



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Choral Eucharist Rite I – 10:00am
December 6, 2020

The Second Sunday of



ADVENT

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.*

PROPER ACCLAMATION

The people stand

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.

KYRIE ELEISON *Communion Service in E (sung by the choir)*

Harold Darke

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

The people sit

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like

the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13 (COVERDALE TRANSLATION) (*sung by the choir*)

Sir George Martin

1 Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land *
thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people *
and covered all their sins.

8 I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me *
for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.

9 For his salvation is nigh them that fear him *
that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth *
and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

12 Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness *
and our land shall give her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him *
and he shall direct his going in the way.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

THE EPISTLE

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

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

Choir Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

Choir Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE HOMILY

Deacon Moore

The people sit

THE NICENE CREED

Officiant and People, 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 people kneel

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people kneel

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

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 [especially _____], 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 [especially _____], 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 [_____ 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 [especially _____], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [_____ and 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.

THE PEACE

All stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Pass the peace with a reverent bow to one another and without moving from your seat.

The people sit

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Anthem *The truth from above*

Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

This is the truth sent from above, the truth of God, the God of love, therefore don't turn me from your door, but hearken all both rich and poor. The first thing which I do relate is that God did man create; the next thing which to you I'll tell woman was made with man to dwell. thus we were heirs to endless woes, til God the Lord did interpose; and so a promise soon did run that he would redeem us by his Son. And at that season of the year our blest Redeemer did appear; he here did live, and here did preach, and many thousands he did teach. Thus he in love to us behaved, to show us how we must be saved; and if you want to know the way, be pleased to hear what he did say.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer I*

The people stand

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up unto the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
<i>People</i>	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 send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 *(sung by the choir)*

Harold Darke

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 people kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there,

by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through 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 hath 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 (sung by the choir)*

Harold Darke

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.

Please remain in your pew until the ushers invite you to move forward toward the altar.
Face covering is required. Family units must maintain safe distancing in the aisle.
Receive the host standing in front of the priest or deacon with your arms outstretched.
Return to your pew by the side aisles and consume the host after you are seated.

The Bread 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. [Amen.]

Communion Motet *I sing of a maiden (sung by the choir)*

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.

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.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

A Priest gives the Blessing and the Deacon dismisses the people.

People Thanks be to God.

The people sit until the procession

VOLUNTARY *Fantasia in G minor (BWV 542)*

J.S. Bach

**Please remain in your seats until the conclusion of the Voluntary.
The ushers will direct you to the appropriate exits.**

CHOIR:

Simon Morley – Organist and Director of Music

Kristen Walker – Soprano

Tori Swilley – Alto

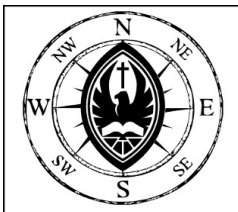
Marty Angiulli – Tenor

Steve Galloway – Bass

The Church Altar Advent Greenery is given to the Glory of God by Suzanne and John Crosby in memory of her mother, Janice Camp.

The Chapel Altar Advent Greenery is given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving.

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God by Janis Elliott in memory of the blessed life and love of her husband, the Rev. Robert J. Elliott.



The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2020

Worship in St. John's

8:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Church
10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Church and streamed on
[Facebook Live](#) and [our website](#)

Virtual Ministries and Worship

Please visit www.stjohnstampa.org/virtual-meetings-and-worship for a full listing and links to resources.

Group Prayer and Pastoral Care

Healing Service

This service takes place on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the church. There is appropriate safe distancing, masks, and no Eucharist.

Evening Prayer

Our clergy and staff stream evening prayer daily Monday through Saturday at 4:00 p.m. live on [our Facebook page](#).

Compline (Night Prayer)

Nightly compline is offered by the brothers of the Society of St John the Evangelist on their web site at www.ssje.org.

Weekday School Chapel Service

Fr. Reho invites you to join daily chapel services on the School's YouTube channel. The link is the same every day: www.stjohnseagles.org/daily-chapel and services go live at 6:00 a.m., Monday through Friday.

Small Group Ministries and Classes

Wednesday Afternoon Adult Sunday School

The group meets by Zoom from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Topics are suggested by the group. If you would like to join, contact Deacon Kathleen at kmoore@stjohnstampa.org for the login.

Men's Thursday Bible Study and Lunch

If you would like to join, contact John Edgar at jedgar@stjohnstampa.org.

Contemporary Women's Bible Study

CWBS holds a weekly virtual study time on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Contact Deacon Kathleen at kmoore@stjohnstampa.org or Sally Thompson at tampasal@gmail.com or 254.3009.

Women's Mid Morning Bible Study

The group regularly meets every other Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. but are taking a break until January. For more information, contact Pat Wilson at patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com or 245.9562 or Joan McKay at mckayjhm@aol.com.

Pastoral Care

Your clergy are available to you for individual pastoral conversations. If you are unable to reach them at the church office at 259.1570, please call directly. They can be reached at these numbers: Pastoral Emergency Line: 813.906.5199; Fr. Cannon: 864.320.7116; Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934; Deacon Moore: 813.785.9400; Fr. Reho: 917.526.0746.

Service Schedule Notes

Our regular Sunday services are the Holy Eucharist (Rite I) at 8:00 a.m. and the Holy Eucharist (Rite II) at 10:00 a.m. The 10:00 a.m. service is streamed live [on Facebook](#) and [on our website](#).

Safe distancing procedures are in place for entering, seating, exiting, and distribution of the Holy Eucharist. This results in a maximum capacity of 100 people at each service. Face coverings are highly recommended, not only for your safety, but for the safety of others. While all are welcomed, we recommend that those parishioners over age 65 and those with underlying health conditions consider remaining safe at home and participating comfortably in the streamed service.

Giving to St. John's

There are many ways to make a one time or recurring gift to your parish! Visit <https://stjohnstampa.org/stewardship> to see the options or give online.

One of our options is giving by text. In the 'To' field of the text type 73256, then in the message, type SJE. You will receive a text back immediately with a link to complete the payment.

Sunday Sermon Audio Available

Audio versions of weekly sermons are [on our website](#). They are uploaded on Mondays. Click on the **Worship** button in the top right of our homepage.

Compass Points

Cornerstone Christmas!

Thanks to everyone who has pitched in to help the children at Cornerstone Kids! All 23 children are spoken for, so enjoy your shopping experience and bring your tagged, wrapped gifts into the church office NO LATER THAN Wednesday, December 9.

If you want to help, we are still in need of \$20 Wal-Mart gift cards for the parents. And, if you'd rather buy meal supplies, the program needs paper products (plastic forks, styrofoam plates, and 8-oz cups) and food (large or small cans of Beefaroni, Ravioli, or Dinty Moore Beef Stew; Minute Rice; yellow rice; cookies; chips; crackers; Nutri-Grain bars; wrapped candy). Please bring these supplies to the church office. They are separate from the donations inside the side door. Call MC Jenkins with any questions at 503.4605. Many thanks!

Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols

St. John's Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols will be an online event this year. The service will be broadcast on our website and our Facebook page on Sunday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m. We invite you to sing along safely at home while Simon and the Quartet lead us through some Christmas classics!

Virtual Coffee Half-Hour Today!

First Sunday of the month Virtual Coffee Half-Hours continue today, Sunday, December 6. The fun fellowship takes place from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. on Zoom. Log in information was sent through Realm on Thursday and again this morning. Join us!

Altar Greenery Available

On December 13 and 20, the Chapel Altar greenery is available. If you would like to take one of these opportunities to honor a loved one and support St. John's, please contact us at 259.1570 or parish@stjohnstampa.org.

Christmas 2020 Service Schedule

St. John's Clergy and our Director of Music are busy planning our 2020 holiday season. Mark your calendars for services at 4:00, 6:00, and 8:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, and at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Day. The services will all be held in person in the church and streamed live [on Facebook](#) and [on our website](#). *Please note that capacity remains at 25% (100 people) and all distancing procedures will be observed.*

St. John's Christmas Tree: Ornaments Needed

This year, for the first time in many, St. John's Church will be adorned by the presence of a Christmas tree. There is an opportunity for our congregation to donate ornaments for the tree, which should be sacred and not secular in nature. Homemade ornaments are welcome. Should you wish to contribute an ornament for the tree, please bring it by the church office by this Wednesday, December 9.

Be the *Light of the World* this Advent: Series Continues Tomorrow

St. John's annual Advent program is a series based on Dr Amy-Jill Levine's book, *Light of the World*. Our St John's clergy members will each lead a session on Mondays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Fr Goodheart will lead on December 7, Deacon Moore on December 14, and Fr Cannon will lead the final session on December 21. If you plan to attend, you may pick up a complimentary copy of the *Light of the World* book in the church office. The Zoom link was emailed through Realm, [contact a member of the clergy or the church office](#) if you need it.

EYC Today!

Today we will have our Annual Tacky Christmas Party/White Elephant Gift Exchange! Come to Connelly House at 4:30 p.m. dressed in your wackiest Christmas gear, and bring a wrapped present worth no more than \$15 to exchange. We will be sure to stay safe, possibly with one adult leader opening each gift, and only distributing the final choices at the end! Don't miss this fun St John's EYC tradition!

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are bid today and throughout the week for:

Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Diocesan Bishop; the clergy and staff of our parish; Donald, our President; Ronald, our Governor; and Jane, our Mayor;

The sick and others for whom our prayers have been specially requested

Harry Hedges; Baker; Mark Power; Robin Guinee; Jackie Faircloth and family; Bill Craig; Patty; Ansley and family; Nancy Watkins; Ray Olsson; Collin; Lyn Haddad; Tory Stone and family; Astrid Peacock; Jeff LeVines; Sid Stubbs; Clark Wichman; Suzanne; John and Suzanne Crosby; Nancy Adams; Maureen Johnston; Michelle Davidson; Jonathan; Pat; Jerry Denney; Pam; Margo; Burt; Tammy; Sara; Frederik Tellekamp; Avery Pento; Derek Krueger; Michael Monthalvo; Kay Peterson; and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity;

The departed

Janice Camp

Sylvia Costin

The Rev. Robert J. Elliott

Eric Wick

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

And we pray also for

Those who celebrate the anniversary of their birth this week

December 6, David Schenck, Gail Dee Russ, Hayden Kendall, Reed Wilson

December 7, Jim Voss

December 8, Mark Schabacker, Sydney Braun

December 9, Thomas Conlee, Jack Koch

December 10, Kevin Johnson, Julie Sunich, Nicole Hasselbach

December 11, Ingalls Witte, Tommy Moxley

December 12, Steve Galloway, Christopher Walker, Jack Walker, Ellie Taylor

Our Companion Diocese in the Dominican Republic

Our Parish Day School

Pray for St. Luke's, Fort Myers; St. Margaret of Scotland, Sarasota; St. Mark's, Marco Island; St. Mark's, Tampa; St. Mark's, Venice; St. Martin's, Hudson in the Diocesan cycle of prayer;

Pray for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury) and The Rt. Rev. Carlos López-Lozano, Bishop of Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church, in the Anglican cycle of prayer;

The members of our armed forces deployed abroad, especially Rich, Mike and Jake.

We pray for healthcare workers, first responders, and all others whose work puts them in danger. We give thanks for their many sacrifices for the common good. Protect them from injury and illness; renew their wisdom, compassion, and strength.

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