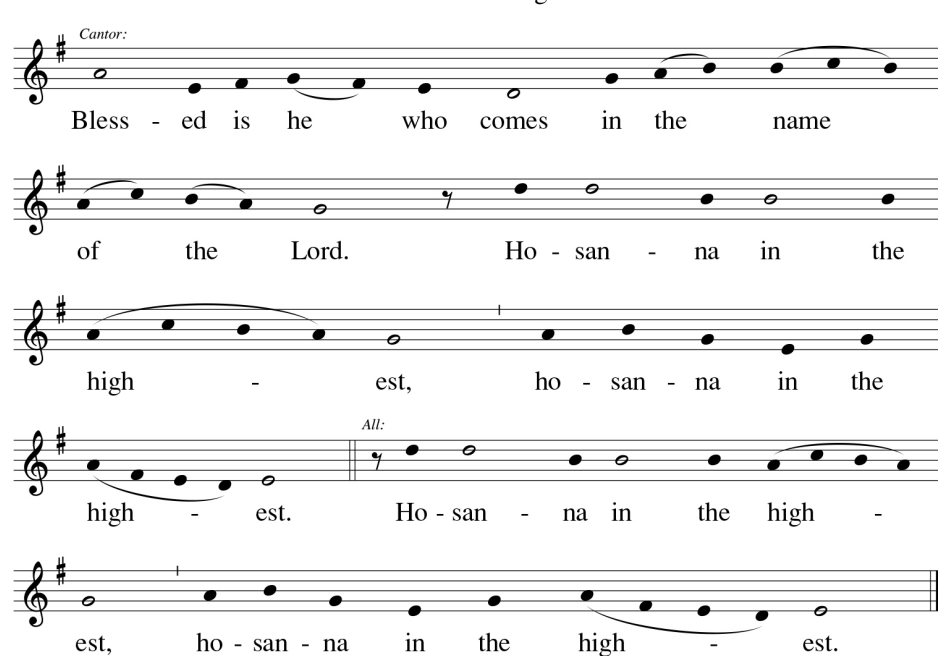
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*All:*



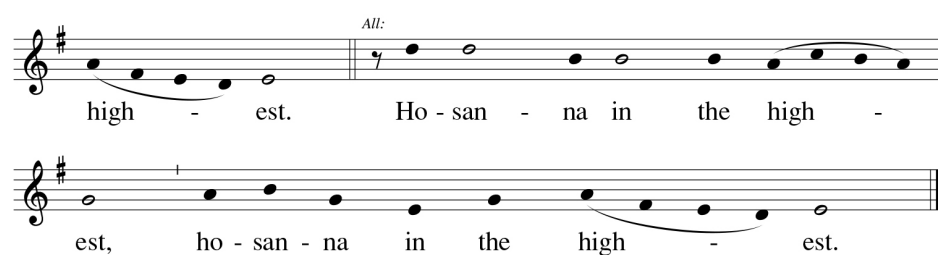
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*Cantor:*



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*All:*



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

Music: *Missa Emmanuel*, Richard Proulx, ©1991, GIA Publications, Inc.

*All remain standing or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death.**

**We proclaim his resurrection.**

**We await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM

*Cantor*

1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:  
 2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you take a - way the sins of the world,  
 3. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:

1.2. *All* have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. 3. *All* grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: Missa Emmanuel, Richard Proulx, ©1991, GIA Publications, Inc..

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Come, God's people, come receive Christ's heavenly food.

*Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's. To receive, please kneel or stand at the altar rail. You may choose to receive bread only, intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine, or drink from the cup.*

*If you would like a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.*

*If you have mobility limitations and would like a priest to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let an usher know.*

*If you would like to pray with our healing prayer volunteer, go to the baptismal font at the back of the church after receiving Communion.*

## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM There is no rose of such virtue

Jessica Nelson (b. 1983)

Text: Anonymous, 14th century

There is no rose of such virtue  
 As is the rose that bare Jesu;  
*Alleluia.*

For in this rose contained was  
 Heaven and earth in little space;  
*Res miranda.* (Thing of wonder)

By that rose we may well see  
 There be one God in persons three,  
*Pares forma.* (Equal in form)

The angels sungen the shepherds to:  
 Gloria in excelsis deo: (Glory to God in the highest)  
*Gaudeamus.* (Let us rejoice)

Leave we all this worldly mirth,  
 And follow we this joyful birth;  
*Transeamus.* (Let us follow)



*Jessica Nelson holds degrees from Millsaps College and Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, as well as the Colleague Certificate from the American Guild of Organists. She currently serves as organist/choirmaster of St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral in Jackson, MS. She directs the Mississippi Conference on Church Music and Liturgy, which draws participants from all over the United States and beyond the Episcopal Church. In 2015, she was appointed to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music of the Episcopal Church in the United States and also serves on the board of the Leadership Program for Musicians. Jessica has taught on the music faculties of the University of North Alabama and Northeast MS Community College, and composes in her spare time.*

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THE COMMUNION HYMN 309 O Food to pilgrims given

O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN

*All remain seated and sing.*

### THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*All stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.*

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 72 Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

RICHMOND

*All sing.*

### THE DISMISSAL

*The Minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

THE VOLUNTARY Praeludium: From heaven above

Johann Pachelbel

*The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say Amen at the end of the Voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.*

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### THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker

**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney

**Layreader:** Megan Marie

**Psalterer:** Ben Mabrey

**The St. John's Adult Choir**

**Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein

**Acolytes:** Elise Biondi, Bobby Eikel, Jx Eikel, Alison Mani

**Ushers:** Don Polk, John Roche, Laura Roche

**Healing Prayers:** Ginger Gillespie

**Livestream Director:** Mary Honyotski

**Altar Guild:** Matteo Donnelly, Kate Eikel

**Nursery Staff:** Sheryl Simoni, Caroline Thaxton

**Sunday School Teachers:** Taffy Wilcox, Margie Baker

**In your prayers this week, please pray for:**

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence. Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster, and the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford. All those whose hurts, burdens, and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:**

Kim Green	Susan	Ellie Brown	Wendy
Janet Ray	Sue	Anita Winters	Bob Norton
Brad Babbitt	Whitney Lynch	Alison Gillespie	Joseph
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Joyce Flynn	Sarah Carroll
Virginia Skeele	Gina Giusto	Rachel Boccio	Greg Highland
Grant Loevenbruck	The Yelland family	Joan Ackley	Rachel
John & Barbara Spannaus	Harry Barber	Guy Russo	Lucas
Jennifer Blean	Doug Larson	Joan Warner	Amy Bittinger
Tori	Dennis Simoni	Jon Nelson	William Bittinger
Deborah	Brenda	G.F.	Emmy Aziz
Hale Walkoff	Nick Willke	Ned	Ben Mabrey
Rod Farrell	Marnie Mueller	Louis Nuechterlein	Mike
Hillary Lord	Toby & Manny Aguiar	Kimberly Ward	Dan Minster

**Those serving in the military:**

Alex Thaxton  
Christian Dahlstrom

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Ellen O'Brien	Emily Russell	Mike Henes
Lyn Walker	Cameron Fulton	Morgan Babbitt
Edward Hohl	Vincent Williams	David Pond
Edward Nelson	Elisabeth Russell	Carol Sonne
Sarah Thaxton	Claire Hart	
Bowie Thomas	Elsa Ciscel	

*We also celebrate the recent births of John Thomas Samuel Bannon to Stacey and Kelsey Samuel Bannon, and Anthony James Giannios to Liz McConaughy and George Giannios.*

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. Thomas', Bethel; Christ Church, Bethlehem; Old St. Andrew's, Bloomfield; and for ministries to the homeless; parishes that offer a temporary or permanent shelter; Chapel on the Green, New Haven; Church by the Pond, Hartford; and all Ecclesia ministries.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Church of Pakistan (United).



**Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols is TODAY at 3 p.m.** It's an Advent favorite for a reason! Take a break from the holiday hubbub and prepare your soul for the Christmas miracle with this beautiful program of carols for choir and organ, in the tradition of King's College, Cambridge. This beloved event will fill the church, so arrive early to get a good seat. This event will be presented in person and by livestream, and will feature the St. John's Choir School and Adult Choir; Scott Lamlein, choirmaster; Floyd Higgins, organist. A reception will follow in Hubbard Hall. Free admission, with donations gratefully received.

**Online auction closes TONIGHT at 8 p.m.** Our fourth annual online fundraising auction is open for bidding for just a few more hours, until 8 p.m. this evening. More than 25 auction items include an exquisite handcrafted quilt, a week in a vacation condo on the South Carolina Coast, housewares perfect for holiday entertaining, Hartford Symphony tickets, gift cards, St. John's swag, and so much more. Go to [sjparish.net/auction2023](http://sjparish.net/auction2023) to get your final bids in! Winning bidders will be contacted with information on payment and receiving their auction items.

**Christmas flower memorials due by Monday, December 18.** We are now accepting honorary and memorial contributions toward Christmas poinsettias and altar flowers to adorn the church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please submit the names of people you would like to honor or remember, along with a donation in any amount, using a Flower Offering envelope (available in the narthex and the pews), or by emailing the names to Ellen in the parish office at [ellen@sjparish.net](mailto:ellen@sjparish.net), and sending a contribution separately. Names must be received by December 18 to be included in the Christmas service bulletins.

**Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.** Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ by coming to any of our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. On Christmas Eve, services are at 4 p.m. (featuring the St. John's Choir School, with music starting at 3:45 p.m.) and 10 p.m. (featuring the St. John's Adult Choir and a string quartet, with music starting at 9:30 p.m. — *note that the starting time is one hour earlier than in previous years*). On Christmas Day, there is one service at 10 a.m. with a sermon and carols. **Note:** *Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve both fall on Sundays this year, and we will have regular Sunday morning services on both days. On Christmas Eve, we will have one Sunday morning service at 10:30 a.m. (no 8 a.m. service), and on New Year's Eve, we will have both Sunday morning services (at 8 and 10:30 a.m.)*

**Deadline for year-end giving.** For gifts and pledge payments to be included on your 2023 year-end giving statement for tax purposes, they must be received in the parish office by **Tuesday, December 26**, whether you are paying by check, cash, or online via credit card or bank withdrawal. Contributions received after that date may not be deposited and posted in time to be included on your 2023 statement, even if in payment of a 2023 pledge. Thank you!

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Music at  
the Red Door

# CANDLELIGHT FESTIVAL OF

## Nine Lessons and Carols



- Free admission
- In-person and livestreamed
- Donations welcome (suggested donation: \$20)
- Reception to follow



Sunday, December 10, 2023

3:00pm

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This list includes pledges received as of Tuesday, December 5.  
The names of *new pledgers* are in italics.

Angela Allen-Peck & Caleb Peck, June & Emmy Aziz, Janet & Brad Babbitt, Mary & Bob Bainbridge, Margie & Jenn Baker, Eleanor & Jack Barnes, Wendy & Richard Bartlett, Marian & David Beers, Mike Biondi & Ginny Kemp, Shirley Blean, Rachel Boccio, Lissie & Lynn Brooks, Jo Anne Burgh, Kim & Chris Byrd, *Robert Caldwell, Keitha & Kevin Campo*, Lindsey & Stuart Carlisle, Betsy & Greg Chicares, Francine & Stephan Christiansen, Martha & John Church, Alina & Matt Ciscel, Elijah Clapp & Annabel Trickett-Clapp, Susan & Brian Clemow, Kate Coley, Edith Connolly, Molly Cooper, Steve Crocker & Rosa Guzzo, *David Dangremond*, Carol Davis, *Young Hee & David Derby*, Vijaya Jyothsna & Carlos Diaz, Pam Dimock, Martin Dodd, Susan Donaldson, *Jayden Donnelly, Mason Donnelly*, Matteo & Marcos Donnelly, Joe Duffy, Linda Dunakin, Hope & Bill Eakins, Nancy Eaton, Bobby Eikel, Kate & Robert Eikel, Virginia Eikel, Karan & Geoff Emerick *Susan Fay & Craig Ahmer*, Martha Fine, Amy & Todd FitzGerald, Ginny & Rich Flinchbaugh, Ellen & Ben Flynn, Danielle Foint, Ginger & Colin Gillespie, *Margaret & Mark Goad*, Emma & Jerry Goetz, Tim Goetz, Anne & Craig Grant, David Gimaldi, *Nicole Douillet & Liana Guzman*, Ann Hanlon, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Anne Harney, Jane Harris, Susan Harrison & Thomas Cloherty, Kara & Matthew Hart, Susie & Ross Hatch, Patricia & Ronald Hensley, Jenn & Ryan Hill, *Bob Hoffman, Mary & Ryan Honyotski*, Frisha Hugessen, Ann Hutchinson, Tita & Douglas Hyland, Buffy & John Ineson, Richard Jacques, Dianne Jones, Beth & John Kauczka, Martha Kayser, Mary Jo & Bert Keating, Sarah Kieffer, *Jeffrey Kinney & Rebecca Bourret*, Betty Knorr, Ann Krissing, Debby & David Kvam, Mary Beth & Scott Lamlein, Pamela Lamlein, Richard Lammlin, Wendy & Tom Lincoln, Bill Lockery, Teresa & Joel Lohr, Ben Mabrey & Michael Michaud, Lisa & Mike Mahoney, Liz & Andy Marchion, Lauren Mascola & John Swift, Bill McBride, Tina & David McCary, Patrick Miller, Marnie Mueller, Leah & Stewart Murchie, Ann Newbury, Enid & Tom Oberholtzer, Julia & Jim O'Brien, Nancy Pedersen, Ginny & Mark Proft, Christa Rakich & Janis Milroy, *Bill & Deborah Reardon*, Katie & Patrick Reardon, Hal Rives & Marki Ware, Laura & John Roche, Barbara & Pieter Roos, Mary Russell, *Jo-Ann Sadosky*, Kelsey & Stacey Samuel Bannon, *Susie & Mark Sarkisian*, Judy Schaffer, Linda Schatz, Jim Sharp, Mary & Spencer Sloan, Margaret & William Smith, Carol & Charles Sonne, Dale & Christoph Stretz, Susan & Paul Thaxton, Sera & Abraham Thomas, Bowie Thomas, Margaret Thomas, Pat & Alex Vance, Pamela & Jeff Verney, Audrey Walker, Lyn Walker, *Audrey Weber & Kyle Baker*, Erica Weinstock, Jackie & Michael Wells, Ted Whittemore, Taffy Wilcox, John Wilcox & Virginia Van Dyk, Maggie & Sherwood Willard, Jeanne & Dennis Winkleblack, Wes Winterbottom, Brenda Zanta

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**2023**

**BID ON NEARLY 25 UNIQUE ITEMS!**  
**Gifts, artwork, gift cards, food and beverages, housewares, tickets, a handcrafted quilt, and a week at a coastal South Carolina vacation condo.**

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WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S  
THIS CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE

4 PM HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE ST. JOHN'S CHOIR SCHOOL  
MUSICAL PRELUDE AT 3:45 P.M.

10 PM HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE ST. JOHN'S ADULT CHOIR & STRINGS  
MUSICAL PRELUDE AT 9:30 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HYMNS

**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE FOR 12/24 & 12/31**

**SUNDAY 12/24:**  
10:30 SERVICE ONLY (NO 8AM SERVICE)  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, ADULT ED, OR NURSERY CARE

**SUNDAY 12/31**  
SERVICES AT 8 AND 10:30AM (WITH BAPTISM AT 10:30)  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, ADULT ED, OR NURSERY CARE

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Sunday: Spoken Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday: Christian education for all ages

10:30 a.m. Sunday: Choral Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed)

5 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month (*October – May, no service in December*): Celtic Eucharist in Hubbard Hall

5 p.m. on select fourth Sundays of the month: Choral Evensong

## STAFF

The Rev. Todd FitzGerald (todd@sjparish.net).....	<i>Priest in Charge</i>
The Rev. Margie Baker (margie@sjparish.net).....	<i>Assistant Rector</i>
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Christa Rakich.....	<i>Organ Artist-in-Residence</i>
Ralph Valentine .....	<i>Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus</i>

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Ginger Gillespie.....	<i>Warden</i>
Stewart Murchie .....	<i>Warden</i>
Anne Harney and David McCary.....	<i>Co-Treasurers</i>

2021–23: Annabel Clapp, Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien

2022–24: Lissie Brooks, Marcos Donnelly, Rosa Guzzo, Mary Honyotski

2023–25: Angela Allen-Peck, Eleanor Barnes, John Nowacki, Tom Oberholtzer