

CHRISTMAS EVE

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

DECEMBER 24, 2019
4 O'CLOCK AND 10 O'CLOCK



WELCOME

Thank you for coming to St. John's to worship this Christmas Eve. We believe everyone who passes through our doors is a blessing from God. We're glad you're here.

Below are answers to some of the questions you might have about St. John's. If you don't see the information you need, please ask an usher and we'll help you out!

First time at St. John's? Introduce yourself to any of the clergy or a greeter after worship. We would love to meet you! Interested in more information about our music program or ministries? We'd be glad to connect you with someone. Fill out the welcome book at the back of the church, or fill out a visitor card found in the pew rack, and then place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. We'll drop off some bread to thank you for visiting!

Assistive Devices: Everyone needs a little help sometimes. Large-print Bibles and hearing-assist devices are available at the back of the church. Just ask an usher!

Communion: All are invited to take Communion, no matter your age or religious background. The loaf is gluten-free. If, due to mobility issues, you cannot walk to the altar rail, let an usher know and communion will be brought down to you.

Godly Play: Most Sundays we offer Godly Play (children's Sunday school) during the 10am service. Children may join the procession down to their classrooms during the Opening Hymn. If you have any questions please feel free to ask an Usher or Greeter and they will point you in the right direction.

Children: We welcome everyone, including children of all ages, to participate in all our worship services and to take Communion.

- In the back of the church, there is a rocking chair and a soft space where children can sit and play on the floor. There are also "Busy Bags" with activities for kids to take into the pews.
- If, for any reason, you and your child need to leave the church during the service, you can still hear the service over the speakers in the lower level below the worship space.

Restrooms: Located on the lower level down any set of stairs. We also have an elevator and handicap-accessible restrooms on the lower level—ask an usher for directions.

Electronics: Please silence your cell phone and refrain from using flash cameras during the worship service. Thank you!

Responses in **bold** are spoken by everyone.

The *Book of Common Prayer (BCP)* is the **black book** in the pews.

Hymns can be found in the **blue hymnal** in the pew rack. Hymn numbers that start with “S” come from the front section of the hymnal.

You can simply listen to the Scripture readings, or follow along in the **red pew Bible** on the given page number.

You can always remain seated if you are not comfortable standing or kneeling.

About today’s Worship: Seeing, Noticing, and Welcoming God in Christmastide

Beginning at sundown on Christmas Eve, December 24, and continuing through January 5, the Christmas Season is the festival of the birth of Jesus Christ; by, with, and in whom we celebrate the Incarnation of God.

Liturgical Color: the Gold and Festal Coronation embroidery symbolize the joy, celebration, and majesty of the Christ child who is born in great humility and celebrated as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Nativity Crèche: the Incarnation of God in the Christ child is symbolized in the iconic Nativity Scene which makes visible the story of Jesus’s lowly birth described in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

If you have any questions about these Christmastide liturgies, please email our Associate Rector at craig.lemming@stjohnsstpaul.org.

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

(Preludes at 3:30 & 9:30PM)

Fuga sopra il Magnificat, BWV 733

Johann Sebastian Bach

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

Johannes Brahms

Prelude on the Sussex Carol

Russell Schulz-Widmar

Richard Gray, *organ*

French Carol Medley

Greensleeves

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Shepherds Pipe Carol

The Copper Street Brass Ensemble

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as you are able, for the opening hymn.

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,
*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

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

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others
 Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

Please join the choir in singing verses 1 and 4 of the following hymn.

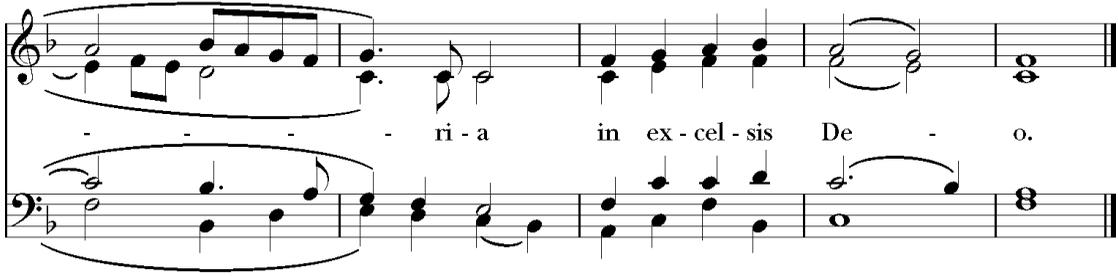
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Copyright © by permission of Fleming H. Revell Company. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

Pew Bible, pp. 624-25

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 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."
- 11 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.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

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!

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is in 4/4 time and the key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The score ends with a double bar line.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOspel Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

Pew Bible, p. 935

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson, *Rector*

THE NICENE CREED

said by all, standing as you are 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

Form IV, BCP pp. 388-89

Reader Incarnate God,
All **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Gracious God:
All **By your love you have called us to proclaim with joy the good news of your Son: So build us up in the knowledge and love of Him, that we may welcome all people into this community of faith, and show forth our service to you in our service to others; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen. — *The Collect for St. John's***

THE PEACE

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

WELCOME

The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson, *Rector*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY AND PRESENTATION

*What sweeter music can we bring
 Than a carol, for to sing
 The birth of this our heavenly King?
 Awake the voice! Awake the string!
 Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
 And give the honor to this day,
 That sees December turned to May.
 That sees December turned to May.*

*Why does the chilling winter's morn
 Smile, like a field beset with corn?
 Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn,
 Thus, on the sudden? Come and see
 The cause, why things thus fragrant be:
 'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth
 Gives life and luster, public mirth,
 To heaven, and the under-earth.*

*We see him come, and know him ours,
 Who, with his sunshine and his showers,
 Turns all the patient ground to flowers.
 Turns all the patient ground to flowers.
 The darling of the world is come,
 And fit it is, we find a room
 To welcome him. To welcome him.
 The nobler part Of all the house here,
 is the heart.*

*Which we will give him; and bequeath
 This holly, and this ivy wreath,
 To do him honour, who's our King,
 And Lord of all this revelling.
 What sweeter music can we bring,
 Than a carol for to sing, the birth of this
 our heavenly King?*

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Hymnal S120

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

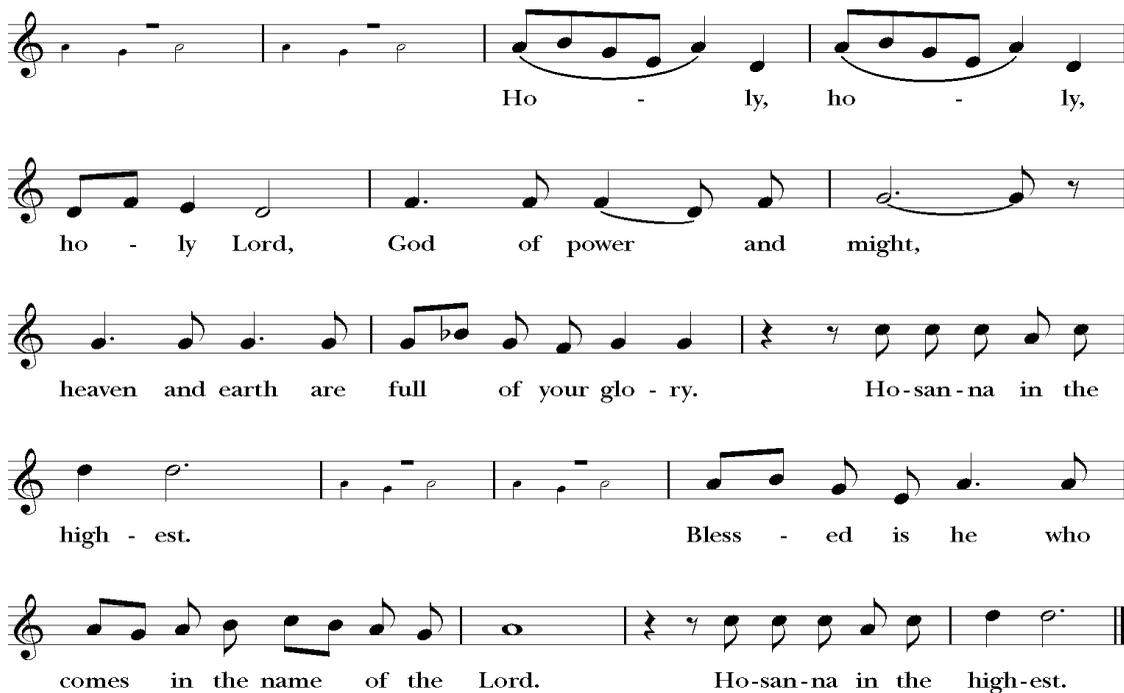
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty...

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The second staff continues with a whole rest, a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The third staff features a melodic line: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The fourth staff continues: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). The fifth staff concludes with: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter).

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. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all...

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***All* Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts...

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

***People* Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***All* 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may kneel or stand to receive communion. The common loaf is gluten-free. If you prefer to receive a blessing please cross your arms. There is a standing station to receive Holy Communion.

CAROLS

*Ding, dong, merrily on High
Coventry Carol
It came upon the midnight clear*

Charles Wood, arr.

The Staff Singers of St. John the Evangelist

SOLO

Comfort ye, my people

G.F. Handel

Nicholas Swanson, *soloist*

HYMN #94

While shepherds watched their flocks by night

Winchester Old

HYMN #111

Silent Night

Stille Nacht

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 - diant 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! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)
 Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

standing or kneeling, as is your custom

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please stand, as you are able, for the closing hymn.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Celebrant May the babe of Bethlehem bring you peace.
 May the child of Nazareth bring you joy.
 May the man of Galilee bring you strength;
 the Christ of Calvary bring you courage;
 and the ascended Lord a foretaste of his glory.
And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
 be with you this day and always.

People **Amen.**

HYMN

Joy to the World

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,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon Our worship here is ended; now our service begins. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

I saw three ships

Copper Street Brass Ensemble

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Celebrant	The Reverend Craig Lemming
Preacher	The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson
Deacon	The Reverend Margaret Thor
Director of Music	Richard Gray
Organist	Dr. Dean Billmeyer
Copper Street Brass Ensemble	Allison Hall, trumpet; Josh Cameron, trumpet Tim Bradley, horn; Alex Wolff, trombone; Nick Adragna, tuba; Reid Kennedy, timpani
Altar Guild	Volunteers
Acolytes	Maggie Baxter, Thomas Rinkoff (4pm) Mugeegbaykola & Hawah Sharon Koroma, Sabine Krall (10pm)
Readers	Nan Lightner, Chris Matter (4pm) John Graham, Jill Thompson (10pm)
Verger	Thea Bischof (4pm), Philip Baird (10pm)

Altar Flowers are given in thanksgiving for the lives of
Thomas & Betty Garrett, Louise S. Andrews, Martha & Gustav Seeger, John Seeger.

Christmas 2019 Garlands, Wreaths, and Flowers

Given to the glory of God

In memory of

Adrian & Dorothy Drew, Bram Drew and Arthur Pollard
Cindy MacIntosh
Clinton, June & Jeffery Schaeppi
Cooper Olson, Riley Loch, Don Husband, Nick Velasquez, and Vern & Ethel Olson
Donals Walter Dailey and Ian Llewellyn Dailey
George Mairs and Sandy Vogt
Irene Muhleisen & Shirley Lang
Jack Lightner
Jack Lightner, Laura Ingersoll Johnson, and Camille Scheel
James Doane Frisby
Jeanne & Bryce Gilbertson and Ann B. & John Ashmun "
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In honor and thanksgiving of:

Debbie Rhodes
George & Yoshi Tani and Robert & Jean Spindler

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