CHRISTMAS DAY
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

DECEMBER 25, 2019
10:00 AM
WELCOME

Thank you for coming to St. John’s to worship this morning. 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.

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.
- At the 10am service, parents can also choose to use the nursery, on the lower level below the worship space, for children up to age 4.

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.

Coffee Hour: After 10am worship, come share treats and beverages in the gymnasium.

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.

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**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

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prelude**

*Lo, He a Rose is Growing*  
John Leavitt

**Hymn #107**

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
*In dulci jubilo*

**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  

BCP, p. 355

SONG OF PRAISE  

Hymnal S280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant  The Lord be with you.
People  And also with you.
Celebrant  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.
People  Amen.

FIRST READING  
Isaiah 62:6-12  
Pew Bible, pp. 679

Reader  The Word of the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.

PSALM 97  
Please join in reciting the psalm together.

1 The LORD is King;  
   let the earth rejoice; *  
   let the multitude of the isles be glad.
2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *  
   righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
3 A fire goes before him *  
   and burns up his enemies on every side.
4 His lightnings light up the world; *  
   the earth sees it and is afraid.
5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, *
   at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
   and all the peoples see his glory.
7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
   and delight in false gods! *
   Bow down before him, all you gods.
8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
   because of your judgments, O LORD.
9 For you are the LORD,
   most high over all the earth; *
   you are exalted far above all gods.
10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; *
    he preserves the lives of his saints
    and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
    and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
    and give thanks to his holy Name.

SECOND READING  Titus 3:4-7
Reader        The Word of the Lord.
People       Thanks be to God.

HYMN #82 Of the Father’s love begotten
       Divinum Mysterium
Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People    Glory to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20
       Pew Bible, p. 935
Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People    Praise to you, Lord Christ.
THE NICENE CREED \hspace{1cm} 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

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 HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY AND PRESENTATION

Organ Solo

*In dulci jubilo*

Marcel Dupré

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

*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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Hymnal S127*
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.

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.

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.
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.

HYMN #115 What child is this? Greensleeves

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.

HYMN #105 God rest you merry, gentlemen God Rest You Merry

BLESSING
DISMISSAL

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

People  Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE  

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!  Wilbur Held

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

Celebrant and Preacher  The Reverend Karen Mosso
Organist  Joshua Lindgren
Altar Guild  Volunteers
Readers  Colleen Swope, Sr. Julian Smith-Boyer
Verger  Bill Sherfey

Altar Flowers are given in thanksgiving for the life of William E. Ward Jr.
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