

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

November 30, 2025
10 a.m.

Welcome to St. John's



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

As Advent is a season of quiet expectation and contemplation, it is traditional to omit organ preludes and postludes. The service will begin with the processional hymn.

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

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

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.***

KYRIE, S91

Healey Willan

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.’

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.

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the

Psalm 122

Recite 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.*

*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.” Amen.*

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and

drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA

All stand, as able

Al-le - lu-ia, Al - le - lu-ia, Al-le - lu-ia, Al-le - lu-ia.

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Open our ears, O merciful God; Let us hear your sav - ing Word.
Repeat Alleluia as needed

Matthew 24:36-44

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together;

one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able

BCP, p. 358

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

All kneel, as able

Form III, BCP, p. 387

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 St. Richard's Episcopal Church, Winter Park, and Church of the Holy Spirit, Apopka.

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

Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families, especially ***Andrew, Brandon, Bryan, Caleb,***

Chase, Danielle, Eric, Geoffrey, Harry, Jack, Jay, John, Johnny, Kyle, Matthew B., Matthew M., Milton, Murray, Ricky, and Sarah.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially ***Frank.*** And for those on our weekly prayer list. *Silence.*

God of peace and justice, we pray for all those who live under armed conflict in the Holy Land, 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.***

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

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.

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer B)

BCP, p. 367

**At the Offertory,
Anthem**

“The King Shall Come”

Arnold B. Sherman

Presentation Hymn 56,

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
(We will sing stanza #1 only)

Tune: VENI, VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.

Here the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface.

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, S-129

Setting: Robert Powell

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, the ushers will indicate when your row should come forward. Please come to the altar rail; you may stand or kneel. The bread will be placed in your outstretched hands; the appropriate response is "Amen." When the chalice of wine comes, hold out your bread for the minister to dip it in the wine for you, or decline it by crossing your arms over your chest. If for any reason you prefer not to receive the bread and wine, or if you have not been Baptized, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.

At the Distribution,

Voluntary

Sleepers Awake

J.S. Bach

Anthem 613,

“Thy Kingdom Come, O God”

Tune: ST. CECILIA

The Post-Communion Prayer

All kneel, as able

BCP, p.366

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 58,

“Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending”

Tune: ST. THOMAS

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Voluntary



THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

The transition from Ordinary Time to Advent is marked by several changes in the service music. First, in accordance with the liturgical principle that “the organ should be used with a moderation that is consistent with the season’s character and does not anticipate the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 2002), the organ prelude and postlude are omitted. Second, in the same spirit of restraint and anticipation, the “Gloria in Excelsis” is replaced with the “Kyrie”. Finally, the doxology is replaced by a stanza of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”.

On the first Sunday of Advent, the hymns and anthem are thematically centered around the imminence of Christ’s arrival. The text of the opening hymn, “Blest Be The King Whose Coming”, was written by Federico Pagura (1923-2016), a pillar of the ecumenical movement in Argentina and a tireless proponent of civil rights. The words are matched with the tune used for “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”. While this association might at first seem to contradict the emphasis of the season (why are we thinking about the triumphal entry if Christ isn’t here yet?), it was in fact intended to remind

us of Christ's humility; just as he entered Jerusalem on a donkey rather than a warhorse, he entered the world as a helpless baby rather than a conquering hero.

The offertory anthem, "The King Shall Come", is an alternate setting of the familiar hymn "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns", written by Scottish minister John Brownlie (1857-1925) and believed to be inspired by early Greek Orthodox hymns.

The communion voluntary is an arrangement of Bach's "Sleepers Awake", a theme taken from Cantata 140. It corresponds to today's Epistle and Gospel readings, which call on us to wake up and watch for Christ with vigilance. The communion hymn, "Thy Kingdom Come, O God", articulates the longing we feel as we wait, describing all the ways we hope Christ will set the world right. It was written by English curate Lewis Hensley (1824-1905).

Many of the same themes are present in our closing hymn "Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending", which was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788). The composer of the tune is unknown, but John Wesley (Charles's brother) referred to it as "one of the great musical achievements of Methodism".



VISITORS AND GUESTS: Welcome to St. John's! We hope you will stay after the service for an opportunity to chat. Snacks and beverages are provided in our Parish Hall. If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or to be included on our newsletter and mailing lists please email the Church Office 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: Pattie Coleman, Joe McLaughlin.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: None known.

ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION: 9:00 a.m. Adults in the Parish Hall, Youth in the Chapel.

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

THE PARISH BRUNCH is next week, Sunday,

December 7 immediately following the 10 a.m. service. The main course will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. **A sign-up sheet** is in the parish hall.

THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY TO DROP YOUR GIFT OFF AT ST. JOHN'S FOR GIFTS FROM THE HEART (GFTH). You may still purchase gifts online and delivered directly to GFTH. The program is based on the premise that families, including those of very modest means, would prefer to provide for themselves rather than accept a handout. During the holiday season, the GFTH Christmas Shop offers an affordable shopping experience for families served by a coalition of community services and nonprofit organizations. Almost 3,000 new toys are needed before that time for the over 900 children served by the local partnering organizations. We will do our part, in conjunction with other local churches and organizations, to give these families a "hand up, instead of a hand out". The "Giving Tree" ornaments will be available at coffee hour after the 10:00am service. For those who are not attending church in person, please

consider donating toys via their online gift registries on Amazon, Walmart, or Target and have the gift shipped to Sorensen Moving & Storage (Melbourne location). If you wish to donate cash or a check, that is certainly welcome, too. Please make the check payable to "Family Promise of Brevard" and write "GFTH" in the memo line. Thank you for your support and generosity!

A PRAYER REQUEST BOX is available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King in the Sanctuary beside the Daughters' banner. Alternatively, you may contact Sarah Kendall, (702) 203-6093, 537sarah@gmail.com, or any Daughter. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously. All prayer requests are strictly confidential, and we, as Daughters, honor that confidentiality. Prayers will be passed on to Fr. Timothy if requested.

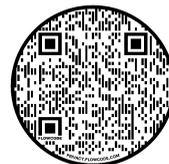
MILITARY MEMBERS: Help keep our military personnel up-to-date on the Prayers of the People. Email Jackie Bond before the end of the year if a member now on the list is still active, or if you have a new one to add. We will remove all others starting in January.

WHOLENESS TO FREEDOM FOOD PANTRY: Remember to bring non-perishable Thanksgiving foods for the food pantry. Place food in the basket at the back of the church or you may leave donations in the Parish Hall or the office. Many thanks for your generous support.

MUFFINS & MIMOSAS AFRICAN MARKET NEXT SATURDAY! Do some Christmas shopping and make a difference. There are always lots of

unique gifts: beautiful jewelry, carvings, home decor, fabrics and more. December 6th, 10:00 a.m. - Noon at Charlene Turner's home, 1107 Cepheus Pl., Palm Bay FL. All proceeds go to Solar Light for Africa to help us on our mission to ILLUMINATE - EMPOWER - TRANSFORM the people of Uganda.

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!



ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH for the month of November has been designated for Daily Bread. Focused Street Outreach is the first point of contact for individuals who are living unsheltered. Daily Bread deploys two mobile units with professional case managers to engage with people where they are, build trust, and offer services such as healthcare and emotional support. Case managers will also help connect individuals to additional services, including housing, and encourage them to begin their journey toward stability. Daily Bread's plans include Providence Place a permanent, deeply affordable multi-family apartment community with on-site resident services and amenities, prioritized for individuals and families facing homelessness in Melbourne. It is a locally-led, non-profit housing initiative designed to provide long-term stability rather than temporary shelter. The project addresses the critical shortage of affordable housing, and contributes to community revitalization. Visit dailybreadinc.org to learn more.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN OUR 2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

If you have not submitted a completed 2026 pledge card, it is still not too late. Pledge cards are available in the church or by contacting the church office. You can also pledge online by going to our website "stjohnsmlb.org" and clicking on "stewardship."

As we outline our plans under the leadership of Father Timothy for the upcoming year, the Vestry will rely on your stewardship response in approving a realistic and responsible budget.

Some parishioners prefer to use weekly pledge envelopes in their weekly giving; some don't use the envelopes. If you need envelopes, contact the church office or see Jack Kenworthy or Katie Wilson.



You are 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 by contacting Sallie Razor at 859-585-5836, srazor@bellsouth.net; or Pam Davis, at 321-480-9283, SunHatPam@hotmail.com.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19. To find all the lessons visit the webpage: lectionarypage.net and click on the date.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

	November 30	December 7	December 14	December 21
Greeters	A. Weeks	A. Weeks A. Lacy	A. Weeks B. Rincones	A. Weeks J. Miller
Ushers	A. & J. Lacy	B. & T. Chernault	J. Bond L. Miller	A. & J. Lacy
Chalice Bearer	J. Bond	K. Oas	M. Salmon	J. Bond
Acolytes	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf
Altar Guild	K. Oas	L. Bennett	M. Salmon	L. Bennett
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

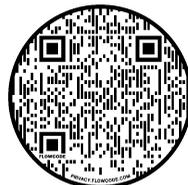
- Sun (11/30) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults, Parish Hall; Youth, Chapel.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Livestreamed.
AA Brevard Intergroup, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Mon (12/1) AA, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Tues (12/2) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Wed (12/3) Bible in a Year Study Group, 10 a.m., Rector's office.
Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. Choir Loft.
AA Business Mtg, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Thurs (12/4) Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Rector's office.
Ladies AA, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
Outreach Meeting, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.
- Fri (12/5) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora.
- Sun (12/7) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m., Adults, Parish Hall; Youth, Chapel.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:00 a.m., also Livestreamed.
Parish Christmas Lunch following the service.

All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > 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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The Vestry of St. John's Church
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Paul Mitz, Jr. Warden
Keith Salmon, Treasurer
Amy Lacy, Secretary

Serving thru 1/2025
Jackie Bond, Kathy Oas, Katie Wilson

Serving thru 1/2026
Jack Kenworthy, Amy Lacy, Julie Miller

Serving thru 1/2027
Peter Fischel, Ben Kendall