

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PARISH DAY SCHOOL

MORNING PRAYER

Sunday, January 25, 2026 • 10:00 a.m. • YouTube

OPENING HYMN *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* (H 7)

Ratisbon



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.



WELCOME

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

CONFESSON OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

JUBILATE *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

THE PSALM HYMN *O Lord, You Are My Light (Psalm 27)*

Rhosymedre

F Csus C F B[♭] F/C C7 F
 1 O LORD, you are my light and my sal - va - tion near;
 2 My one re - quest has been and still this prayer I raise;
 3 When trou - bles round me swell, when fears and dan - gers throng,
 4 Up - lift - ed on a rock a - bove my foes a - round,

C/E F Csus C F B[♭] F/C C7 F
 then who will cause me fright or fill my heart with fear?
 that I may live with - in God's house for all my days.
 se - cure - ly I will dwell in his pa - vil - ion strong.
 a - mid the bat - le shock my song shall still re - sound.

C/E F B[♭] F C F/A B[♭]/D C/B[♭]
 While God my strength, my life sus - tains, se - cure from fear
 God's glo - rious beau - ty to ad - mire, and in his tem -
 With - in the shel - ter of God's tent he hides me till
 Then joy - ful of - ferings I will bring; the LORD God's praise

C7/G C F B[♭] F/C C7 F
 my soul re - mains, se - cure from fear my soul re - mains.
 ple to in - quire, and in his tem - ple to in - quire.
 the storm is spent, he hides me till the storm is spent.
 my heart shall sing, the LORD God's praise my heart shall sing.

5. All glory, praise, and laud
be to our living God:
The Father, and the Son,
and Spirit, Three-in-One.
For as it was before all time,
is now and will be evermore,
is now and will be evermore.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE CANTICLE The Song of Zechariah *Luke 1: 68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN *They Cast Their Nets* (H 661)

Georgetown

1 They cast their nets in Gal - i - lee just.
2 Con - tent - ed, peace ful fish - er - men, be - .
3 Young John who trimmed the flap - ping sail, home - .
4 The peace of God, it is no peace, but.

off the hills of brown; such hap - py,
fore they ev - er knew the peace of
less, in Pat - mos died. Pe - ter, who
strife closed in the sod. Yet let us.

sim - ple fish - er - folk, be - fore the Lord came down.
God that filled their hearts brim - ful, and broke them too.
hauled the teem - ing net, head - down was cru - ci - fied.
pray for but one thing— the mar - velous peace of God.

THE THIRD READING

Matthew 4:12-23

A reading from Matthew.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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 SUFFRAGES

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

V. Bless those who have died, especially Bob & Verna Fletcher, in whose memories the altar flowers were offered this weekend.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

THE COLLECTS

The Collect of the Day

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sunday

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

MEDITATION HYMN *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

Pescador

1. You have come down to the lake shore seeking.
 2. You know full well my possessions. Neither the wise nor the wealthy, But only the treasured nor the weapons for conquest, Just these my (Refrain) asking for me to follow. O fish nets and will for work - ing.

Jesus, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you, I will seek other seas.

3. You need my hands, my exhaustion,
 working love for the rest of the weary
 a love that's willing to go on loving.
 Refrain

4. You who have fished other waters;
 you, the longing of souls that
 are yearning:
 As loving Friend, you have come to call me.
 Refrain

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common supplication to you;
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name
you will be in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life
everlasting. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Christ for the World We Sing* (H 537)

Moscow

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we sing!
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we sing!
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we sing!
 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we sing!

Christ we bring with loving zeal; the poor, and
 Christ we bring with fervent prayer; the wayward
 Christ we bring with one accord; with us the
 Christ we bring with joyful song; the new-born

them that mourn, the faint and o'er-borne,
 and the lost, by rest-less pas-sions tossed,
 work to share, with us re-proach to dare,
 souls, whose days, re-claimed from er-ror's ways,

sin-sick and sor-row-worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 re-deemed at count-less cost from dark de-spair.
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 in-spired with hope and praise, to Christ be-long.

THE DISMISSAL AND FINAL SENTENCE

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mark, Laurie, Shirley & Jack, Katie, Kate, Debbie & David, Elizabeth, Ryan, Wilber, Renate, Jim, Kathryn, Kelly; Deb Avant, Steve Belknap, Leslie Edmonds, Ricky Emmanuel, Lynn Engelke, David Fischel, Georgi Funderburk, Kate Funderburk, Leslie & Scott Geist, Sunny Good, Marti Guillet, Pat Hersee, Rose Jones, Mike Kerry, Tim Loomis, Glenda Lovchik, Judy Lovchik, Jean Marlow, Brent & Meg McDorman, Pat Merson, Charles H. Miller, Gordon Nahas, Kathy O'Dunne, Barbara Prettyman, Jean Purcell, Roland Russoli, Marion Walker, Allison Ward, Victoria Weimer, Dan Weston-Dawkes, Dylan Williams, and Maria, Taylor, & Felicia Wray.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY OVERSEAS & THEIR FAMILIES: LCDR Matthew Kircher, USN

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Mars Fletcher in memory of her parents, Bob J. Fletcher & Verna Fletcher.

To have someone included on our prayer list, you may: Contact the Parish Office by phone or email your prayer request to Tracey Stone at tstone@stjohnsec.org. Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. After the initial 30 days, if you wish to have a name stay on the list, please re-submit your request.

St. John's
Episcopal Church

CANCER
Support Group

A safe space to journey together.

You don't have to walk this path alone.

Monthly or every other monthly Meetings
7-8 p.m.
ZOOM

First Meeting: January 27th

Co-Facilitators: Karen McCaulley and Deacon Ruth Elder
Email kmccaulley1838@gmail.com for the ZOOM link.



SAVE THE DATE



St. John's Progressive Dinner
A great night of friends, food, & fellowship!

Sat., March 14, 2026

Adult and family-friendly gatherings will be available, starting at 5:30 p.m. and lasting until 8:30 and 10 p.m., respectively.

Stay tuned for more details and registration information.

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