



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA



CHRISTMAS EVE

Holy Eucharist Rite I – 10:30pm
December 24, 2021

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.
Before the service speak to the Lord;
during the service let the Lord speak to you;
after the service speak to one another.*

10:30 P.M. CHRISTMAS MUSIC: ALLEGRO STRING QUARTET

OLEG GEYER—VIOLIN 1
NINA KIM-MULLA—VIOLIN 2
YANIV COHEN—VIOLA
DONIOR ZUPAROV—CELLO

String Sonata No.1 in G Major
Sonata N. 4 in D Major
Brandenburg Concerto No.3 in G Major

Gioachino Rossini
George Frederick Handel
J.S. Bach

11:00 P.M.—THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 83

Adeste fideles

The people stand

PROPER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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 SUMMARY OF THE LAW

The Celebrant says

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: *Communion Service in C*

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

THE LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people sit

Lector A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL MOTET *In the bleak mid-winter*

Harold Darke

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow had fallen snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter long ago. Our God, heav'n cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain—heav'n and earth shall flee away, when He comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed, the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ. Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day, a heart full of mirth, and a manger full of hay. Enough for Him, whom angels, fall down before, the ox and ass and camel, which adore. What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

THE EPISTLE

Titus 2:11-14

Lector A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand

SEQUENCE HYMN 93

Regent Square

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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!"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Father Robinson

The people sit

THE NICENE CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father;
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation
 came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried;
 and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
 and he shall come again, with glory,
 to judge both the quick and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
 who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
 and glorified;
 who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The people kneel

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor those for whom our prayers are requested, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,

and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

THE PEACE

All stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The people sit

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem *A child is born in Bethlehem*

Philip Stopford

A child is born in Bethlehem, Alleluia. And joy is in Jerusalem, Alleluia. Rejoice, sing high, sing low, Alleluia. Benedicamus Domino, Alleluia. To thee O Lord be glory paid. Alleluia. Thou Son of Mary, Mother maid, Alleluia. To Holy Trinity give praise, Alleluia. With Deo gracias always. Alleluia.

HYMN 94 *Stanza 6*

Winchester Old

The people stand

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer II*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

The people kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

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

People and Celebrant

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

WE BREAK BREAD AND SHARE THE GIFTS OF GOD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Anthem *Agnus Dei*

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

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.

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). If you have not been baptized, and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our

clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about the possibility of baptism, or any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.

The Host is given to the communicants with these words

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Motets

Sing Lullaby

Basque Noel

Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now reclining, sing lullaby! Hush, do not wake the Infant King. Angels are watching, stars are shining over the place where he is lying: sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now a sleeping, sing lullaby! Hush do not wake the Infant King. Soon will come sorrow with the morning, soon will come bitter grief and weeping: sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now a dozing, sing lullaby! Hush do not wake the Infant King. Soon comes the cross, the nails, the piercing, then in the grave at last reposing: sing lullaby! Lullaby! Is the babe awaking? Sing lullaby! Hush, do not stir the Infant King. Dreaming of Easter, gladsome morning, conquering death, its bondage breaking: sing lullaby!

I sing of a maiden

Patrick Hadley

I sing of a maiden that is makeless: King of all kings to her son she ches. He came all so still where his mother was, as dew in April that falleth on the grass. He came all so still to his mother's bower, as dew in April that falleth on the flower. He came all so still where his mother lay, as dew in April that falleth on the spray. Mother and maiden was never none but she: well may such a lady God's mother be.

COMMUNION HYMN 78

Forest Green

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

HYMN 111 *Sung by all, kneeling*

Stille Nacht

THE BLESSING *A Priest gives the Blessing*

THE DISMISSAL *The people stand. The Deacon dismisses the people*

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN 87

Mendelssohn

VOLUNTARY *Festival Toccata*

Percy Fletcher

Please leave the church quietly in respect for those who choose to stay for the Voluntary.

*The Clergy and the Staff of St. John's wish you
a blessed Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.*

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES

ALTAR GUILD: Mariellen Curtis, Lelia Clewis, Laura Silva

ACOLYTES: Bailey Turnquist, Lauren Brown, Will Jennewein, Issa Allbritton, Mae Allbritton

LECTORS: Bailey Turnquist, Helen Turnquist, Dallas Coffield

VERGERS: Michael Eachon, Tania Wilkes

OBLATION BEARERS: Ushers

The Parish Offices are closed and reopen on Wednesday, December 29

Christmas Eve—Friday, December 24

10:30 p.m.—Pre-Service String Quartet

11:00 p.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite I

The Choir of St. John's Church sings this service.

Christmas Day—Saturday December 25

10:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite II with congregational carols

The First Sunday after Christmas Day—Sunday, December 26

8:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Feast of St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

Monday, December 27

10:00a.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite II: Chapel

The Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday, December 28

10:00a.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite II: Chapel

The Feast of The Holy Innocents

Wednesday, December 29

12:15 p.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite II: Chapel

Thursday, December 30

10:00 a.m. A Public Service of Healing

New Year's Eve—Friday, December 31

The Parish Offices are closed

at noon today and reopen on Tuesday, January 4, 2022

The Holy Name of our Lord—Saturday, January 1, 2022

10:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day—Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite I

11:30a.m.—Kids Against Hunger Packing Event: Parish Hall

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

12:15 p.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite II: Chapel

The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ—Thursday, January 6, 2022

10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist Rite II with Hymns

The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ—Sunday, January 9, 2022
8:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist Rite I