



**WELCOME!**

We are delighted to have you with us today. You are invited to God's table to receive communion and to share in our community. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself and fill out a Welcome Card. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are looking for a church to call home, you are welcome here!

**CHILDREN AT ST. JOHN'S**

Children's Chapel is offered for ages ten and under during the Gospel and Sermon, with infant and toddler care in the nursery. We enjoy a family worship service and Children's Sermon on the second Sunday of the month.

*The altar flowers are given by Melodie Schwabacher in memory of Kelly Rubrecht.*

**DURING ADVENT, OUR WORSHIP BEGINS WITH A PRAYER AND THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH.**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: PEACE**

God you have given us faith, hope and joy. Forgive us for all the times we have made hurtful choices. In you we find true peace. Help us to live the peace of your Son in our hearts, in our family and in our world. **Amen.**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**OPENING HYMN**

"Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord" vs. 1-3, The Hymnal 437

*The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening*

1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!  
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

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

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

## GATHERING HYMN

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” vs. 1, 7-8, The Hymnal 56

(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - jice! Re - jice!  
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*The People Sit*

**A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

**2 SAMUEL 7:1-11,16**

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.” But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and

I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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

### CANTICLE 3

#### THE SONG OF MARY

*Remaining seated, the Lector and the People say the Canticle responsively*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, \*  
**and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.**  
For he hath regarded \*  
**the lowliness of his handmaiden.**  
For behold from henceforth \*  
**all generations shall call me blessed.**  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, \*  
**and holy is his Name.**  
And his mercy is on them that fear him \*  
**throughout all generations.**  
He hath showed strength with his arm; \*  
**he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \*  
**and hath exalted the humble and meek.**  
He hath filled the hungry with good things, \*  
**and the rich he hath sent empty away.**  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, \*  
**as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.**  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

#### A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

##### ROMANS 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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

#### ALLELUIA VERSE

“Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” Godspell

*The People stand as able for the hymn and the Gospel*

*The hymn is repeated before the Gospel and then again after the Gospel*

Moderately

Pre - pare ye - the way of - the Lord, Pre - pare ye - the way of - the Lord.

*Repeat and fade*

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

Jos, Nigeria

**PARTNER PARISHES**Church of St. John the Baptist, Hastings, England  
Santa Maria Magdalena, Favorito, Cuba**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**Diocesan Council/  
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Lt. Wolf Klotz  
Capt. Drake Kuebler**IN NEED OF COMFORT**Mo Aubrecio  
Bob Barr  
Mary Blanton  
Stan Burch  
Peter Cook & Family  
Meghan Davis  
Jeff Deming  
Destiny Gonzales  
Haas Family  
Frank Halcromb  
Donald Hardie  
Henderson Family  
Jonna Holden  
Ernie LaBelle  
Bronwyn Macfarlane  
Kelly Neubauer  
John Oaks  
Peightal/MacGregor Families  
Cora Schwabacher  
Susie Sheffield  
Allison & Francisco Silveira  
Nanci Steveson  
Becky Vogelheim  
Juliana Walton  
The Windfield Family**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**Jamie Barker  
Breton Bommer  
Pieter Fossel  
Tisha Gavitt  
Noelle Johnson  
Vicky Macfarlane  
Chris Mooney  
Georgiana Mueller  
Jackson Santomauro**CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES**Bob Ablondi & Deb Wuersch  
Pete & Jeanine Karns  
Jim & Virginia McCall  
Myles & Georgi Still**THE HOLY GOSPEL****LUKE 1:26-38***Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****THE SERMON**

Brian Nystrom

*The People may be seated**A moment of silence will be observed for reflection after the sermon***THE NICENE CREED****BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (BCP): P. 358***The People stand as able and say together***THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****BCP: FORM VI, P. 392***The Intercessor and People pray responsively, kneeling or standing***CONFESSION OF SIN****BCP: P. 360***The People kneel or stand as able***THE PEACE***The People stand as able**Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.****ANNOUNCEMENTS***The People sit. The Revelations Newsletter is available in the Narthex and Hansen Hall for more information on what is happening around the parish.***THE HOLY COMMUNION**

## OFFERTORY

“My Lord, He is A-Comin’ Soon” Vicki Macfarlane, soloist

My Lord he is a comin’ soon. Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Get everything ready for that day.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord. If you’re asleep it’s time to wake up. Awake o sleeper arise.

If you’re in the dark it’s time to be lit. Awake o sleeper arise. Come, Lord Jesus come into my heart.

Prepare the way of the King. He is coming he’s coming soon. Prepare the way of the King.

## PRESENTATION HYMN

“From All that Dwell Below the Skies” v. 3, The Hymnal 380

*The People stand as able*

\*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A, p. 361

*The People remain standing*

## SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” The Hymnal S130

*The Celebrant & the People sing together*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving*

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*As the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept*

“Christ is our Passover” The Hymnal S155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Children of any age and people of any denomination are welcome to receive communion. The bread will be placed in your hand. Please drink from the chalice of wine. If you prefer, leave the bread in your palm and the Eucharistic Minister will dip it in the wine and place the bread on your tongue. You may also receive the bread only and return to your seat. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. If you are unable to come forward, but desire Communion, please notify an usher. If, for whatever reason, you do not wish to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by crossing your arms.*

*A member of St. John's Healing Ministry is available to be a companion in prayer in the Columbarium during Communion.*

## **COMMUNION HYMNS**

*The People are invited to sing*

“Creator of the Stars of Night” The Hymnal 60

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” The Hymnal 66

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*The People kneel or stand as able*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

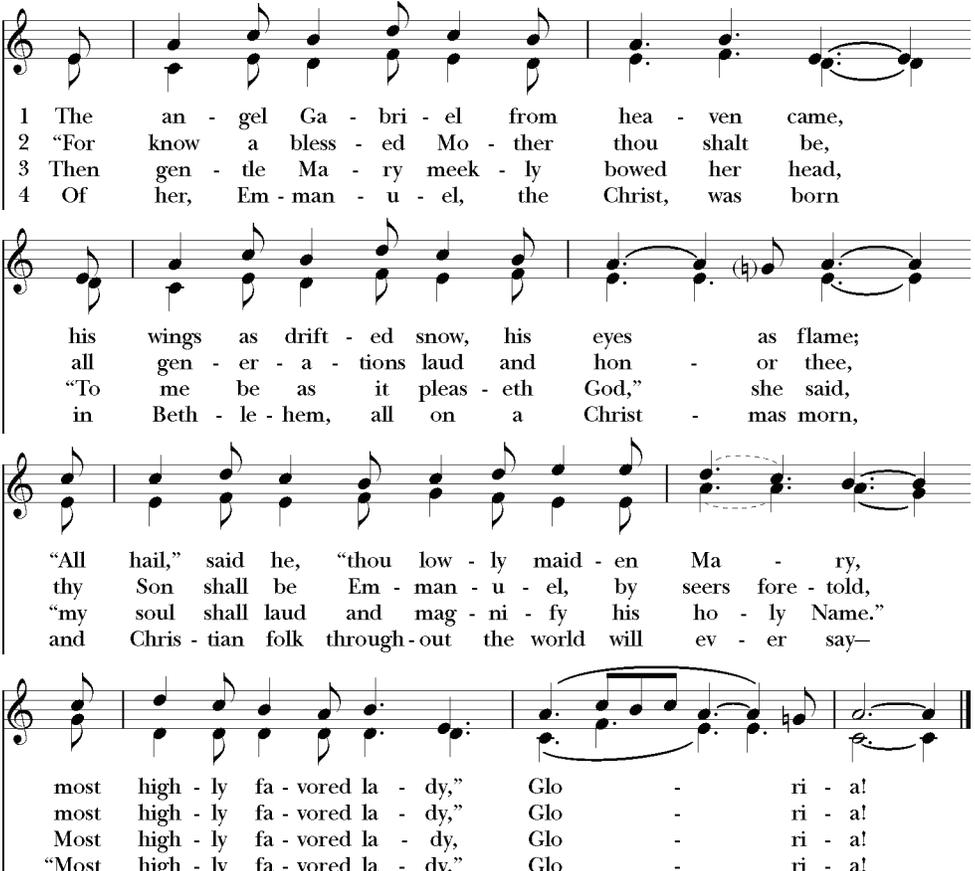
**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

*The Priest blesses the people*

## CLOSING HYMN

“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” The Hymnal 265



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,  
2 “For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,  
3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,  
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;  
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,  
“To me be as it pleas - eth God,” she said,  
in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

“All hail,” said he, “thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,  
thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
“my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name.”  
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,” Glo - ri - a!  
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,” Glo - ri - a!  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!  
“Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,” Glo - ri - a!

## THE DISMISSAL

*As the procession passes down the aisle, you are invited to face the doors of the church for the Dismissal*

*Deacon*

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

*We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour in Hansen Hall after the service.*



**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!**

**To learn more about St. John's Episcopal Church go to our website, [stjohnsjackson.org](http://stjohnsjackson.org).**

The Reverend Jimmy Bartz, Rector

The Reverend Brian Nystrom

The Reverend Suzanne Harris

The Reverend Mary Erickson

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