

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday after Christmas
Festival of Lessons & Carols

December 28, 2025
10 a.m.



Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome and thank you for worshipping 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 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.

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

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

Voluntary

Prelude on "The First Nowell"

Randall Faber

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 the 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.

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.***

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 LESSONS

All sit

The Fall: Genesis 3:1-23

*After God's creation of the universe, and of man and woman,
we immediately turned away from God and wanted to do it our own way.*

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"



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!

A Savior Promised: Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7

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 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.



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.

The Savior Revealed: Isaiah 11:1–9

God was not satisfied that His beloved creation would be apart from Him as a result of the fall, so a Savior was promised to make the way for our restoration to God.

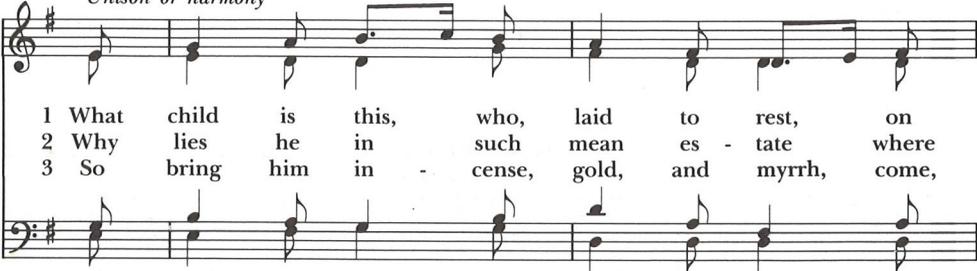
A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. 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.

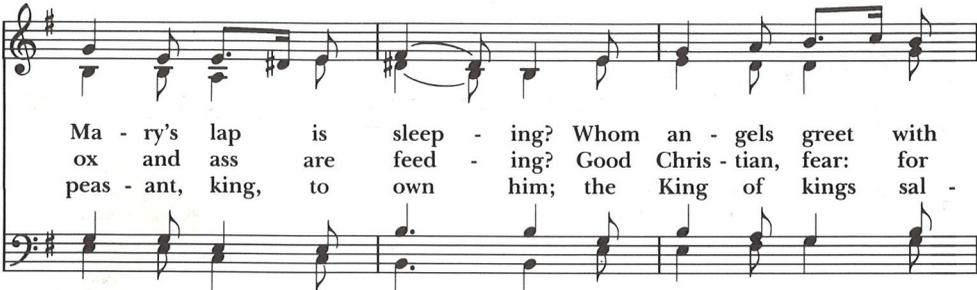
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Unison or harmony



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

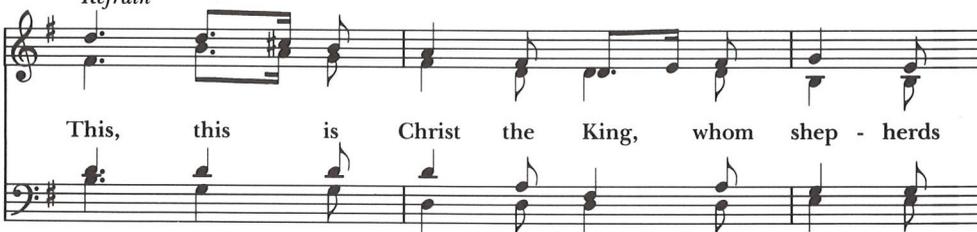


Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -



an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

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

The image shows two systems of musical notation. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system contains the lyrics 'guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to'. The second system contains the lyrics 'bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Music: *Greensleeves*, English melody; harm. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

87. 87 with Refrain

The Birth of the Savior Foretold: Luke 1:26-38

Now, at last, the promised Savior is to appear.

Even the birth will be miraculous as God begins to deliver the new creation.

In 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.



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
 send 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 - dering 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

The promised Savior enters this world as a helpless baby, and heaven rejoices!

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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please continue on next page.

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.

Words: Traditional carol

Music: *Cradle Song*, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

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The Plan of Salvation: John 1:1-18

The Gospel writer John steps back to give us the "big picture" account of God's work in creation and redemption through the newborn Savior.

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

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.
David's by the Sea, Cocoa Beach, and St. Anne's
Episcopal Church, Crystal River.

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

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.* *Silence*

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 priest 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.

Announcements

All sit

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer C)

BCP, p. 369

At the Offertory, Anthem

I Saw Three Ships

arr. Davidson

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 hymn:

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. You may then return to your seat.

At the Distribution,

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The Postcommunion Prayer

All kneel, as able

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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

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

Repeat Refrain



hold, through-out the hea-vens there shone a ho-ly light.
 out the an-gel cho-rus that hailed our Sa-vior's birth.
 God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God!

Voluntary

“Here We Come A-Wassailing”

Arr. Edwin McClean



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 19th 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.

The postlude is a piano arrangement of “Here We Come A-Wassailing”, an old English carol about the tradition of caroling. It is often sung to welcome the new year.

VISITORS AND GUESTS: Welcome to St. John’s! We hope you will stay after the service for an opportunity to chat. Snacks, 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 email us at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE may be given in memory of a loved one, or to

commemorate some occasion. For your convenience we have placed request sheets/envelopes in the pew, or you may contact the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org or 321-254-3365

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: John Seymour, Austin Louks, Cade Oas, Dorinda Campbell, Veronica Mitz.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Bill & Teresa Chernault.

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

BIBLE STUDY: "Read the Bible in a Year" every Wednesday, at 10:00 a.m. in the Rector's office.

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

FOOD PANTRY: Remember the Wholeness to Freedom Food Pantry. They are always appreciative of your donations. A basket is in the Sanctuary if you would like to help.

A PRAYER REQUEST BOX is available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King in the

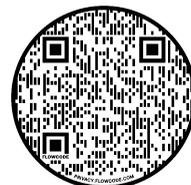
Sanctuary beside the Daughters' banner. Alternatively, you may contact Sarah Kendall, (702) 203-6093, 537sarah@gmail.com, or any Daughter.

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.

Serving in San Paolo, Brazil are the Rev. Steven and Mary Dass, ministering among homeless children and adults in the 'red light district' of Sao Paulo Brazil. You can learn more about them on their blog at spmercymistry.com.

Serving in support of other missionaries are the Rev. Loren and Linda Fox. The Foxes live in northern Thailand. To learn more email: ReachUs@EngagingTheAdventure.org.

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SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	December 28	January 4	January 11	January 18
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	M. Salmon	K. Oas	Reader: P. Davis Chalice Bearer: TBD
Acolytes	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf	Asher & Beowulf
Altar Guild	L. Bennett	M. Salmon	K. Oas	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 (12/28) Lessons & Carols, Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.
AA Business Mtg, 3 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Mon (12/29) AA, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Tue (12/30) Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Wed (12/31) Bible-in-a-Year Bible Study, 10 a.m., Rector's office.
Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. Choir Loft.
- Thurs (1/1) No Staff Meeting today.
- Fri (1/2) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m. La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora.
- Sun (1/3) Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.
Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults in the Parish Hall; Youth in the Chapel

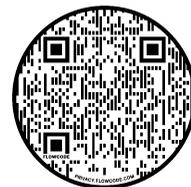
All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > Parish Life > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email office@stjohnsmlb.org and we will send you the link.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Jeremiah 31:7-14, Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19, Matthew 2:13-15,19-23, Psalm 84 or 84:1-8. To find all the lessons visit the webpage: lectionarypage.net and click on the date.

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