



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

**A Worshipping Community serving as a beacon of God's love by exemplifying the two great commandments; love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**November 27, 2022**

**Holy Eucharist:**

Rite II Prayer B

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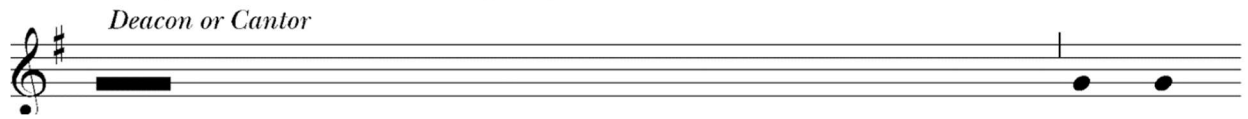
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# THE WORD OF GOD

## ENTRANCE RITE

### ADVENT LITANY

*The Congregation stands as the Choir and Priest enter. The Priest or one appointed chants followed by the response. The advent candle(s) are lit during the entrance of the Choir and altar party.*



*Priest:* Heavenly Father, you have created a universe of light: forgive us when we return to darkness. Lord, have mercy.

*Congregation:* Lord, have mercy.



“Lord, have mer-cy.”

*Officiant:* Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world: cleanse and heal our blinded sight.

Christ, have mercy.

*Congregation:* Christ, have mercy.

*Officiant:* Holy Spirit, you give us light in our hearts: renew us in faith and love. Lord, have mercy.

*Congregation:* Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant:* Heavenly Father, you call us to repent of our sins: soften our proud and stubborn hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

*Congregation:* Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant:* Lord Jesus, you declared the forgiveness of God: teach us to forgive one another.

Christ, have mercy.

*Congregation: Christ, have mercy.*

*Officiant:* Holy Spirit, you search our hearts and show us the truth: direct us in your way of righteousness.

Lord, have mercy.

*Congregation: Lord, have mercy.*

*Officiant:* Heavenly Father, you call us to prepare for the coming of your Son: forgive us our unreadiness to receive him.

Lord, have mercy.

*Congregation: Lord, have mercy.*

*Officiant:* Lord Jesus, you were proclaimed by John the Baptist: help us also to prepare your way.

Christ, have mercy.

*Congregation: Christ, have mercy.*

*Officiant:* Holy Spirit, you speak through the prophets: make us attentive to hear your word.

Lord, have mercy.

*Congregation: Lord, have mercy.*

*Officiant:* Heavenly Father, you exalted the humble and meek: give us humble and contrite hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

*Congregation: Lord, have mercy.*

*Officiant:* Lord Jesus, you grew towards birth in the Virgin's womb: be planted also in our hearts and lives.

Christ, have mercy.

*Congregation:* Christ, have mercy.

*Officiant:* Holy Spirit, you overshadowed Mary, that she might become the God-bearer: fill us with your heavenly gifts.

Lord, have mercy.

*Congregation:* Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant:* Christ have mercy

*Congregation:* Christ have mercy

*Officiant:* Lord have mercy.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Cantor :*   
*Bles-sed are you holy and living one*

*People*   
*You come to your people and set them free*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life

immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel- vs. 1 and 2-** *Blue Hymnal – 56*

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high  
who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!

**THE LESSONS**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5** Val  
Valverde  
*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet  
Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw  
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of  
the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain  
of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his  
paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth  
instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from  
Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many  
peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into  
plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning  
hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against  
nation,  
neither shall they learn war any  
more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

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

**PSALM 122**

*Silence may follow.*

*The choir will sing the antiphon one time and then the congregation with the choir.*

*The antiphon is sung after each section of the Psalm.*



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| <p>2 Now our feet are standing *<br/>         within your gates, O <u>Jerusalem</u>.</p> <p>3 Jerusalem is built as a <u>city</u> *<br/>         that is at unity with <u>itself</u>;</p> <p>4 To which the tribes go up,<br/>         the tribes of the <u>LORD</u>, *<br/>         the assembly of Israel,<br/>         to praise the Name of the <u>LORD</u>,</p> <p>5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *<br/>         the thrones of the house of <u>David</u>.</p> <p>6 Pray for the peace of <u>Jerusalem</u>: *<br/>         "May they prosper who <u>love you</u>."</p> <p>7 Peace be within your <u>walls</u> *<br/>         and quietness within your <u>towers</u>.</p> <p>8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *<br/>         I pray for your prosperity.</p> <p>9 Because of the house of the <u>LORD</u> our <u>God</u>, *<br/>         I will seek to do you <u>good</u>."</p> | <p>[ANT</p> <p>[ANT</p> <p>[ANT</p> <p>[ANT</p> <p>[ANT</p> <p>[ANT</p> <p>[ANT</p> <p>[ANT</p> | <p>2 Now our feet are standing *<br/>         within your gates, O <u>Jerusalem</u>.</p> <p>3 Jerusalem is built as a <u>city</u> *<br/>         that is at unity with <u>itself</u>;</p> <p>4 To which the tribes go up,<br/>         the tribes of the <u>LORD</u>, *<br/>         the assembly of Israel,<br/>         to praise the Name of the <u>LORD</u>,</p> <p>5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *<br/>         the thrones of the house of <u>David</u>.</p> <p>6 Pray for the peace of <u>Jerusalem</u>: *<br/>         "May they prosper who <u>love you</u>."</p> <p>7 Peace be within your <u>walls</u> *<br/>         and quietness within your <u>towers</u>.</p> <p>8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *<br/>         I pray for your prosperity.</p> <p>9 Because of the house of the <u>LORD</u> our <u>God</u>, *<br/>         I will seek to do you <u>good</u>."</p> | <p>[ANT</p> <p>[ANT</p> <p>[ANT</p> <p>[ANT</p> <p>[ANT</p> <p>[ANT</p> <p>[ANT</p> <p>[ANT</p> |
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**SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14**

Pat Roberts

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

<sup>11</sup>You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN (BCP p. 357)- *We're Marching to Zion- 1,2, 4 - LEVAS***  
**12**

***(Red and Black Hymnal)***

*All stand.*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44**

*All stand.*

*Priest*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew.

*People*        *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed

awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **THE SERMON – The Rev. Tim Black**

### **THE CREED (BCP p. 358)**

*All stand.*

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 359)**

Flo Webster

*All remain standing.*

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

People of God, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord saying, “Teach us your ways, O God, *that we may walk in your paths.*” Wake from sleep, O God, your Church. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as salvation draws ever nearer.

*Silence*

Teach us your ways, O God,  
*That we may walk in your paths.*

Wake from sleep, O God, this nation. May we beat our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks. May we learn war no more.



*Silence*

Teach us your ways, O God,

*That we may walk in your paths.*

Wake from sleep, O God, your creation. May the mountains rise to meet you and the crops of the fields burst forth in praise.

*Silence*

Teach us your ways, O God,

*That we may walk in your paths.*

Wake from sleep, O God, this city. May there be peace and prosperity within our walls. Make clear our paths that we may walk in your light.

*Silence*

Teach us your ways, O God,

*That we may walk in your paths.*

Wake from sleep, O God, those in pain and sadness. Deliver them from their darkness that they may rejoice in your light. May all those waiting for healing find your salvation is near. Today we pray for: Eleanor Buchanon, Barbarine Thorpe, Barry Wilkinson, Claude Lindsey, Jamie Cauley, Charles Loftis, Donzell Jenkins, Frank Harrell, Raymond Duran, Maxine Richardson, Jennifer Thomas, Suzanne Henderson, and Whitney.

We also pray for those who have died. Today, we pray for: Ed Ingram.

*The congregation may add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence*

Teach us your ways, O God,

*That we may walk in your paths.*

Wake all your people from sleep, O God. Prepare your saints for that day when the Son of Man will return, with the saints at rest, to reign with us forever and ever.

*Silence*

Teach us your ways, O God,

*That we may walk in your paths.*

*Celebrant:*

Hasten, O God, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

**CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*           The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*               *And also with you.*

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)**

*The Celebrant says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

**OFFERTORY HYMN- *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending- Blue Hymnal***  
**57**

**DOXOLOGY-**

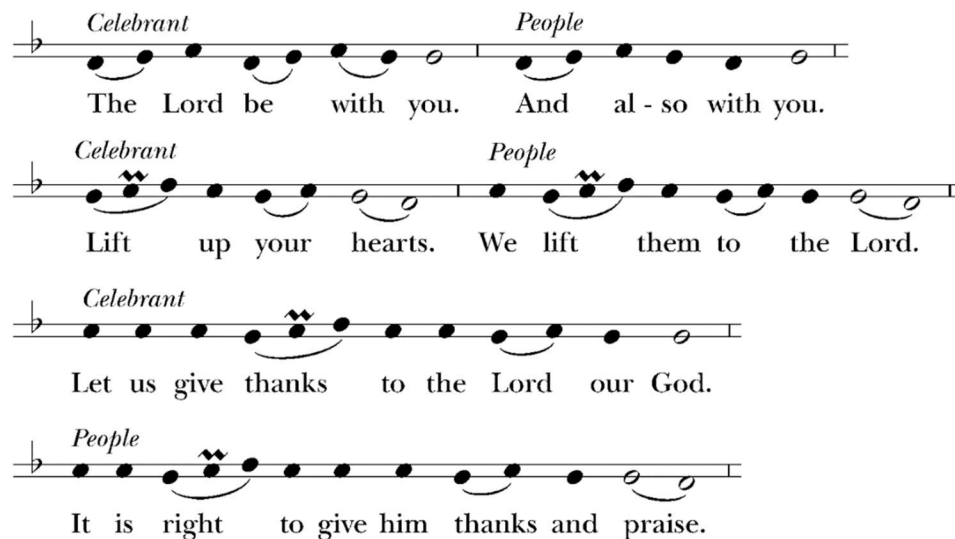


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures  
 here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. This, this is  
 Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### SURSUM CORDA S 120 *Lift up your hearts* (BCP p. 367)

*The People remain standing.*



*Celebrant* *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
*Celebrant* *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*  
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 367)

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your 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 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 – S 130 Blue Hymnal**

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.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 368)**

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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 Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;

### **EPICLESIS (BCP p. 369)**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER S 19 *The Lord's Prayer***

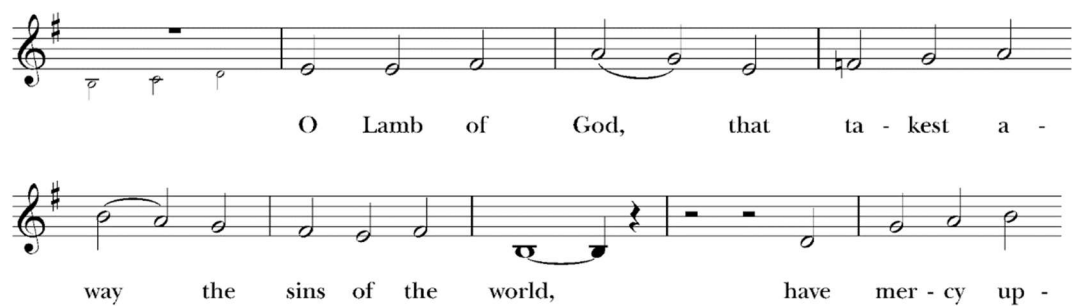
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### FRACTION ANTHEM- S 158- *Blue Hymnal*



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that  
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world, grant us thy peace.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)**

*We will be sharing communion in both kinds. If you want bread, hold out one hand, if bread and wine, hold out two hands. The server will intinct (dip) the bread for you and place it in your hands.*

**COMMUNION HYMN – *Sleepers Wake! A Voice Astounds Us! 61- Blue Hymnal***

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for*

*assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## **BLESSING**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*Amen.*

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN- *Soon, Very Soon- LEVAS- 14 (Red and Black Hymnal)***

## **DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**POSTLUDE: Introductory Voluntary**

**by G. Michell**

## **PARISH NOTES**

**Make Prayer Requests Online:** <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfrukhfurgD8>

### **Morning Prayer on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday- 10 AM**

One of the vastly underutilized gifts of the Episcopal Church is morning prayer. Start your day off with prayer with our online community each week on Tuesday and Thursday. Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305

### **Compline (Night Prayer) Online Thursdays at 7 PM**

End your day on a peaceful note and pray Compline with St. John's each Thursday evening. Meeting ID: 843 7684 4017 Password: 848486

**Wednesday Night Advent Bible Study Continues- Wednesday at 7 PM.** We are reading Unwrapping the Names of Jesus as our advent bible study. Some copies will be available for \$6.00. Join us on zoom. Zoom ID: 716 256 9754 Passcode: 12345



**Give by Texting-** You can use your phone's text messaging capabilities to give to St. Johns. **Just text 73256 and enter our code 3480 as the message.** You will be taken to the giving page where you can make your selections. You can also set up online giving through a link in our weekly email. To subscribe to the weekly email, please contact our administrator at [info@stjohnscollegepark.org](mailto:info@stjohnscollegepark.org)

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**Assisting with the service today**

Organist	Toku Kawata
Readers	Val Valverde and Pat Roberts
Prayers of the People	Flo Webster
Verger	Michael Proscia
Church Administrator	Terry Glover
Vestry Members:	The Rev. Tim Black, Priest in Charge Paul Brady, Communications Linda Cage, Outreach Sherran Davis, Clerk Richard Pflieger, Treasurer Archie Polk, Evangelism Michael Proscia, Jr. Warden Pat Roberts, Sr. Warden

**At 10:00am on Sunday morning:** Join us via Zoom November 27, 2022 10:00am You may be prompted to enter the following: Meeting ID: 890 4465 2335 Password: 704817. If you do not have a camera-enabled device, but want to participate via audio only, then call (toll-free) **1-929-205-6099** and use the same meeting ID and password as above.

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*It is time to prayerfully discern your pledge for 2023. To pledge right now, fill out this pledge form and turn it in to the offering plate. Your pledges help us to plan for St John's mission and ministry. We rely on pledges in order to be able to be proactive about our programming and outreach. If you have never pledged, but give, please consider pledging. Giving to God's work in The Church is a spiritual discipline we*

*are all called to follow. We are grateful in advance for your generosity and prayerful support.*



### Currency of Money Pledge

*Your pledge will allow St. John's to plan its ministry & mission*

I pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To be paid: Weekly \_\_ Monthly \_\_ Yearly \_\_

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