

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL
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**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER
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PROPER 27**

Sunday, November 12, 2023

10:30am

HOLY EUCHARIST



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Welcome to St. John's Church

We are a diverse faith community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us. We love the beauty of worship and live into the faithful and constant commitment towards seeking social and economic justice and reconciliation among all peoples. We come from across the globe, with varied family configurations, educational backgrounds, occupations, interests, and talents and invite you to join us. If you are visiting our church for the first time, please introduce yourself to an usher, or a member of the Clergy. We have a small gift for you from the parish. If you are seeking a spiritual home, please speak with the Clergy.



Please join us for Coffee and fellowship following the worship service

If you are a guest with us today, please know that you are welcome to enjoy some fellowship, coffee, and tea with us in the Parish Hall following the service.

Children are welcome at all services.

If you have little worshipers with you today who might enjoy coloring, Play-Doh, or a Rubik's cube, these can be found at either entrance.

The Nursery is open from 8am to 12pm for children age 5 and under.

SUNDAY @ ST. JOHN'S

8am	<i>Worship with Eucharist, no music, in the Sanctuary</i>
9am	<i>Adult Forum: Book & discussion group in the undercroft Meeting Room</i>
9am	<i>Choir Rehearsal in the undercroft Choir Room</i>
9:30am	<i>Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall</i>
10:30am	<i>Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary</i>
12-1pm	<i>Middle & High School Youth Group in The Gathering Space upstairs</i>
12-1pm	<i>Hand Bell Choir in the undercroft Choir Room</i>

HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30AM


Prelude Fugue in G

Buxtehude

10:30AM

The Hymnal #620

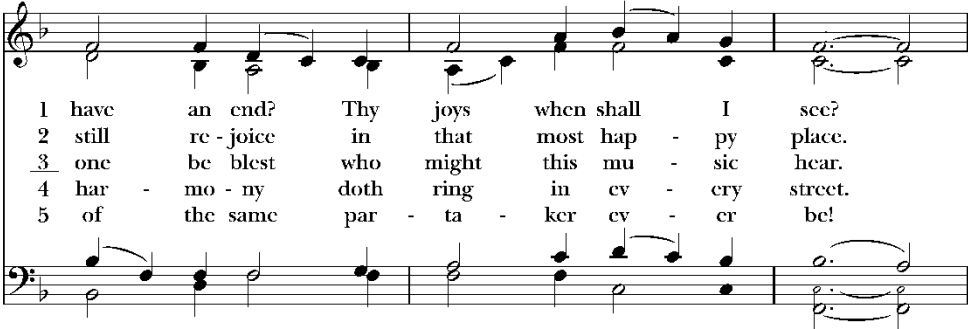
Jerusalem, my happy home



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
 2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
 3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
 4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God



1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyrs'
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and



1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.
 3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
 4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

Words: F. B. P. (ca. 16th cent.), alt. Music: *Land of Rest*. American folk hymn, adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983). Harmony, Copyright © 1938 by J. Fischer & Bro, a division of Belwin-Mills Publishing Corp. Copyright renewed. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

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

People There is one Body and one Spirit.
There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.
People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors — Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor — lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Psalm 78:1-7

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.**
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.**
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;**
- 6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we

will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

10:30AM

#V61

Give me oil in my lamp

E E7 A

1 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn-ing. Give me
2 Make me a fish - er of men, keep me seek - ing. Make me a
3 Give me joy in my heart, keep me sing - ing. Give me
4 Give me love in my heart, keep me serv - ing. Give me

E B7

oil in my lamp, I pray. Give me
fish - er of men, I pray. Make me a
joy in my heart, I pray. Give me
love in my heart, I pray. Give me

E E7 A

oil in my lamp, keep me burn - ing, keep me
 fish - er of men, keep me seek - ing, keep me
 joy in my heart, keep me sing - ing, keep me
 love in my heart, keep me serv - ing, keep me

E B7 E

burn - ing 'til the break of day.
 seek - ing 'til the break of day.
 sing - ing 'til the break of day.
 serv - ing 'til the break of day.

Refrain
E E7 A

Refrain
Sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na,

The musical score is for a hymn in G major (one sharp). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a B7 chord and includes a first ending (1. E A E) and a second ending (2. E). The lyrics are: 'sing ho-san-na to the King of Kings! King!'. The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with a melody and a left hand with a bass line.

Words: Anonymous

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

10:30am

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 25:1-13
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the

wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

People The Gospel of the Lord
 Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

Rev. Shivaun Wilkinson

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Madeline Anne to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in her life in Christ?

We will.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the
breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into
sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his

fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Baptism

Madeline Anne, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.** Madeline Anne, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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

Silence

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Anthem: Lead, Kindly Light

Lehman

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

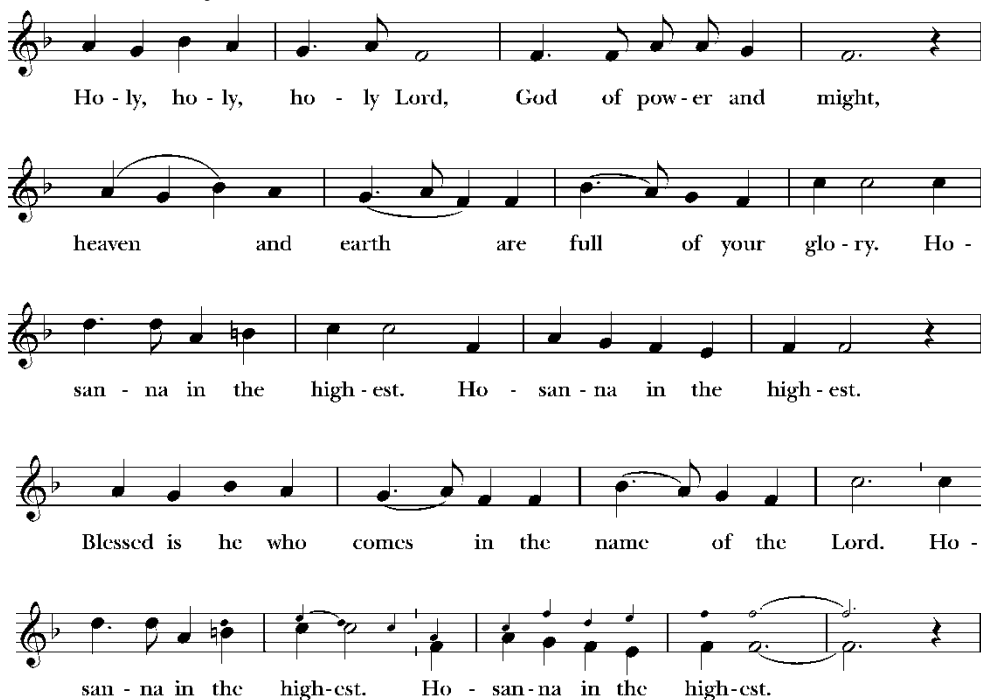
People Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

People Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 The Hymnal #S125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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 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.

10:30am

Fraction Anthem: Eat This Bread

G C Am D Bm Em Dsus D
 Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.

G D Em Bm C Dsus D G
 Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. To receive communion, or a blessing, please come forward to the priest at the front of the altar. To receive bread put your hands out. To receive wine, please drink from the chalice. To receive a blessing cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest.

The Hymnal #324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence



1 Let all mo - rtal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
on the way, as the Light of Light de -
sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
he will give to all the faith - ful
that the powers of hell may va - nish
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.
his own self for heaven - ly food.
as the dark - ness clears a - way.
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885). Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People


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.**

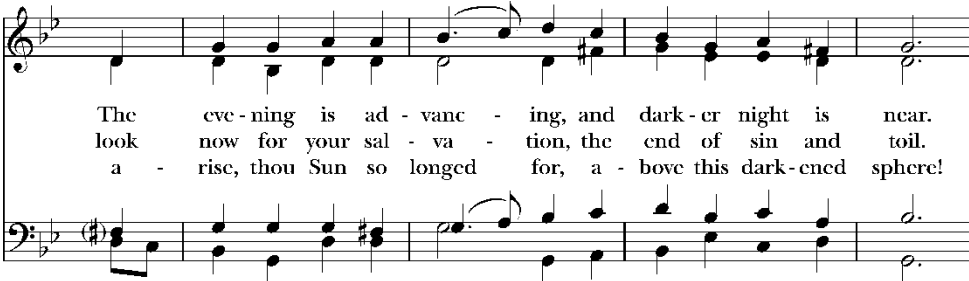
The Blessing

The Hymnal #68

Rejoice! rejoice believers



1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Toccata in E minor

Pachelbel

TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

Use this list to pray and to show your love and concern for the sick, shut-in, bereaved, or those merely in need of prayer. If you wish to submit a name, please contact the office at accounting@stjec.org.

In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email pastoralcare@stjec.org.

Nancy Winter
Joseph Sears
Mark Evans
Kim Irish
Peter McWilliams
Ruth Hyde
Bishop Curry
Brenda Goodman
Colleen
Marylouise Roach

Jeanne Van Hoeck
Matthew Milling
Lee
Dorcas Taylor
Mary Persinger
Penelope Seiss
Tim Wittig
Lu Soukup



*The Altar Flowers for this Sunday are Celebrating the Christening of
MADELINE ANNE (MAESY) ELLIOT*

Giving by her Grandparents

If you are ill for an extended period, are hospitalized, need a visit or Eucharist brought to you, want your home blessed, are celebrating a birth, adoption, or want specific prayers for any number of celebrations or sorrows, please email: pastoralcare@stjec.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW: KIDS WORSHIP CHALLENGE: EACH SUNDAY - This Sunday's questions: What are the very first words of the church service? Where is Père Sock Monkey hiding? When do the clergy bow during the Eucharist?

EPISCOPAL 101 AND 201 CLASSES EACH MONTH

The second Sunday of each month we will host a class about various aspects of the Episcopal Church and Faith in two parts. The first hour is for those new to the subject, the second for those a little more informed. These classes are open to anyone, and, also when taken across the course of the year, are our confirmation preparation classes.

101 at 2:30pm: Intro to Christian History - 10,000-year overview.

201 at 3:30pm Christian History – The devil in the details

Please RSVP to Mo. Shivaun+ so she can plan accordingly.

MONDAY MISSION SOCIETY

Meeting on Tuesday November 14th

MMS will be making "We care Packages" for students away at college as well as assembling Welcome Bags for first time visitors to St. John's on Tuesday, **November 14th at 7pm in the Meeting Room**. All women of St. John's are invited and welcome to join the meeting.

WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S - Please join MMS in the Meeting Room of the church on Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 pm to make 'We Care' packages for college students, assemble "Welcome Bags" for newcomers to St John's and for fellowship. All women of St. John's are welcome. Questions? Please contact Deacon Nancy.

Sunday, November 19th @ 12pm Casserole Club meets in the parish hall. This group offers support and prayers for those who have experienced loss.

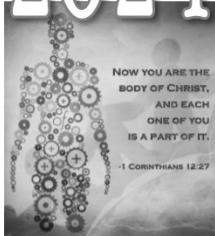
Sunday, November 19th @ 4pm - Thanksgiving Evening Prayer followed by Thanksgiving Tea and Pie Auction

Join us for a brief Thanksgiving inspired worship filled with music and prayer to pause and reflect with gratitude on all the blessings of God. Then celebrate in the parish hall, with a pie auction, sandwiches, and other sweet treats. Join in the fun with some party games and some gratitude-inspired crafts. Consider bidding on a pie for your holiday festivities.

Bring a pie to auction and/or snacks/sweet treats to share. Church will provide sandwiches, hot tea, lemonade, and water.

THE SALUTATIONS MINISTRY is a group of dedicated parishioners that randomly write and send out notes to other parishioners just to say "hello from St. John's" and wish them a happy day or other occasion as appropriate. The ministry is planning to meet briefly on **Sunday, November 19th immediately following the 10:30am service**. Anyone interested in finding out more about this ministry is encouraged to attend the meeting. If you have questions, or for more information, please contact **Mary Kerr**.

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"Knee-Deep in it with GOD"

Your gift to God, in support of the ministries of St. John's can be offered:

- Online at: www.stjec.org/give
- In the Collection Plate on Sunday
- By mail to: St. John's Episcopal Church - Attn: Stewardship
PO Box 187
Olney, MD 20832

Having prayed about the covenant with God to love God and love our neighbor, I/We are prepared to celebrate every day as a gift and support the community and ministries of St. John's.

God willing, our annual contribution to St. John's will be:

\$

January 1 to December 31, 2024

THANK YOU

For your commitment.

You will be sent a letter confirming your pledge in December.

Pledge and Contribution Statements for tax use can be downloaded and printed through the Servant Keeper Online Directory portal OR you may request the statement by emailing accounting@stjec.org after January 30th.

Mail your completed pledge certificate to:

St. John's Episcopal Church
PO Box 187
Olney, MD 20832
Attn: Stewardship

or place in the collection plate on Sunday.

You may also pledge on line at
WWW.STJEC.ORG/GIVE



Name(s) _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

I/We intend to give:

- ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Full Amount Annually

BY: ☐ On-Line Giving ☐ Offering Plate / Mail

☐ I/We are interested in making a separate gift (in addition to the annual support listed above) to a specific project for which funds are needed. Please have the Rector contact me about having this conversation.

☐ I/We are interested in receiving information about planned giving (estate planning, charitable trusts, making a will or living will etc.) Please contact me/us about this by sending literature which will help to inform my/our planning.

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