

Fourth Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist: Rite II

December 20, 2020 10:00 a.m.

#### Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome and thank you for worshiping with us today! Whatever your religious background (if any) and however you have come to be here with us, we welcome you. Whether you are online or in-person, we are glad that you have found us and we invite you to return here any Sunday so that we may continue to worship with you. Please visit us on the web at www.stjohnsmlb.org where you can also sign our Virtual Guest Book, and, if you are in-person, please pick up a welcome bag at the back of the church.

#### Precautions in place during this pandemic:

If you are not feeling well, please remain outside or return home and participate via live stream. Everyone should use hand sanitizer upon entering. Everyone is expected to wear a face covering. There should be no handshaking, hugging or other physical contact. Maintain social distance (except those you live with). No Passing of the Peace. Note that Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles have been removed from the pews. Everything you need will be printed in this single use format. Special Communion procedures are outlined at that point in the bulletin.

### THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Congregation joins in the portions printed in **bold italics**.

### **Opening Hymn**

Earth was waiting

All stand, as able

Sung to the tune of "Let all mortal flesh"

Earth was waiting, spent and restless, with a mingled hope and fear, faithful men and women praying, "Surely, Lord, the day is near: the Desire of all the nations - it is time he should appear!"

Then the Spirit of the Highest to a Virgin meek came down, and he burdened her with blessing, and he pained her with renown; for she bore the Lord's Anointed for his cross and for his crown. Earth has groaned and labored for him since the ages first began, for in him was hid the secret which through all the ages ran - Son of Mary, Son of David, Son of God, and Son of Man.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824 - 1908). Music: PICARDY, French carol found in Tiersot's Melodies, Paris, 1887. Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.* 

# **Lighting of the Advent Wreath** O come, O come Emmanuel

Sung by all

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; Bid thou our sad divisions cease, and by thyself our King of Peace.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ranson captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

#### Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you, *And also with you.* Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons All sit

#### Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the

obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Recited by all in unison

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; \* from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \* you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one: \*

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

'I will establish your line for ever, \* and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: \*

"I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

I have found David my servant; \* with my holy oil have I anointed him.

My hand will hold him fast \* and my arm will make him strong.

No enemy shall deceive him, \* nor any wicked man bring him down.

I will crush his foes before him \* and strike down those who hate him.

My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \* and he shall be victorious through my Name.

I shall make his dominion extend \* from the Great Sea to the River.

He will say to me, 'You are my Father, \* my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

Luke 1:26-38

All stand, as able

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

Tn the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by **L**God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the

angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.* 

The Sermon All sit

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able

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.

# **Prayers of the People**

Form III

All kneel, as able

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.* 

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Iglesia Episcopal Jesús de Nazaret, Orlando and Iglesia Episcopal San Cristobal, Orlando.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers'

Union around the world.

Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families, especially, David, Luke, Jeremy, Craig, Dobson, Murray, Joel, Mack, Sergio, Ryan, Jimmy, Michael, Mikala, Carl Jr., Matthew, Julian, Andrew, Jim, Brandon, Kyle, Nate, Stephen, Evan, Patrick, Clay, Ian, and Austin.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially *Barbara*, *Jan*, *Natalie*, *Geri*, *Pam*, *Don*, *Gloria*, *Peg*, *Jane*, *Jean*, *Bryan*, *Lilian*, *and Gloria*. *Silence* 

### Prayers for these times

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

O Lord, our healer and provider, we beseech you to be present with the suffering in the midst of this

pandemic. Bring healing and perseverance to the sick, protection to the healthy, and your redemption to those who have died. Grant strength to medical workers, wisdom to researchers and provision for those suffering economic loss. May we put our trust in you as we walk this path together toward your heavenly kingdom. In Jesus Name we pray. *Amen.* 

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Holy Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

**Announcements** All sit

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer B)

**Offertory Anthem** 

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist Cry

Piano Solo

**Doxology**All stand, as able Chorus of O come all ye faithful
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

All things come of Thee, O Lord.

And of Thine own have we given Thee.

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 him 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel, as able

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 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 say,

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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!* 

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Holy Eucharist is Christ's eternal banquet, to which all adults and children are invited. If you are a baptized Christian of any tradition (and regardless of your current status in any other church) we welcome you to receive communion with this community of God's people. At the time of communion, please remain in your seat and Communion will be brought to you.

Communion Music: Hymn # 301 Bread of the world, in mercy broken

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Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Music: Rendez à Dieu, melody att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

### The Post-Communion Prayer

All kneel, as able

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Almighty and everliving God, 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





Words: Frederico J. Pagura (b. 1923); tr. F. Pratt Green (b. 1903), alt. Music: Valet will ich dir geben, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635) alt.; harm. and desc. Ronald Arnatt (b. 1930)

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#### **Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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VISITORS AND GUESTS: due to the needs of social distancing, we are not having a coffee hour, but we look forward to meeting you after this season is over! If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please call the Church Office at: 321-254-3365. And if you wish to know more about this church or to be included on our weekly and newsletter mailing lists, please call the office or email us at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE may be given in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate some occasion. Contact the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org or 321-254-3365.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Edie Bennett, Sharon Tuten.

Anniversaries this Week: Hasty & Julie Miller.

### **Children's Ministry:**

**Kings' Kids** (1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade): 9 a.m., St. Nick House (just east of the Sanctuary). **Suspended**.

#### **Bible Studies:**

**Monday afternoon:** 1 p.m., Parish Hall, led by Hope Johnson. **Suspended.** 

**Tuesday evening**: 7 p.m., Eric's office, led by Deacon Elizabeth. Studying 1 and 2 Samuel. Online only. Email yarrumea@gmail.com for instructions on joining in.

**Wednesday evening:** 7 p.m., online only. Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for details.

**TGIF:** Men's breakfast and Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m., online only. Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for details.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M! This service will continue to be live streamed. Everyone is expected to wear a face mask, social distance and use hand sanitizer provided. There will be no passing of the peace, coffee hour, hugging or shaking hands. Communion (bread only) will be brought to you in your pew.

**In-Person Gatherings** for studies, meetings, etc. remain suspended and will open up on a case by

case basis.

SIGN OUR VIRTUAL GUEST BOOK! Please visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Virtual Guest Book to let us know you were here and pass on any comments you would like to make!

**DONATE TO ST. JOHN'S ONLINE!** You can now make a safe and convenient donation to St. John's via PayPal. Visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Donate Now!

CAROLS ON CHRISTMAS EVE! We will have our traditional Carol Sing on Christmas but we have exciting changes to keep it COVID-safe! Instead of singing indoors, we will be socially distanced outside in the park, and the music will be led by a brass sextet. We will set up, appropriately socially distanced, at 7:15 p.m. and will enjoy carols until about 7:50 when we will break to move into the sanctuary for our Festival Christmas Worship, beginning at 8 p.m. Both the caroling and the worship service will be both in person and online. Visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Worship Livestream for the links. This should be a unique and wonderful Christmas Celebration, so plan to be here if you can and invite friends and family!

LOANING OF CHURCH ITEMS: If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens, etc. please speak with Fr. Eric or Kathy Oas, Jr. Warden, first as there might be an event on the schedule where these items are needed. And, of course, we need to keep track of the church's property. Please contact Kathy at kmoas40@gmail.com, Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org, or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

**Weekly Meditations** from Fr. Terry Highland are available by email, coming out every Tuesday afternoon. These are by request only, so please email office@stjohnsmlb.org to get on the list.

A PRAYER REQUEST Box is now available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously. In lieu of access to the prayer box, please give prayer requests directly to Sarah

Kendall at 537sarah@gmail.com or 702-203-6093.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** We can always use new volunteers for this important outreach. Please speak to Ben Kendall for details.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sunday, 9 a.m. in the Chapel. Studying the book of Exodus, in-person and online. Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for Zoom link.

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS:** Please bring your donations to the baskets in the rear of the sanctuary, or mark them and leave in the Parish Hall. Thank you for your generous response. During this crisis, please remember that pantries continue to need our support. Drop off your contributions at the church office during the week. You can leave them outside the office door if no one is available.

ST. JOHN'S MEAL MINISTRY: Parishioner-prepared meals are available for those times you or someone you know is unable to prepare a meal for themselves. Meals are located in the Parish Hall kitchen in the mini-freezer marked "Meal Ministry". The lock combination is 1887. Take what you need, being sure to check the ingredients list provided by the Parishioner/Chef. Please review the FAQs on the mini-freezer. We always need new meals added! We recommend that there be NO home visitations at this time.

WE HAVE 2 DAILY BREAD TEAMS! We provide food serving teams for the third Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m, and the fourth Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. The third Sunday team is led by Doug Ludwig (321-243-3686 or\_ludwig.murray@att.net). The fourth Thursday team is led by lan Johnson

(321-674-0932 or johnsoni051075@gmail.com). The upcoming duty days are today, at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday, January 19th. There will be no Thursday duty day in December. Your help is greatly appreciated! Daily Bread is now passing out meals to-go. If you are healthy and not in an at-risk group, your help is still needed.

**New Outreach!** St. John's is launching a new Hispanic outreach to the Spanish speaking community. This effort will be lead by Canon Luis de la Cruz who will be our guest preacher on January 31, 2021. Please pray for wisdom and boldness!

St. John's Outreach Focus for the month of December will be Anchor House Ministries, a ministry of the Diocese of Central Florida and located in Auburndale, FL. This is a residential facility that provides shelter, education, counseling and spiritual care to adolescent boys who come from broken homes and have had trouble with the law. We have a long tradition of supporting this vital work both by cash contributions and by hosting some of the young men from Anchor House for beach weekends here at St. John's. Contributions marked for outreach will go directly to Anchor House Ministries. Thank you!

THE 2021 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE is wrapping up. If you did not receive a stewardship package you may contact the church office and we will be happy to provide you with one. You may also visit the church website at stjohnsmlb.org and click on Stewardship 2021 for all the materials and information.

St. John's Stewardship Summary			
	November Budget	November Actual	YTD Actual
Income	\$ 17,850	\$ 20,136	\$ 192,611
Expenses	\$ 19,240	\$ 18,759	\$ 194,198
Net	\$ -1,390	\$ 1,377	\$ -1,537
Outreach	For Nov - New Life Mission: \$ 430 Other: \$1,000 directed to Dio. of Honduras; \$100 for Thanksgiving baskets \$ 6,685		
Figures provided for the most recent month for which they are available.			

**THE ORGAN FUND DRIVE** has received \$25,195 toward our goal of \$25,000! We have met our Fund Goal of \$25,000! Any additional contributions will cover any "Over & Above" expenses not included in the original quote and shipping charges. Thank you!

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Galatians 3: 23-25, 4: 4-7; Psalm 147; John 1: 1-18.

#### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24
Carol Sing, In the Park! Led by a Brass Sextet! 7:15 - 7:50 p.m.
Festival Christmas Worship, In-Person and Livestream, 8 p.m.

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25 Christmas Worship, Rite 1, In-Person only, 11 a.m.

First Sunday of Christmas, December 27 Lessons and Carols, In-Person and Livestream, 10 a.m.

#### This Week at St. John's

Sun. (12/20) Adult Christian Education, 9 a.m., Chapel and zoom Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., In-Person and Live Stream Visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on "Worship Live Stream" Daily Bread, 10:30 a.m.
Converge, Mid & High School, Suspended.

Mon (12/121) Bible Study, 1 p.m., Parish Hall, led by Hope Johnson. Suspended.

Tues (12/22) Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., led by Deacon Elizabeth. Online only. Email yarrumea@gmail.com for details and log in.

Wed (12/123) Choir, 7 p.m., church balcony.

Bible Study, 7 p.m., led by Father Eric. Online only.

Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for details and log in.

Thurs (12/24) Carol Sing, In the Park! Led by a Brass Sextet! 7:15 - 7:50 p.m. Festival Christmas Worship, In-Person and Livestream, 8 p.m.

Fri (12/25) Christmas Worship, Rite 1, In-Person only, 11 a.m. No TGIF, Men's Bible Study.

Sun (12/27) Adult Education, 9 a.m., NO Christian Ed today Lessons and carols, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed. Visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on "Worship Live Stream."

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