



First Sunday after Christmas: Festival of Lessons and Carols  
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

January 1, 2023  
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 we may continue to worship with you. Please visit us on the web at [stjohnsmlb.org](http://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**.*

# A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Processional Hymn 109, "The First Nowell"

Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL

1. The first No-well the an-gels did  
2. They look-ed up and saw a  
3. Then let-us all with one ac-

say star was to cer-tain poor shep-herds in fields as they  
cord shin-ing in prais-es the east to our heavn-ly

lay; in fields as the they lay, keep-ing their  
far; and to as the earth it gave earth great  
Lord; that hath made heaven and earth of

sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
light, and so it con-tin-ued both day and night. No-  
naught, and with his blood our life has bought.

well, No-well, No-well, No-well,  
born is the King of Is-ra-el.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. 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.**

## Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

*Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

### The Fall: Genesis 3:1-23

Reader: Charlene Turner

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I

heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and

you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them. Then the Lord God said,

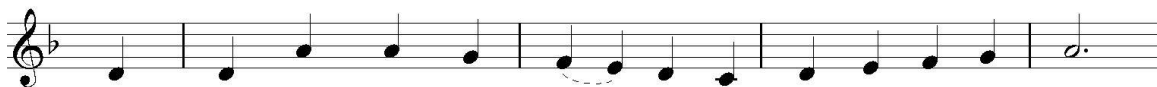
“See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### Hymn 105, “God Rest You Merry Gentlemen”

Tune: GOD REST YOU MERRY



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;  
2 From God our heav - en - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came  
3 “Fear not, then,” said the an - gel, “Let noth - ing you af - fright;  
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,  
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:  
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,  
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.  
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.  
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might.”  
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.

#### *Refrain*



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

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.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is

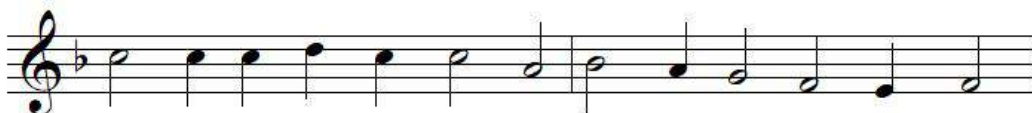
named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Hymn 81, “Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming”

Tune: ES IST EIN ROS



1.Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath sprung!  
2.I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,



Of Jes-se's lin-eage com-ing as seers of old have sung.  
with Ma-ry we be-hold it, the Vir-gin Mo-ther kind.



It came, a blos-som bright, a-mid the cold of win-ter,  
To show God's love a- right, she bore to us a Sa- vior,



when half spent was the night.  
when half spent was the night.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the

leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Hymn 115, "What Child Is This"

Tune: GREENSLEEVES

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's lap is  
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are  
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrror, me, peas - ant, king, to

sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while  
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here the  
 own him; the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let

shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is Christ the King, whom  
 si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

shep - herds guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the  
 babe, the son of Ma - ry.

**I**n the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by 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 Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

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1.O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how  
 2.For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and  
 3.O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the  
 gath - ered all a - bove, while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their  
 scend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and en - ter in, be



si - lent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the  
 watch of won - d'ring love. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -  
 born in us to - day. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the



ev - er - last - ing Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are  
 claim the ho - ly birth! and prais - es sing to God the King, and  
 great glad tid - ings tell; O come to us, a - bide with us, our



met in thee to - night,  
 peace to men on earth,  
 Lord Em - man - u - el!

**The Savior is Born: Luke 2:1–20**

Reader: Richard Huffman

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with

Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.



Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

When the angels had left them and gone into

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

**Hymn 101, “Away in a Manger”**

Tune: CRADLE SONG

1. A way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the  
lit-tle Lord Je-sus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked  
lit-tle Lord Je-sus no cry-ing he makes. I love thee, Lord Je-sus! Look  
down where he lay, the lit-tle Lord Je-sus a - sleep on the hay.  
down from the sky, and stay by my side un - til morn-ing is nigh.

2. The cat-tle are low-ing, the ba-by a-wakes, but  
lit-tle Lord Je-sus no cry-ing he makes. I love thee, Lord Je-sus! Look  
down from the sky, and stay by my side un - til morn-ing is nigh.

**The Plan of Salvation: John 1:1-18**

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

*All stand, as able*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one

thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

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**The Sermon**

*All sit*

**Prayers of the People**

*Form III*

*All kneel, as able*

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

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

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

*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.*

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

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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.*

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 St. Simon the Cyrenian Church, Fort Pierce, and Holy Trinity Church, Fruitland Park.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Anglican Church of Mexico.

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, Carl Jr., Matthew, Julian, Andrew, Jim, Brandon, Kyle, Nate, Stephen, Evan, Patrick, Clay, Ian, and Marsha.*

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially *Barbara, Jan, Bryan, Lilian, Brenda, Joe, Charlie, and Hope.*  
*Silence*

God of peace and justice, we pray for all those who live under armed conflict in Ukraine, Sudan, Iran and other places around the world. We pray for those with power over war or peace and those

commanded to fight, for wisdom, compassion and restraint to guide their decisions. We pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. *Amen.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*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**

**At the Offertory, Voluntary**

*Journey to Bethlehem*

Charles Cronham

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*All stand, as able*

*(Eucharistic Prayer A)*

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy

Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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

Tune: THE FRIENDLY BEASTS

Organ

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of  
power and \_\_ might \_\_\_\_ Heaven and earth \_\_are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Blessed is he, is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. -  
- - Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_

The musical score is written on four staves in G major and 3/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Organ' and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The third staff continues for the third line. The fourth staff continues for the fourth line. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and \_\_ might \_\_\_\_ Heaven and earth \_\_are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Blessed is he, is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. - - - Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_'

*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 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.*

*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.*

## 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 450, "All hail the power of Jesus' Name"

Tune: CORONATION

*f* 1. All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar  
3. Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did  
6. Let ev - ery kin - dred, eve - ry tribe, on this ter - res - trial

fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him  
call: praise him whose way of pain ye - trod, and crown him  
call: the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and crown him  
ball, to him all ma - jes - ty - as - cribe, and crown him

Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
Lord of all! praise him whose way of pain ye - trod, and  
Lord of all! the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and  
Lord of all! to him all ma - jes - ty - as - cribe, and

crown him Lord of all!  
crown him Lord of all!  
crown him Lord of all!  
crown him Lord of all!

## Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

*Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**THIS MORNING'S MUSIC**

Although the tradition of Nine Lessons and Carols is popularly associated with King's College, Cambridge, its origins are attributed to Truro Cathedral in Cornwall. Up to the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, the singing of Christmas carols was normally performed by singers visiting people's houses, and carols — generally considered to be secular in content — and had been excluded from Christian worship. In the Victorian era, the rising popularity of hymnody encouraged church musicians to introduce carols into worship. An 1875 book of carols, *Carols for Use in Church During Christmas and Epiphany* by Richard Chope and Sabine Baring-Gould, was an influential publication. At around this time, the composer and organist John Stainer was compiling a collection, *Christmas Carols New and Old*, and during Christmas 1878 he introduced carols into the service of Choral Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral in London. Other cathedrals also began to adopt carols at Christmastide that year and the Royal Cornwall Gazette reported that the choir of Truro Cathedral would sing a service of carols at 10:00 pm on Christmas Eve.

Today is the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus which has been celebrated since the end of the fifteenth century. The celebration has been held on different dates, usually in January, because the first of January, eight days after Christmas, commemorates the naming of the child Jesus; as recounted in the Gospel reading on that day. "At the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb." Our 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* specifies 1 January as the proper date.

A *Christmas Pastiche* was composed to celebrate the repair of the set of organ chimes at Dr. D's Connecticut parish. A "pastiche" (from which our word "paste" derives) is a gluing together of tunes, in this case "Hark, the herald angels sing, the German *Josef Lieber*, *Josef mein*, the French *Il est né*, and finally, 'Joy to the world.'"

"All hail the power of Jesus' Name" was written by Edward Perronet (1726-1792), a friend and advisor of the Wesleys who later became a Congregational minister, it has had many alterations. John Rippon (1751-1836), famous for including "How firm a foundation" in his 1791 hymnal, added two new stanzas and extensively rewrote the others. Its extravagant praise and "crown Him" chorus become exuberant when sung to CORONATION, DIADEM, or MILES LANE — all equally popular tunes. (From *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace.)



**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:** Austin Louks, Cade Oas, Lory Bittner, Dorinda Campbell.

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Keith & Marie Salmon.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** No adult education today, resumes Jan. 8.

**YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** No Christian education today, resumes Jan. 8.

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

**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!

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## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### Epiphany, Festival of Light

Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, 7 p.m.

With other area churches.

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**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.

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

### SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	Jan 1	Jan 6	Jan 8
Greeters	A. Weeks	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks
Ushers	B. Chernault J. Miller	S. & G. Bradley	J. Bond L. Fletcher
LEM	R. Huffman	J. Bond	J. Hamilton
Altar Guild	M. Salmon	D. Miller Caldwell	K. Oas
Counter	K. Wilson		K. Wilson
A/V		B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

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

**FAMILY DINNER NIGHT** is coming on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 6 p.m. at the Pizza Gallery and Grille in the Avenues at Viera. Come out and bring a friend!

**CONCERTS IN THE PARK** continue on Sunday, Jan. 15 with the Penny Creek Band! BBQ dinner at 5:30

p.m., and the concert begins at 6. We'll be in the park if the weather is good, but we will move into the Parish Hall if cool or rainy. This will be a great evening so be sure to bring a friend!

**A NEW BISHOP** will be elected for the Diocese of Central Florida on Saturday, Jan. 14. Delegates to the special electing convention from St. John's will be Deborah Miller-Caldwell, Lee Steininger, Katie Wilson and Fr. Eric Turner. You can learn more about the candidates at [DCFSearch.org](http://DCFSearch.org).

**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](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) to set it up.

**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 January 5. 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](mailto:farxpert@gmail.com), Fr. Eric at [eric@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:eric@stjohnsmlb.org), or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

**ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH FOCUS** for the month of January has been designated for the Clergy Fund. These funds are not adequately supported through the regular parish budget. The funds are used to provide assistance by way of gift cards to people in need, for which we get calls and requests almsy daily. Please support this worthy Outreach fund. Contributions marked for outreach will go directly to the Clergy Discretionary Fund.

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

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**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Isaiah 42:1-9, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17, Psalm 29.



You are personally invited to join 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. You can find out more about the DOK St John's Chapter by contacting Mary Highland at 321-831-2796 or [mhighland7@gmail.com](mailto:mhighland7@gmail.com).



## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sun (1/1) No Christian Education today, resumes Jan. 8  
Festival of Lessons & Carols, Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.
- Mon (1/2) Seaside Stitchers, 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall.  
AA, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Tues (1/3) Outreach Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Zoom only.  
Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Wed (1/4) Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- Thur (1/5) Daily Bread, 10:30 a.m.  
Staff Meeting, Rector's Office, 11 a.m.  
AA, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Fri (1/5) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m., La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.
- Sun (1/8) Adult Christian Education, 9:00 a.m. Parish Hall and online.  
Youth: joining adults for this series.  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.  
Daughters of the King, 11:30 a.m. Chapel.

**All Zoom and Livestream links** are available by visiting [stjohnsmlb.org](http://stjohnsmlb.org) > Parish Life > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email [office@stjohnsmlb.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmlb.org) and we will send you the link.

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Linda Fletcher, Penny Perian, Katie Wilson

*Serving thru 1/2024*  
Skip Alcorn, Susan Badgio,  
Deborah Miller-Caldwell

*Serving thru 1/2025*  
Jamie Hamilton, Mike Milner,  
Kathy Oas (until 1/2023)

