

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PARISH DAY SCHOOL

First Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025 • 11:00 A.M. ONE WORSHIP

We welcome you here at St. John's to be met by God, who already knows you and loves you.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Music pages can be found following page 7.

During the service, the congregation reads the parts in bold.

PRELUDE Ad te Levavi

ENTRANCE HYMN Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

(H 57) M-1

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Our King and Savior now draws near.

Come let us adore him.

In the midst of busyness, anxiety, chaos, and fear,

We pause and await your appearing, knowing you are leading us.

Come, O Christ, and set us free.

Come, Emmanuel, bring your rule of justice and peace.

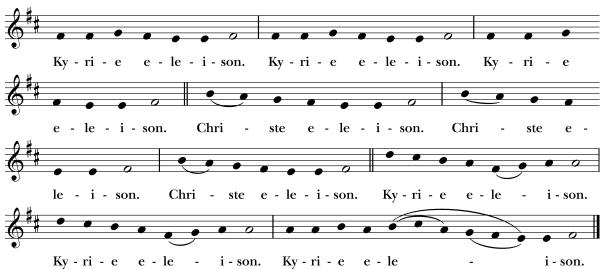
(The first candle is lit.)

We wait for a new heaven and a new earth,

Where righteousness is at home.

HYMN OF PRAISE Kyrie (S 86)

Hurd



COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING (*Please be seated.*)

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,

and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk

in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 122

M-2

THE SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL (*Please stand as you are able.*)

Matthew 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Derek H. Miller

THE NICENE CREED (Please stand.)

Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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 (*Please remain standing as you are able.*) *After each petition,*

Teach us your ways, O God, O God.

That we may walk in your paths.

The Celebrant offers a concluding collect. The People respond, Amen.

CONFESSION (*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

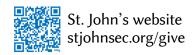
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.





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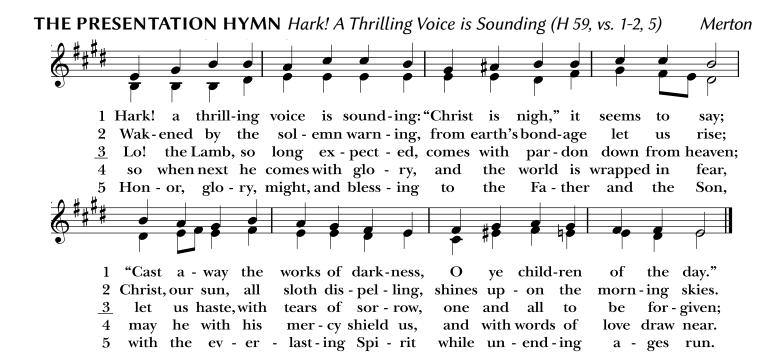
OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Gloria sei dir gesungen* St. John's Choir

J.S. Bach

(Sung in German and Latin)

"Let Gloria be sung to you with mortal and angelic tongues, with harps and even with cymbals. Of twelve pearls the portals are made, in your city we are companions of the angels high around your throne. No eye has ever perceived; no ear has ever heard such joy as our happiness: "Io! Io!", eternally in sweet rejoicing!"





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

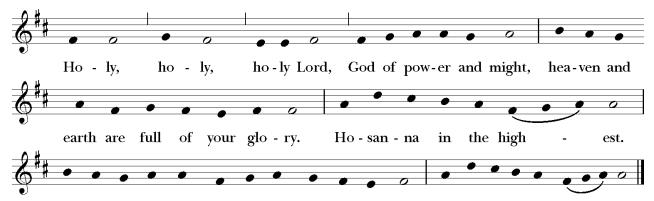
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

SANCTUS Holy, Holy, Holy (S 124)

Hurd



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

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,

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 St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

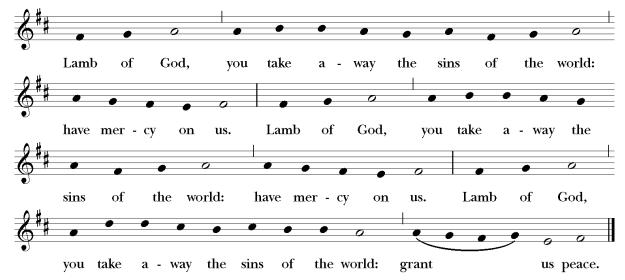


THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(A silence is held.)

FRACTION ANTHEM *Lamb of God (S 161)*

Hurd



The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION: God Welcomes You to the Table

This is Christ's Table, and God welcomes us all to be fed and blessed here. All those baptized, regardless of church tradition/denomination, background, or age are invited to receive Communion as members of the Body of Christ. Please let the clergy know if you require a gluten-free wafer. If you are not yet baptized, or wish to receive a Blessing instead of Communion, please cross your hands across your chest and the minister will affirm God's blessing on you. If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher know so that the clergy may come to you. If you are interested in exploring more of what baptism could mean for you, please speak to Rev. Derek, our Rector, and he would LOVE to talk about baptism with you!

COMMUNION HYMNS Jesus Came, Adored By Angels
Signs of Ending
(H 454) M-4
(W 721) M-5

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

CLOSING HYMN Rejoice, Believers

(H 68) M-6

DISMISSAL

(The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, to which we respond)

Thanks be to God.

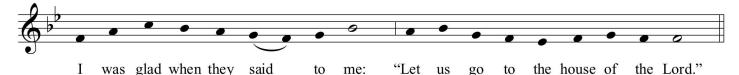
POSTLUDE *Wachet Auf; III. "Now Let All the Heav'ns Adore You"*

Wayne Wold

ENTRANCE HYMN Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending



(The Choir will sing the verses; the Congregation joins in the refrain.)



[Refrain]

2 Now our feet are standing * within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, * the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, * the thrones of the house of David. [Refrain]

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls * and quietness within your towers. [Refrain]

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, * I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God,*I will seek to do you good." [Refrain]

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS: Michael & Becca Altner, Deb Avant, Steve Belknap, Jim Bruce, Richard Burrows, Leslie Edmonds, Barbara Epke, Sunny Good, Marti Guillet, Bettina Hallock, Janis, Jim, Beth John, Kathryn, Ruth Keimig, Kelly, Mary Jo Kenney, Mike Kinzel, John Kreft, Mary Krzos, Tom & Dorothy Linthicum, Glenda Lovchik, Judy Lovchik, Brent & Meg McDorman, Pat Merson, Charles H. Miller, Gordon Nahas, Kathy O'Dunne, Jean Purcell, Rev. Charles Dean Pugh, Roland Russoli, Clay Shiflet, Teresa Sinkovich, Marion Walker, Allison Ward, Victoria Weimer, and Dylan Williams.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Mary Fill, Charles Osmond

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

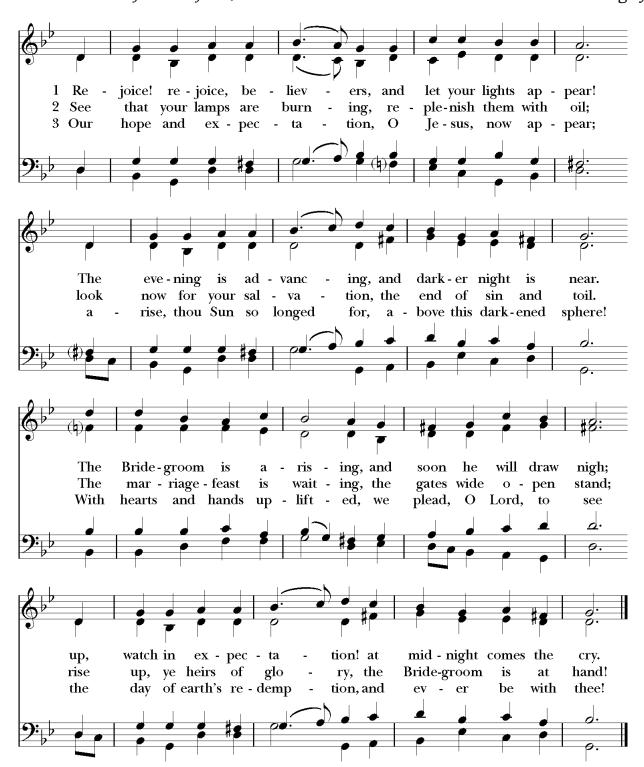
To have someone included on our prayer list, you may: Contact the Parish Office by phone or email your prayer request to Tracey Stone at tstone@stjohnsec.org. Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. After the initial 30 days, if you wish to have a name stay on the list, please re-submit your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





COMMUNION HYMN II Signs of Ending All Around Us





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WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.: Contemplative Worship, Historic Church Sundays, 9:00 a.m.: Family-friendly, Contemporary Worship, All Saints Hall Sundays, 11:00 a.m.: Traditional Worship, Historic Church (11:00 a.m. is livestreamed whenever possible on YouTube — https://bit.ly/SJEC-YouTube) 주일 성찬예배 오전 10:30, 한국어 성찬예배는 Resurrection 채플에서 드립니다.

Find more worship information at https://www.stjohnsec.org

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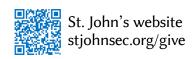
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FRIDGE NOTES

Advent & Christmas 2025



Detach and take home.



for ARC of Howard Co. & The Kirk P. Gaddy Youth Ctr.

SIGN-UP NOV. 30 ~ DEC. 14

Email Bonnie Sturm & Diane Standeven at Outreachestjohnsec.org







SPECIAL HOLIDAY BASKET COLLECTION

Monies purchase grocery gift cards to be included with our Holiday Baskets for ARC of Howard Co. & The Kirk P. Gaddy Youth Ctr.



Donate online now at https://bit.ly/SJEC-GiveNow Fund=Outreach Ministry Memo=Special Collection

Donate online now or at services on Sat., Dec. 13; 5 p.m. Sun., Dec. 14; 11 a.m. Historic Church



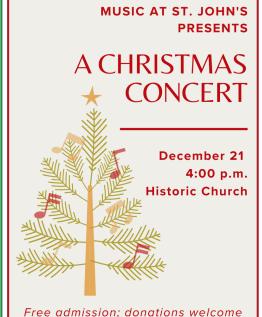
Remember, honor, or give thanks for a loved one at Christmas while helping St. John's decorate the Historic Church & All Saints Hall

\$50 DONATION

- Use a flower offering envelope (in the pews or at the Welcome Center) and place it in the offering plate); or
- Donate online at https://bit.ly/ ChristmasFlowers-25



Respond no later than Dec. 10 to have loved ones' names listed in the Christmas bulletins.



The Living Crèche at St. John's:
December 24th ~ 30th

Gather family & friends and bring the crèche to life and keep the animals company on the front lawn.

Look for details and sign-up coming soon.



Christmas 2025 at St. John's

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00 p.m. | All Saints Hall | Preparing the Crèche Service with Holy Eucharist
Wonder at the mystery and meaning of Christ's birth in this worship offering
designed especially for families with young children and open to all.
Children will bring to life the Crèche for Christmas.

5:00 p.m. | Historic Church & Livestream | Festival Holy Eucharist Rejoice at the message of the angels as the Good News of Christmas is proclaimed through scripture and music. Traditional Christmas carols and special music are featured.

5:30 p.m. | All Saints Hall | Celtic Christmas with Holy Eucharist Celebrate Christmas through Irish, Scottish, and English carols and traditional instruments.

Traditional Christmas music by the Adult Choir, Handbell Choir, and Instrumental Ensemble. Music begins at 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

11:00 a.m. | Historic Church | The Holy Eucharist with Carols

The Feast of the Nativity celebrated with carol singing.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28: CHRISTMAS I

11:00 a.m. | Historic Church | Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist (There will be no other services on the weekend of Dec. 27 ♂ 28.)