



First Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

November 27, 2022
10 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 stjohnsmlb.org where you can also sign our Virtual Guest Book, and, if you are in-person, please use the welcome cards in the pew racks.

Precautions in place during this pandemic:

Based on Diocesan guidelines face coverings are no longer required. Unvaccinated persons should continue to mask as an expression of concern for others as well as their own safety. It is strongly encouraged to use the available hand sanitizer. Communion is at the altar rail, and wine will be by intinction only (see note at that point in the bulletin).

Preparation for Worship

The organ's chimes are a signal that it is time to take your seat in a pew, refrain from talking, and be in prayer and meditation as preparation for our worship together. The organ voluntary is an opportunity when, if we are properly prepared, we may hear the voice of the Holy Spirit in the confines of our mind.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

There are no organ voluntaries during Advent.

The Great Litany

Please join with the choir in singing the responses found on the card.

If you feel you “don’t sing” please join in by saying the responses.

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 Lessons

All sit

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.

Psalm 122

Recited by all in unison

*I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”*

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

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

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

*For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.*

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

*Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.*

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

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

*Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”*

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.

Matthew 24:36-44

All stand, as able

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 Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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.

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 A)

At the Offertory, Conductus

Lift up your heads

Mark Schweitzer

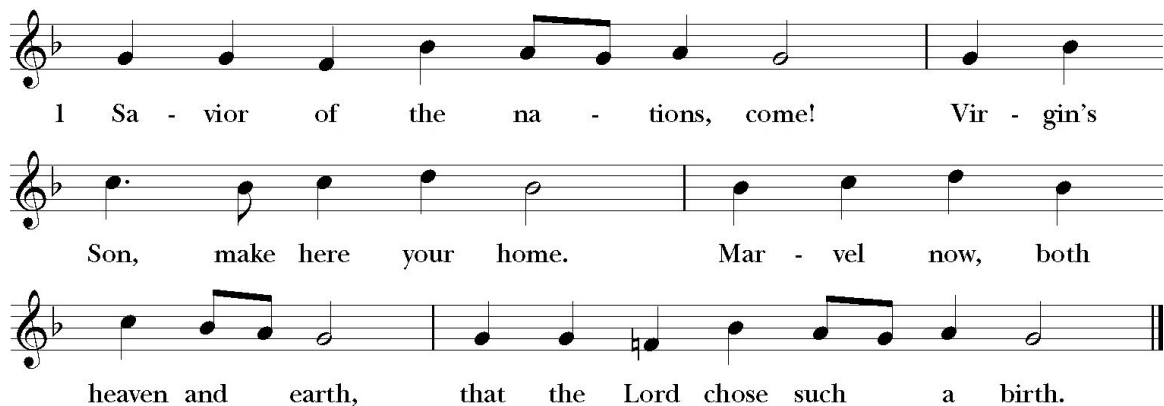
*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the king of glory waits;
the King of Kings is drawing near; the saviour of the world is here.*

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heavens employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we open wide; from us thy inner presence feel; by grace and love in us reveal.

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on until our glorious goal is one; eternal praise, eternal fame be offered, Saviour, to thy name!

Susan Badgio, Cantor



I Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
 Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
 heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

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:

Sanctus and Benedictus (sung by the choir)
Missa Sine Nomine by Viadana

Please kneel as able

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 usher will indicate when it is time for your row to come forward to the altar rail to receive Communion. If you wish to receive Communion in your pew, please let the usher know and it will be brought to you. When you go forward, an usher will indicate where to kneel at the rail, then hold your hands in front of you, one on top of the other, to receive the bread. Due to COVID restrictions, wine is by "intinction" only. No one sips from the common cup. If you wish to receive the wine, after the clergy places the bread in your hand, just hold it out for the chalice bearer, who will dip it in the wine and place it on your tongue. If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the bread and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer comes by, then return to your seat.

Communion Hymn 67, "Comfort, comfort ye my people"

Tune: PSALM 67



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

The Post-Communion Prayer

All kneel, as able

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

Hymn 65, "Prepare the way, O Zion"

Tune: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERREN



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Refrain



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!



THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Happy New Year! We should be singing “Auld Lang Syne” and wearing funny hats as today is the first day of the church’s new year. This next year, using the readings specified for Cycle A in the *New Revised Common Lectionary*, we will once again tell the story of the advent, birth, life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today also begins the season of Advent, the four Sundays prior to Christmas, a time of preparation and waiting. Notice how all our liturgy and music point up these themes, saving Christmas images until the Christmas season begins on Christmas Eve.

Following an ancient custom, we have the organ remain relatively silent during the season of Advent. This gives our ears a chance to rest and helps make it fresh again when it sounds in all its majesty at the Christmas Eve services.

We begin our worship today with The Great Litany, for which the Book of Common Prayer directs, “To be said or sung, kneeling, standing, or in procession; before the Eucharist or after the Collects of Morning or Evening Prayer; or separately; especially in Lent and on Rogation days.”

The Great Litany was the first English language rite prepared by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer. It was first published in 1544. The 1979 BCP titled the Litany “The Great Litany” (p. 148), distinguishing it from other litanies in the Prayer Book. When the Great Litany precedes the Eucharist, the Litany concludes with the Kyrie and the Eucharist begins with the salutation and the collect of the day (BCP, p. 153). The Great Litany takes the place of the prayers of the people at the Eucharist. The confession may also be omitted. Please join in the simple responses.

During Advent we also change the setting of the Ordinary of the Mass, using Viadana’s *Missa Sine Nomine* (Mass without a name). We also return to a spoken Lord’s Prayer so that we do not become jaded through overuse.

Ludovico Grossi da Viadana (usually Ludovico Viadana, though his family name was Grossi; c. 1560 - 2 May 1627) was an Italian composer, teacher, and Franciscan friar of the Order of Minor Observants. Viadana composed many exceptionally well-crafted motets and mass settings – this is one of the very few in three voices.

The concept of a liturgical *conductus* is steeped in ancient history. Primitive mankind believed that the sun was going away at this time of the year and could only be coaxed back by singing, dancing, and banging away on whatever they could find. Many tunes evolved in this way, and the idea of a *conductus* becomes our processions; straight-line (rather than in a circle) processions were known as “carols” and closely associated with Incarnation festivals.

VISITORS AND GUESTS: Welcome to St. John’s! We hope you will stay after the service for an opportunity to chat. Nibbles, coffee and bottled water will be provided in our Parish Hall. 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.

SIGN OUR VIRTUAL GUEST BOOK! Scan the QR code at right or 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!

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: Megan Hambel, Debbie Campbell, Patti Coleman, Joe McLaughlin.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: John & Patti Coleman.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sunday, 9 a.m. in the Chapel. Studying Jonah, in-person and online. Visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Worship Live Stream for the Zoom link.

YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: (Middle and High School) meets in the parish hall at 9 a.m.

TGIF: Men’s Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m., at La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935. 321-254-8559.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Open House at the Turner’s
Sunday, Dec. 11, 4 - 7 p.m.
4581 Bellaluna Dr., W. Melbourne

Christmas Brunch
Sunday, Dec. 18, following 10 a.m. service

Christmas Eve Festival Worship
Saturday, Dec. 24, 8 p.m. Carols, 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Festival Worship
Sunday, Dec. 25, 11 a.m.
No Christian Ed. Resumes Jan. 8.

Festival of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023
No Christian Ed. Resumes Jan. 8
Worship at 10 a.m., In-person and livestream

Epiphany, Festival of Light
Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, 7 p.m.
With other area churches.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART collection concludes today. If you want to donate but do not have your items, please be in touch with Susan Badgio (321-446-4266 or badgio99@gmail.com) to make other arrangements to get your gifts to the GFTH Christmas Shop.

AFRICAN CRAFTS FOR CHRISTMAS! Charlene Turner will be hosting two opportunities to purchase hand-made African crafts as unique Christmas gifts. Friday, Dec. 2, 7-9 p.m. will be “Champaigne and Sweets,” then Saturday, Dec. 3, 9-11 a.m. will be “Muffins and Mimosas.” Come out and bring a friend! No supply chain issues here! At the Turner’s: 4581 Bellaluna Dr., W. Melbourne or call 321-615-0206 for more info.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	Nov 27	Dec 4
Greeters	A. Weeks	A. Weeks
Ushers	B. Chernault J. Miller	L. Fletcher J. Bond
LEM	R. Huffman	D. Miller- Caldwell
Altar Guild	K. Oas	L. Bennett
Counter	K. Wilson	G. Bradley
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN’S: Let Dr. D know that you’d like to be a part of the music in the parish. Singers and instrumentalists are welcome. There are no auditions; all that is necessary is an ability to read music and a willingness to be faithful.

ST. JOHN’S CHAT is a great way to keep up with St. John’s news and information! If you are not subscribed to this list, please email office@stjohnsmlb.org. Note that this is separate from the weekly “**St. John’s eNews**” which comes out every Thursday at 4 p.m. You may request a subscription to that list as well!

PRAYER IS AVAILABLE at the altar rail immediately following the service.

A PRAYER REQUEST BOX is now available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King in the Sanctuary beside the votive candles. 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 any Daughter listed on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING a community of women who believe in the power of prayer, service to others, and the sharing of the gospel to expand the Kingdom of God. Learn more about the St. John's Chapter: Mary Highland at 321-831-2796 or mhighland7@gmail.com.

FAMILY PROMISE: is always in need of volunteers. If you can help please speak to Lee Steininger or Ben Kendall for details.

NEED A ZOOM MEETING? A "zoom room" is available for church zoom meetings or hybrid meetings. Please contact office@stjohnsmlb.org to set it up.

WHOLENESS TO FREEDOM FOOD PANTRY Help our local food pantry by placing non-perishable food in the basket at the back of the church. You may also leave donations in the Parish Hall or the office. Many thanks for your generous support.

DAILY BREAD: Additional servers would be most welcome for the first Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The upcoming duty day is

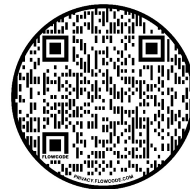
December 1. If you can help please contact Jackie Bond.

LOANING OF CHURCH ITEMS: If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens, etc. please speak with Fr. Eric or Deborah Miller-Caldwell, Jr. Warden. Please contact Deborah at farxpert@gmail.com, Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org, or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH FOCUS for the month of November has been designated for Daily Bread. Daily Bread is a ministry well known to the people of St. John's as we already provide a team to serve the first Thursday of the month. But Daily Bread provides so much more in services to the homeless and needy of our community. These funds go to support the entire operation. Visit dailybreadinc.org to learn more.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY information is available in the church newsletters, *The Good News*. Visit stjohnsmlb.org > About > Church Newsletters. More detailed reports are available from the church office.

DONATE TO ST. JOHN'S ONLINE! You can now make a safe and convenient donation to St. John's via PayPal. Scan the QR code at right or visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Donate Now!



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12



Christmas Open House

Turner's ~ 4581 Bellaluna Dr., W. Melbourne

Sunday, Dec. 11, 4 - 7 p.m.

Come and bring a friend!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sun (11/27) Christian Education, 9 a.m., Adults: Chapel and online.
Youth: Parish Hall only.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.
AA, 2:30 - 4.30 p.m. Parish Hall
- Mon (11/28) AA, 7 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Tue (11/29) Boy Scouts, 5:30, p.m. Parish Hall.
- Wed (11/30) Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- Thur (12/1) Daily Bread service 10:30 a.m.
Staff Meeting, Rector's Office, 11:00 a.m.
AA, 7:30 p.m., Chapel
- Fri (12/2) TGIF Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m., La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.
"Champagne & Sweets" SLA fund raiser at the Turner's, 4581 Bellaluna Dr., 7-9 p.m.
- Sat (12/3) "Muffins & Mimosas" SLA fund raiser at the Turner's, 4581 Bellaluna Dr., 9 - 11:00 a.m.
- Sun (12/4) Christian Education, 9 a.m., Adults: Chapel and online.
Youth: Parish Hall only.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.
Daughters of the King, 11:30, Chapel.

All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > Parish Life > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email office@stjohnsmlb.org and we will send you the link.

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growing as servants of Christ, and sharing His love in word and deed.*

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Kathy Oas (until 1/2023)