
A Daily Prayer for St. John's Church

Bless, O Lord, this parish, and grant that Thy Name may be worshipped here in truth and purity, to all generations. Give Thy grace and wisdom to our Clergy, that they may exercise holy discipline, and be themselves patterns of holiness, simplicity, and self-denial. Bless all who worship here; take from us all pride, vanity and self-conceit, and give to us true humility and self-abasement. Enlighten our minds, subdue our wills, purify our hearts, and so penetrate us with Thy Spirit, and fill us with Thy love that we may go forth animated with earnest zeal for Thy glory; and may Thy living Word so dwell within our hearts that we may speak with that resistless energy of love which shall melt the hearts of sinners to the love of Thee. Open, O Lord, the hearts and hands of Thy people, that we may be ready to give and glad to distribute to our necessities. Bless the founders and benefactors of this parish, and recompense them with the riches of Thine everlasting kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.



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Sunday, November 23, 2025

Ten O'clock in the Morning

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

The Order for Holy Communion

- *A warm welcome to all parishioners, guests, and visitors. Worship at St. John's is according to the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and The Hymnal, 1940. Be sure to ask a neighbor for help if you have any questions about where we are during the service.*
- *The ✠ symbol indicates a point in the liturgy where making the sign of the cross is appropriate.*
- ***Please turn all cell phones, pagers, and wireless communication devices off or to "vibrate."***
- *Children are most welcome at St. John's worship services. For those who desire it, during the school year, Sunday School begins at 10:00 AM in the undercroft, where nursery care is also available year-round.*
- *Information on worship practices, Communion procedure, announcements, prayer requests, the teaching series, a brief history of St. John's, and various aspects of parish life are available in the Parish Chronicle, which is inserted in this bulletin.*

Hymnal

Prayer Book

The Prelude: *Prelude in A major* - Saint-Saëns

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The Introit: *Dicit Dominus*, Jeremiah 29:11, 12, 14; Psalm 85:1 – Plainchant

THUS saith the LORD, I know the thoughts that I think toward you, thoughts of peace, and not of affliction: ye shall call upon me, and I will hearken unto you, and will bring again your captivity from every nation. Ps. LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. Glory be... Thus saith... (etc.)

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The Psalm: 126. In convertendo. – ANGLICAN CHANT: George M. Garrett	p. 505		
¶ Then shall the People stand, and the Choir continue with		[734] The Sursum corda: Plainchant	p. 76
The Gradual: Liberásti nos, Psalm 44:8–9 – Plainchant			
IT is thou, O LORD, that savest us from our enemies: and putttest them to confusion that hate us. V. We make our boast of God all day long: and will praise thy Name for ever.		797 The Sanctus: Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena	p. 77
The Alleluia: De profundis, Psalm 130:1 – Plainchant		797 ✠ The Benedictus qui venit: Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena	
ALLELUIA. Alleluia. V. Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O LORD; Lord, hear my voice. Alleluia.		The Prayer of Consecration	p. 80–1
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329 The Sermon Hymn: How bright appears the Morning Star – TUNE: Frankfort		712 The Agnus Dei: Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena (to be sung thus: Men only, Trebles only, Full)	
Announcements (if there be any)		The Invitation: ✠ Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that takest away the sins of the world. Response: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.	
The Sermon – The Rev. Fr. Steven J. Kelly, SSC, Rector		The Administration of Holy Communion	p. 82–3
The Offertory: De profundis, Psalm 130:1 – Plainchant		363 The Communion Hymn: Lord of all hopefulness – TUNE: Slane	
OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O LORD; Lord, hear my voice.		The Communion: Amen dico vobis, St. Mark 11:24 – Plainchant	
The Offertory Anthem: When the Lord turned again – Adrian Batten		VERILY I say unto you, what things soever ye desire when ye pray: believe that ye receive them, and it shall be done unto you.	
When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion: then were we like unto them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with joy. Then said they among the heathen: the Lord hath done great things for them. Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already, whereof we rejoice.	~ Psalm 126, vv. 1-4, with Gloria	The Prayer of Thanksgiving (said by the Congregation with the Minister)	p. 83
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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. Amen.		The Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God.	
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OUR fathers’ God, to thee, Author of liberty, To thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With freedom’s holy light; Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.		The Postlude: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223 – Dieterich Buxtehude	
The Prayer for the Church	p. 74–5	✠	
The Invitation to Confession	p. 75	¶ We welcome you to St. John’s Church. If you are new, please be sure to fill out a visitor card and place it in an offertory plate, and/or sign one of the guest registers in the narthex at the back of the church. We are glad you are here and hope that you will join us for fellowship and refreshments in the undercroft below the nave (general seating area) of the church. If you have questions, please feel free to speak to any parishioner and they will happily provide you with whatever assistance you may require.	