

# Welcome to St. John's Church



## The Second Sunday After Christmas Day

*January 2, 2022*

*8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

### **WELCOME TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP!**

*The health and safety of the most vulnerable in our congregation and community remains the highest concern to St. John's. Remember that many in our communities are not vaccinated; all of those under 5 years old, those who are immuno-compromised, and those who have chosen not to be vaccinated for other reasons. While many are now vaccinated, remember that even a small percentage of those vaccinated can contract the corona virus, and while their symptoms may be milder, they can also spread the virus to loved ones and friends back home. We have not yet reached herd immunity as a nation. So please remain vigilant in safety protocols, mindful of the risk in our community, masked indoors, social distancing and getting vaccinated if possible. And be assured that we will continue to 'live stream' our worship to both our St. John's YouTube Page and our St. John's Facebook page.*

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## *The Liturgy for the Proclamation of the Word of God and Celebration of the Holy Communion*

*St. John's asks everyone to wear masks inside the church, whether vaccinated or not.*

**Prelude** *Selections from Christmas Oratorio* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

### **ARIA**

Translation: *Does your name instill, my savior, does it instill  
Even the tiniest seed  
Of that fierce terror?  
No, you yourself say (No!)  
Shall I now be afraid of death?  
No, your sweet word is there!  
Or should I rejoice?  
Yes, you my savior say it yourself (Yes !)*

### **CHORALE:**

Translation: *Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light,  
and usher in the morning;  
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright,  
but hear the angel's warning.  
This child, now weak in infancy,  
our confidence and joy shall be,  
the power of Satan breaking,  
our peace eternal making.*

### **The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell**

**Processional Hymn # 709** *O God Of Bethel, By Whose Hand*

- 1** *O God of Bethel, by whose hand  
thy people still are fed;  
who through this earthly pilgrimage  
hast all thine Israel led:*
- 2** *Our vows, our prayers, we now present  
before thy throne of grace:  
O God of Israel, be the God  
of this succeeding race.*
- 3** *Through each perplexing path of life  
our wandering footsteps guide;  
give us each day our daily bread,  
and raiment fit provide.*

*4 O spread thy sheltering wings around,  
till all our wanderings cease,  
and at our Father's loved abode  
our souls arrive in peace!*

*5 Such blessings from thy gracious hand  
our humble prayers implore;  
and thou shalt be our covenant God  
and portion evermore.*

## **The Word of God**

*The people standing, the Celebrant may say*

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

*People* ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

*The Celebrant says*

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

## **The Trisagion S # 102**

***Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.***

## **The Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## **The Lessons**

*INTRODUCTION: In the reading from the Hebrew Bible, the prophet Jeremiah offers a vision of hope, full of joy, for the restoration of the tribes of Israel.*

## **A Reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah (31:7-14)**

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,

over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;

their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the LORD.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*  
The Word of the Lord.

*People*           ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 84:1-8**           *choir sings Anglican chant by John Goldwin (1667-1719)*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

*INTRODUCTION: This New Testament reading opens with praise to God for God's blessings, together with thanksgiving and prayers that these spiritual graces may be continued.*

**A Reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians (1:3-6, 15-19a)**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and

your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

*The Word of the Lord.*

*People            Thanks be to God.*

**Gradual Hymn # 480**    *When Jesus Left His Father's Throne*

- 1 When Jesus left his Father's throne,  
he chose an humble birth;  
like us, unhonored and unknown,  
he came to dwell on earth.  
Like him may we be found below,  
in wisdom's path of peace;  
like him in grace and knowledge grow  
as years and strength increase.*
- 2 Sweet were his words and kind his look,  
when mothers round him pressed;  
their infants in his arms he took,  
and on his bosom blessed.  
Safe from the world's alluring harms,  
beneath his watchful eye,  
thus in the circle of his arms  
may we for ever lie.*
- 3 When Jesus into Zion rode,  
the children sang around;  
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed  
their garments on the ground.  
Hosanna our glad voices raise,  
hosanna to our King!  
Should we forget our Savior's praise,  
the stones themselves would sing.*

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

*INTRODUCTION: Our Gospel reading is the story of Jesus' pilgrimage to Jerusalem as a young man of twelve, probably the first after his bar mitzvah, the coming of age ritual of a Jewish boy becoming an adult.*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St. Luke (2:41-52)**

*People            Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People            Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

**The Sermon**            The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, Priest-in-Charge

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell  
The third day he rose again from the dead.***

*He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

Raising our voices in proclamation and praise, let us rejoice as we offer our prayers to God, responding, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

+ In thanksgiving for the peacemakers who toil in troubled lands, and in families of discontent, that the Prince of Peace may give them words of wisdom as they seek to encourage new means of communication and the mending of relationships; let us pray.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

+ In thanksgiving for those who bring treasures to the poor and needy of the world, offering precious gifts of hope to God’s fragile people; let us pray.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

+ For those who exercise leadership throughout our Church, that they may bear in their actions the love of Christ, enlightening the hearts of those who have a hidden faith, and strengthening those of a weak spirit; let us pray.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

+ For N., our President, members of our legislative bodies, and those who serve on the Supreme Court, that they may honor our historic inheritance and take us along new pathways in the service of bettering our nation; let us pray.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

+ For those who have died in the noonday of their lives, and for parents who grieve the loss of children, that they may be comforted by the Father of us all, whose only Son was not spared an early death; let us pray.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

+ In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, remembering those who have been our mentors and teachers, and through whose companionship we have experienced the riches of divine grace; let us pray.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*



As God's adopted children, through the will of Jesus Christ, let us add to these prayers and thanksgivings.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*The Bishop when present, or 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 Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        ***And also with you.***

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences of Scripture.*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

**Offertory Anthem**    *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*    John Gardner (1917-2011)

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*The Celebrant faces the congregation and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

*People* ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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**

*Missa Primi Toni*

Costanza Porta (c. 1529-1601)

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:*

*Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*

*Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the consecration prayer*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John, our Patron, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

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

***Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.***

***Give us this day our daily bread.***

***And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

**Agnus Dei**

*Missa Primi Toni*

Costanza Porta (c. 1529-1601)

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.

*All baptized Christians of all ages and denominations are welcome to receive Communion in this place. This is God's house and the Lord's table, not ours*

*Communion will be distributed in one kind only, the bread, and will be received in the pews, as the Celebrant moves along to share. If an attendee does not wish to receive Communion, they need only to cross their hands over their chest so to signify. Others may receive as they wish, standing, kneeling, or seated. Please wait until the Celebrant has passed before removing your masks and consuming the bread.*

**Communion Hymn # # 339** *Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness*

- 1** *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,  
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
come into the daylight's splendor,  
there with joy thy praises render  
unto him whose grace unbounded  
hath this wondrous banquet founded-  
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,  
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.*
- 2** *Sun, who all my life dost brighten;  
Light, who dost my soul enlighten;  
Joy, the best that any knoweth;  
Fount, whence all my being floweth:  
at thy feet I cry, my Maker,  
let me be a fit partaker  
of this blessèd food from heaven,  
for our good, thy glory, given.*
- 3** *Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,  
let me gladly here obey thee;  
never to my hurt invited,  
be thy love with love requited;*

*from this banquet let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;  
through the gifts thou here dost give me,  
as thy guest in heaven receive me.*

*for online worshippers, and for those who for other reasons choose not to receive, here is the Prayer for Spiritual Communion:*

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest desire that we may always be united to you. And since we are not now receiving you physically, we ask you to come into our hearts spiritually. We embrace you with all the affections of our souls, confident that nothing can ever separate us from the love God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says  
Let us pray.*

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

***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.***

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing*

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

**Recessional Hymn # 124**

*What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright*

- 1 What star is this, with beams so bright,  
more beautiful than the noonday light?  
It shines to herald forth the King,  
and Gentiles to his crib to bring.*
- 2 True spake the prophet from afar  
who told the rise of Jacob's star;  
and eastern sages with amaze  
upon the wondrous token gaze.*
- 3 The guiding star above is bright;  
within them shines a clearer light,  
and leads them on with power benign  
to seek the Giver of the sign.*
- 4 O Jesus, while the star of grace  
impels us on to seek thy face,  
let not our slothful hearts refuse  
the guidance of thy light to use.*
- 5 To God the Father, heavenly Light,  
to Christ, revealed in earthly night,  
to God the Holy Ghost we raise  
our equal and unceasing praise.*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**Organ Postlude**

**Worship Ministers Today:**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, *Celebrant*

Tom Brand, *Organist & Choirmaster*

John Magee, *8:00 Reader*

Sara Coles, *10:00 Reader*

Larry Littlefield, *Veejay (VJ)*

MB Witt: *Altar Guild*

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