

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

December 24, 2025
8:00 p.m., Carols, 7:45 p.m.



Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome and thank you for worshiping with us today! Whatever your religious background 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 stjohnsmib.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.

A Wreath of Carols

Hymn #109, "The First Nowell"

Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL

1. The first No - well the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor
2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prais - es

shep - herds in fields as they lay: in fields as they lay, keep - ing their
east be - yond them far, and to the earth it gave great
to our heav - en - y Lord; that hath made heaven and earth of

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

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

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the staves. The first system contains the first three verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the hymn with the phrase 'Born is the King of Israel'.

Hymn #87, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

Tune: MENDELSSOHN

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Hymn #93, "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

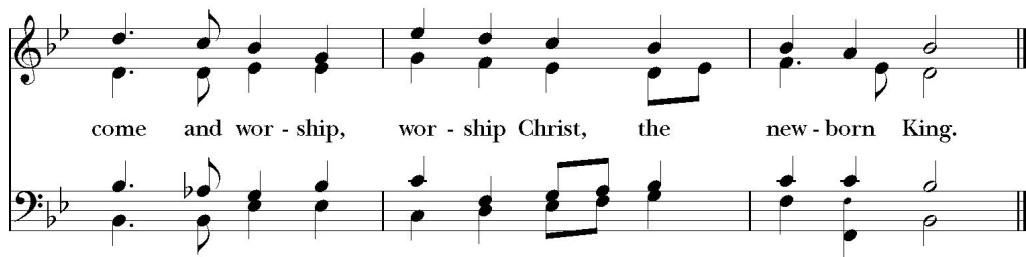
Tune: REGENT SQUARE

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain

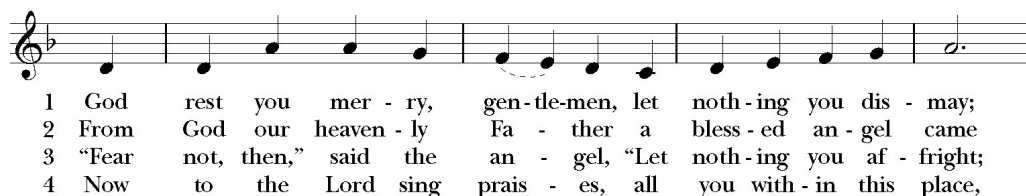
now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:



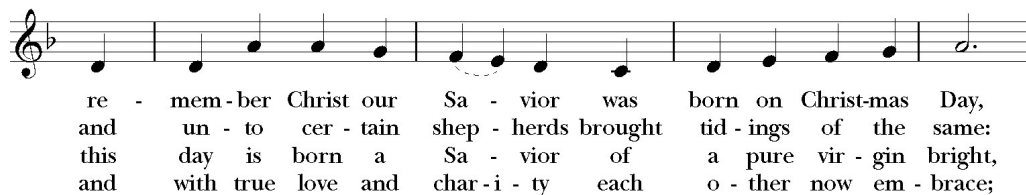
come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Hymn # 105, "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"

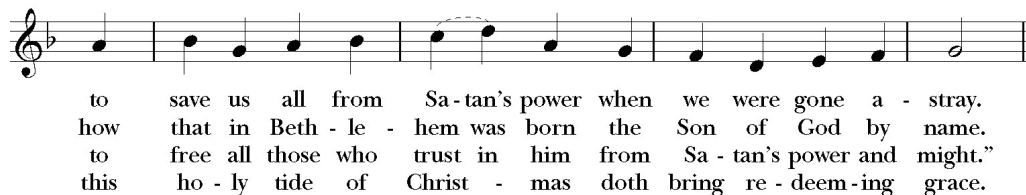
Tune: GOD REST YOU MERRY



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
 2 From God our heaven - 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,

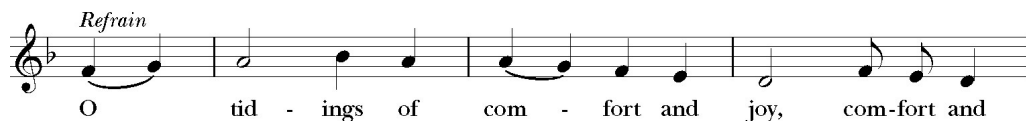


re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
 and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
 this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
 and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;

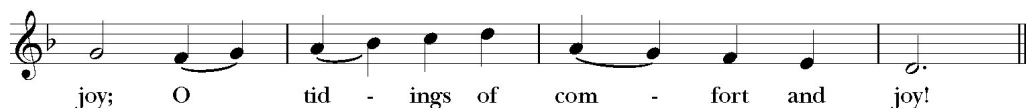


to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
 how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
 to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."
 this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.

Refrain



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



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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

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 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.*

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. in ex - cel - sis De - o! 2. in ex - cel - sis De - - - o!

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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

Read in unison

BCP, p. 725

***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.

Gradual and Alleluia

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

5
Open our ears, O merciful God; Let us hear your sav - ing Word.
Repeat Alleluia as needed

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the Alleluia, which is repeated four times. The second staff begins with a measure number '5' and contains the lyrics 'Open our ears, O merciful God; Let us hear your saving Word.' followed by the instruction 'Repeat Alleluia as needed'.

Luke 2:1-20

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

All kneel, as able

Form III, BCP, p. 387

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

grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

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

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

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

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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.

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

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

Prince of Peace. *Amen.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

All stand, as able

Announcements

All sit

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer C)

BCP, p. 367

At the Offertory,
Hymn 99

“Go, tell it on the mountain”

Tune: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their
2 The shep - herds feared and
3 Down in a low - ly

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of
old, from an-gels bend-ing near the earth to touch their harps of
gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from hea-ven's all-gra-cious
King." The world in sol-emn still-ness lay to hear the an-gels sing.

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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are
worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast
expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the
planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our
island home.
By your will they were created and have their

being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the
human race, and blessed us with memory, reason,
and skill. You made us the rulers of creation.
But we turned against you, and betrayed your
trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your
sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return.
Through prophets and sages you revealed your
righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you
sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill
your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and
peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the

heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation

who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending 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. ____

Please kneel, as able

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and

offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, ***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives

honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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," hold out your bread for the minister to dip it in the wine for you, or you may take wine from the common cup held by the chalice bearer. 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.

Communion Music

Voluntaries

on NOEL NOUVELET AND CAROL

Davidson

Anthem

*O Men from the Fields
(Cradle Song)*

Arnold Cooke

O, men from the fields!
Come softly within.
Tread softly, softly,
O! men, coming in.

Mavourneen is going
From me and from you,
To Mary, the Mother,
Whose mantle is blue!

From reek of the smoke
And cold of the floor,
And peering of things
Across the half-door.

O men from the fields!
Soft, softly come thro'.
Mary puts round him
Her mantle of blue.

Lighting of the candles:

*Please keep lit candles vertical and tilt the unlit candle into the flame.
Please extinguish your candle and return to the usher before you depart.*

Please sing stanza two in unison

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - dian - t beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts—sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

The Postcommunion 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 #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
 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

Go in peace to love and serve the newborn King!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary

Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach



THIS EVENING'S MUSIC

Much of this evening's music consists of carols – in addition to opening and closing the service

with beloved classics, we sing the Gloria and the Sanctus to the tune of familiar Christmas melodies. These pieces are taken from a lively holiday setting of the liturgy composed by Mark Schweizer (1956-2019), the founder of St. James Music Press.

The communion anthem, “O Men from the Fields”, is a gentle cradle song with words by Irish poet Padraic Colum (1881-1972) and music by British composer Arnold Cooke (1906-2005). Colum’s poem is often interpreted as a tender meditation on Christ’s birth from the point of view of the shepherds.

The postlude is a keyboard arrangement of J.S. Bach’s “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”, the final chorale from Cantata BWV 147, “Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben” (Heart and Mouth and Deed and Life). Both the choral work and its instrumental transcriptions reflect the wonder and joy of the Incarnation.



Visitors and Guests: Welcome to St. John’s! Snacks and beverages are provided in our Parish Hall after Worship on Sunday morning. If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, 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.

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

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

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this vow seriously.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Day Worship

Wednesday, Dec. 25, 9 a.m.

LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, Dec 28, 10 a.m.

ST. JOHN’S Focus for the month of December has been designated for the two families in foreign missions supported by The Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida. Outreach offerings for the month of December will be divided between the Dass and Fox families.

OTHER OUTREACH PARTNERS FOR 2025 were:

- ✠ Vietnam and All Vets
- ✠ Life Recaptured
- ✠ Nana’s House
- ✠ Solar Light for Africa
- ✠ Complementary Cancer Care
- ✠ Family Promise
- ✠ The Children’s Hunger Project
- ✠ New Life Mission
- ✠ Daily Bread

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

- Wed (12/24) Christmas Eve Worship, 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, In-person and livestream. Carols, 7:45 p.m.
- Thurs (12/25) Christmas Day Worship, Rite I, In-Person and livestream, 9 a.m.
- Fri (12/26) TGIF Men's Bible Study, La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 8 a.m.
- Sun (12/28) No Christian Formation today. The next classes will meet on January 4. Festival of Lessons and Carols, 10:00 a.m. In-person and livestream.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Jeremiah 31:7-14, Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19, Matthew 2:13-15,19-23, Psalm 84. To find all the lessons visit lectionarypage.net and click on the date.

Serving this Evening:

- Celebrant:** The Rev. Timothy Rutherford
Greeters: Amy Lacy & Whitney Waite
Ushers: Bill & Teresa Chernault
Jackie Bond & Linda Miller
Chalice Bearer: Kathy Oas
Acolytes: Asher & Beowulf

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