

#### **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

> Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022 Morning Prayer St. John's Episconal Church

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# The Word of God

# **ENTRANCE RITE**

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. Cantor or Priest



People



*Priest or Cantor:* For the coming of Messiah,

*Congregation* **We prepare our hearts.** 

*Priest or Cantor:* For the coming of light,

Congregation We prepare our hearts.

*Priest or Cantor:* For the peaceful kingdom,

Congregation We prepare our hearts. *Priest or Cantor* For the time when you will judge the poor with righteousness,

# Congregation We prepare our hearts.

*Priest or Cantor* For the time when the wolf shall lie down with the lamb

#### Congregation We prepare our hearts.

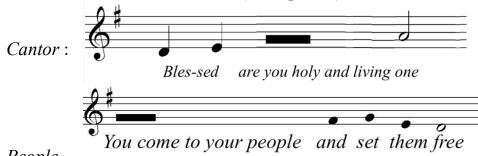
# Priest or Cantor

For the day when the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Congregation

We prepare our hearts.

# **OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)**



People

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

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

Merciful God, who sent your 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

#### **O** Come, **O** Come, Emmanuel- vs. 1 and 3- *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

#### THE LESSONS First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

Michael Proscia

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and roots. understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious Silence may follow.

#### Psalm 72 1-8

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.





- A 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \* and your righteousness to the King's Son;
   A 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*
  - and the poor with justice;
- B 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \* and the little hills bring righteousness. [ANT.]
- A 4 He shall defend the needy among the <u>people</u>; \* he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- A 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \* from one generation to another.
- B 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown <u>field</u>, \* like showers that water the <u>earth</u>. [ANT.]
  - 7 In his time shall the righteous <u>flourish</u>; \*

     there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall
     be no <u>more</u>.

    8 He shall rule from sea to sea, \*
  - and from the River to the ends of the earth. [ANT.]

#### SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

Lisa V Norton-Rotella

The people sit.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice

glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Silence may follow.

#### **SEQUENCE HYMN** -*O* For a Thousand Tongues to Sing-H493- Blue Hymnal All stand.

# GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

All stand.

PriestThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to<br/>Matthew.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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)

All remain standing.

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

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

Silence

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.

# People: Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* 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.

# People: Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* 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.

# People: Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joseph, our president, Kamala, our vice-president, Brian our governor and Bianca, our mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

# People: Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* 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.

# People: Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Eleanor Buchanon, Barbarine Thorpe, Claude Lindsay, Frank Harrell, Barry Wilkinson, Jamie Cauley, Charles Loftis, Donzell Jenkins, Raymond Duran, Maxine Richardson, Jennifer Thomas, Whitney, Suzanne Henderson and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

People: Hear our prayer. Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here. *Intercessor:* And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear.

*Intercessor:* We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

# People: Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.* 

# CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 330)

#### The Celebrant says

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

#### Silence may be kept.

# 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 hereafterserve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# 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 (BCP p. 332)

All stand.

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.

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

We close The Passing of the Peace by singing, together:

We are one in the bond of love We are one in the bond of love We have joined our spirits with the spirit of God We are one in the bond of love

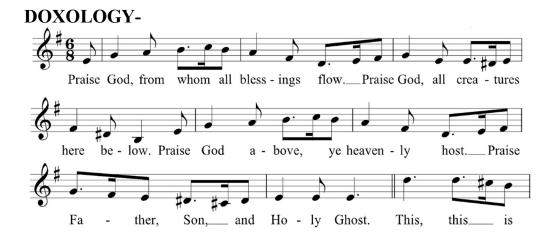
# THE HOLY COMMUNION

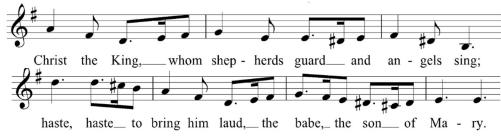
# **OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 343)**

The Celebrant says

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

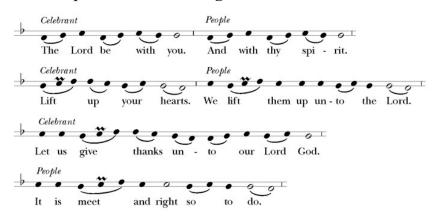
#### **OFFERTORY MUSIC-** Come, thou long expected Jesus- Blue Hymnal- 66





THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

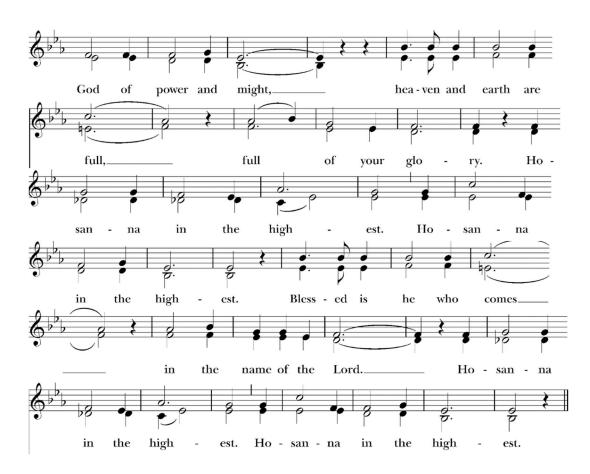


# PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 367)

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.





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

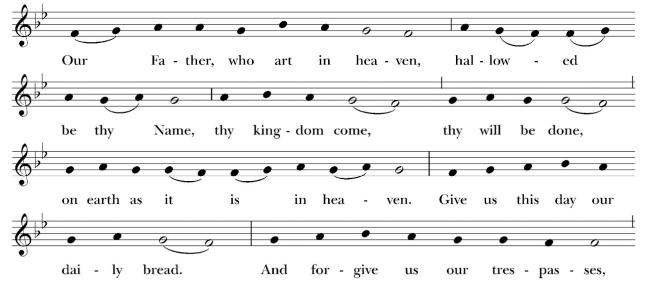
The People stand or kneel.

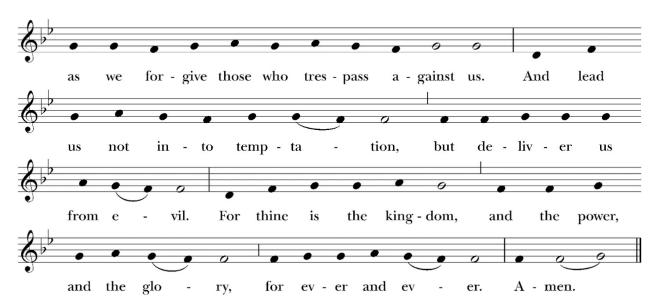
#### The Celebrant continues

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. 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

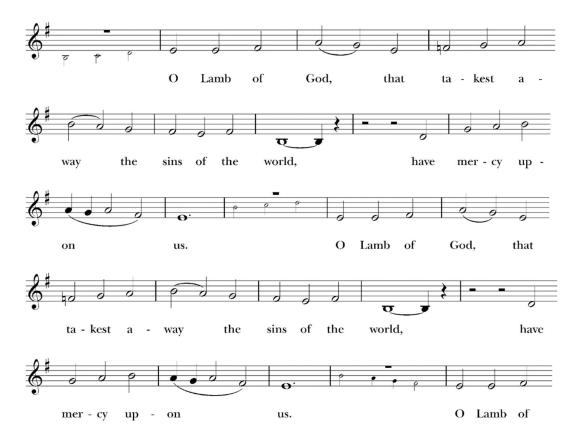
thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful 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, 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 pray:

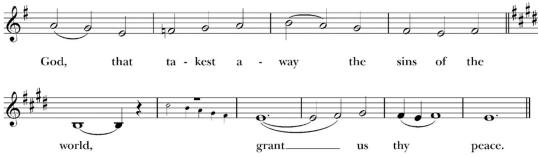
# THE LORD'S PRAYER S 119 The Lord's Prayer (Traditional) (Plainsong/Douglas) (BCP p. 336)





The Breaking of the Bread FRACTION ANTHEM- S 158- Blue Hymnal





# **INVITATION (BCP p. 338)**

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.

# **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** Comfort Comfort Ye My People- 67- Blue Hymnal

# **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 339)**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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*.

# 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-***People Look East- Wonder, Love and Praise 724*



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed have ceased to build, guard the 3. Birds, though you long nest that must be 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look	East and sing	to - day: Love the	guest	is o	n the	way.	
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look	East and sing	to - day: Love the	rose	is o	n the	way.	
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look	East and sing	to - day: Love the	bird	is o	n the	way.	
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look	East and sing	to - day: Love the	star	is o	n the	way.	
5. com-ing. Peo-ple, look	East and sing	to - day: Love the	Lord	is o	n the	way.	
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#### DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *Thanks be to God.* 

**POSTLUDE-**\_Go Tell It On The Mountain by G. King

Flowers for the alter were given by Linda Cage in memory of her father William Scott Gravitt and her brother, William Scott Gravitt II.

#### **Parish Notes**

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

# Advent bible study starts Wednesday, November 30, 2022

# **Bible Study**

Bible study will be taking a break this week for Thanksgiving.

For Advent, join us reading and discussing the book "Unwrapping the Names of Jesus". We will have 10 copies available next Sunday for \$5.00 each.

# 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

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# Assisting with the service today

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Verger:	Richard Pfleger
Priest in Charge:	The Rev. Tim Black
Church Administrator	Terry Glover
Vestry Members:	The Rev. Tim Black, Priest in Charge
-	Paul Brady, Communications
	Linda Cage, Outreach
	Sherran Davis, Clerk
	Richard Pfleger, Treasurer
	Archie Polk, Evangelism
	Michael Proscia, Jr. Warden
	Pat Roberts, Sr. Warden

At 10:00am on Sunday morning: Join us via Zoom December 4, 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.

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