

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord
Holy Eucharist: Rite I

December 25, 2022
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 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.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Voluntary

A Christmas Pastiche

J. F. Davidson

Hymn 83, "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Tune: ADESTE FIDELES

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come, and be -
lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb; on - ly - be -
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove; glo - ry to
Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given; Word of the

hold him, born the King of an - gels; O come, let us a - dore him, O
got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
God, glo - ry in the high - est;
Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in excelsis

Tune: GLORIA

Glo - ry be to God on high, to all peo - ple,
Je - sus Christ, we now de - clare Lamb of God and
Prais - es to the Ho - ly One, Prais - es sing in

peace on earth An - gels, shep - herds draw - ing nigh, Join to ce - le -
Lord of Love. Grant us mer - cy, hear our prayer, Give us grace from
high - est heav'n; To the Fath - er and the Son and the Ho - ly

brate His birth. Glo - - - - - ri - a
heav'n a - bove.
Spi - rit giv'n.

1, 2.

in ex - cel - sis De - o! in ex - cel - sis De - - - o!

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

O God, who makest us glad by the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Lessons

All sit

Isaiah 9:2-7

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 all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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.

Psalm 96

Recited in unison

***Sing to the LORD a new song; *
Sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.***

***Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
Proclaim the good news of his salvation from
day to day.***

***Declare his glory among the nations *
And his wonders among all peoples.***

***For great is the LORD and greatly to be
praised; *
He is more to be feared than all gods.***

***As for all the gods of the nations, they are but
idols; *
But it is the LORD who made the heavens.***

***Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his
presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his
sanctuary!***

***Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the
peoples; *
Ascribe to the LORD honor and power.***

***Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his
Name; *
Bring offerings and come into his courts.***

***Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
Let the whole earth tremble before him.***

***Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is
King! *
He has made the world so firm that it cannot
be moved; he will judge the peoples with
equity."***

***Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be
glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
Let the field be joyful and all that is therein.***

***Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for
joy before the LORD when he comes, *
When he comes to judge the earth.***

***He will judge the world with righteousness *
And the peoples with his truth.***

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope

and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Luke 2:1-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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!”

When the angels had left them and gone into 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

All sit

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able

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Prayers of the People

All kneel, as able

BCP, Form I, p. 383

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. Silence

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

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Andrew's Church, Fort Pierce and for St. Simon the Cyrenian Church, Fort Pierce.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia.

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

All stand, as able

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

All sit

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Offertory, Voluntary

À la venue de Noël

Claude Balbastre

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist Prayer I

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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.

Communion Music: Instrumental

The Post-Communion Prayer

All kneel, as able

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The Blessing

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Hymn 100, "Joy to the World"

Tune: ANTIOCH

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the newborn King!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary

A Christmas Jubilation

Davidson



THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

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* (My beloved Joseph), the French *Il est né* (He is born), and finally, "Joy to the world."

A number of years ago Mark Schweizer, founder of the St. James Music Press, concocted a setting of the Ordinary using familiar carol tunes. We use his setting of the *Gloria in excelsis* is paired with the tune usually associated with "Angels we have heard on high."

Claude Balbastre (1724-1799) is mostly remembered today for his sets of variations on French Noëls. This morning we hear the set based on the tune AT THE COMING OF CHRISTMAS.

VISITORS AND GUESTS: Welcome to St. John's! We hope you will stay after the service for an opportunity to chat, bottled water will be provided. 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: John Seymour.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Randy & Eloise Evans, Bill & Teresa Chernault.

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!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m.

No Christian Ed. Resumes Jan. 8, 2023.

Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023, 10 a.m.

No Christian Ed. Resumes Jan. 8, 2023.

Epiphany, Festival of Light

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

With other area churches.

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.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	Dec 25	Jan 1
Greeters	A. Weeks	A. Weeks
Ushers	J. & S. Hamilton	J. Miller B. Chernault
LEM	R. Huffman	D. Miller-Caldwell
Altar Guild	L. Bennett	M. Salmon
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 PROMISE: is always in need of volunteers. If you can help please speak to Lee Steinger 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.

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.

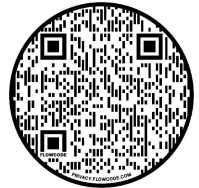
LOANING OF CHURCH ITEMS: If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens, etc. please speak with Fr. Eric or Deborah Miller-Caldwell, Jr. Warden. Please contact Deborah at farxpert@gmail.com, Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org, or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

ST. JOHN’S OUTREACH FOCUS for the month of December has been designated for Wholeness to Freedom Food Pantry, serving the needs of the community in our own backyard. This is the same food pantry that receives the non-perishable foods

we collect and deliver to them monthly. For more information visit their website at wholenesstofreedom.org. Contributions in the blue or lilac envelope, or marked for Outreach will go to the food pantry.

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.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Numbers 6:22-27, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21, Psalm 8

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sun (12/25) No Christian Education today, resumes Jan. 8
Christmas Day Worship, Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.
- Wed (12/28) Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
- Thur (12/29) Staff Meeting, Rector's Office, 11 a.m.
- Fri (12/30) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m., La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.
- Sun (1/1) No Christian Education today, resumes Jan. 8.
Festival of Lessons and Carols Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

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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*... is a worshipping community, obedient to scripture,
growing as servants of Christ, and sharing His love in word and deed.*

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Serving thru 1/2024
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Serving thru 1/2025
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