



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2021

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Growing Thanksgiving Altar given to the glory of God by St. John's parishioners.

ST. JOHN'S CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway, Rector
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OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Together 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.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL (11am only) | *Children, preschool age through 3rd grade, are invited to follow the Child Crucifer to Children's Chapel during the Gloria. Please follow physical distancing and wear your mask!*

GLORIA | Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, We have been crucified with Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name. Now we shall live for ever. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON | 2 Samuel 23:1-7

These are the last words of David:
 The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
 the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
 the anointed of the God of Jacob,
 the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:
 The spirit of the Lord speaks through me,
 his word is upon my tongue.
 The God of Israel has spoken,
 the Rock of Israel has said to me:
 One who rules over people justly,
 ruling in the fear of God,

is like the light of morning,
 like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
 gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.
 Is not my house like this with God?
 For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
 ordered in all things and secure.
 Will he not cause to prosper
 all my help and my desire?
 But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
 for they cannot be picked up with the hand;
 to touch them one uses an iron bar
 or the shaft of a spear.
 And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

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

PSALM | Psalm 132:1-19

1 Lord, remember David, * and all the hardships he endured;	4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, * nor let my eyelids slumber;
2 How he swore an oath to the Lord * and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:	5 Until I find a place for the Lord, * a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."
3 "I will not come under the roof of my house," * nor climb up into my bed; and by him actions are weighed.	6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; * we found it in the fields of Jearim.

7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; *
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, *
you and the ark of your strength.

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with joy.

10 For your servant David's sake, *
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

11 The Lord has sworn an oath to David; *
in truth, he will not break it:

12 "A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

14 For the Lord has chosen Zion; *
he has desired her for his habitation:

15 "This shall be my resting-place for ever; *
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

16 I will surely bless her provisions, *
and satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, *
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; *
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; *
but as for him, his crown will shine."

SECOND LESSON | Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN | We Gather Together (v. 1, 2)

Hymn 433

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN | We Gather Together (v. 3)

Hymn 433

THE SERMON

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway

A period of silence for reflection will follow.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | Form II

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After each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops David and Rayford; for our priests Ripp and Lucy; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.
Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

Celebrant 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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC | Let all Things Give Thanks, arr. Don Hart

Worship Choir

DOXOLOGY

Hymn 380 v. 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. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C; BCP p. 369

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Hymn S-128

Holy, holy, holy Lord, *Hosanna in the highest.*
God of power and might, *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*
heaven and earth are full of your glory. *Hosanna in the highest.*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

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 forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (For live stream participants)

Faithful God, **in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I be renewed to love and to serve; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

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All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. To receive the bread, place one hand over the other with palms facing upward. To indicate that you would like to receive a blessing instead, cross arms over chest. Please let Fr. Ripp or Rev. Lucy know if you would like to receive a gluten free wafer.

COMMUNION MUSIC | Unashamed Love (3326697) Lamont Hiebert

Ian Flores

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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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.**

THE BLESSING

May the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN | Come Ye Thankful People Come

Hymn 290

THE DISMISSAL

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Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**



If you are a visitor or guest, we would love to connect with you! Please visit www.stjohnsnb.com/welcome to fill out a visitor card or email office@stjohnsnb.com and Fr. Ripp or Rev. Lucy will contact you.

Updated Procedures for Worship & Gathering

- Following current CDC guidance (as of July 27, 2021), all people, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a mask while indoors.

- Communion in both kinds, bread and wine, is now being offered. In order to partake, please sanitize your hands before approaching stations at the front, especially if you intend to receive the wine by intinction. We are offering the wine by intinction only at this time: after receiving the bread, step to the side to the minister with the chalice and dip your wafer in the wine, avoiding touching the wine with your fingers. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please know that our tradition teaches that Christ cannot be divided and all of the spiritual benefits of Communion are present in the bread alone.

- If you test positive for Covid-19 after being on campus at St. John's, we ask that you notify our rector Ripp Hardaway or senior warden Ann Amoroso so that we may take the appropriate steps to notify those potentially affected, while respecting your privacy.

- If you are having any symptoms, please help safeguard our shared community by staying home and participating online.

- We will not request to see proof of vaccination nor will we have a designated space for non-vaccinated people to sit. We trust that you will follow CDC recommendations and Diocesan guidelines to best honor yourself and your St. John's family, especially children under 12 and others who are unable to be vaccinated.

The Church Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and will reopen on November 29.

Sunday School & Adult Christian Education on Sundays | Continues at 10 a.m.

Children's Sunday School All classes meet in the Children's Room for Friendsgiving!

Youth Sunday School with Hannah and Kyle will meet in the Youth Room

St. John's 101 with Father Ripp will meet in the Music/Multipurpose Room

Bible in 90 Days with Adrian & Jim will meet in the Parish Hall

Youth Group Character Luncheon | Today in the Youth Room following the second service

Pretend to be your favorite book, TV, or movie character and join us for lunch. Costumes encouraged!

Prepare the Way | Sundays, November 28- December 5 at 10 a.m. | Music/Multipurpose Room

Join leader Karen Fulton to read and discuss *Prepare the Way: Cultivating A Heart For God In Advent* by Pamela C Hawkins. Read and reflect for about 15-30 minutes each day in Advent, and gather on Sunday mornings to share what the Spirit has revealed to us the week before as we prepare for the coming of Christ. The book is available for purchase online, or copies are available in the church office; a donation of \$10 is suggested but not required.

Anglican Communion Day of Prayer | November 30 | On Zoom, around the world

Visit uspg.org.uk/day-of-prayer or look in your eNews for information about how to join in prayer.

Children's Christmas Pageant is on December 5 | Practice on Saturday, December 4

The Christmas pageant is fast approaching and we want all children to be a part. Please reach out to cheryl@stjohnsnb.com to be part of the greatest story ever told! This year we have a new script, and some new costumes we are excited to use in this unique perspective on the story of Christmas.

Thanksgiving Altar donations are needed. Please drop off harvest produce such as pie and small pumpkins, squash, apples, onions, or sweet potatoes in the narthex. These items will adorn the altar on Sundays. In addition to the produce for the altar we are collecting canned mixed vegetables, green beans and carrots. All donations will be given to SOS Food Bank before Thanksgiving.

Blue & Green Santa Programs

To support the NB Police & Comal County Sheriff Departments' Blue & Green Santa Programs, we are collecting new, unwrapped toys and \$25 gift cards outside the Narthex on Sundays and at the church office on Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. from November 14 - December 5. Gift cards should be placed in an envelope before placing in the bin or in the offering plate.

Advent Wreath Making | November 28 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Continue or start your family tradition of creating an Advent Wreath for your home. Faith practices at home are key in lifetime commitments to Christ and this tradition "prepares the way" for the celebration of Jesus' birth. All are welcome for this intergenerational activity, just bring your creativity! RSVP at the link in eNews or by emailing cheryl@stjohnsnb.com

Advent Journey Begins | November 28 at 5 p.m.

Join us for the opening of Advent Journey, a series of paintings by members of St. John's and the diocese, based on the story of Christmas from chapters 1 and 2 of Luke. Refreshments will be served.

Outdoor Movie Night | November 28 at 6 p.m.

Bring your chairs and blankets for a movie night hosted by the youth group. Invite friends and neighbors - everyone is invited! RSVP at the link in the eNews or by emailing hannah@stjohnsnb.com

Lessons & Carols | December 19 at both services | Potluck Brunch at 10 a.m. - details to come

We will hear through Scripture readings and beautiful music by our choir and guest instrumentalists the story of God's loving purpose in the world and celebrate the coming of Christ. Prepare your hearts for Christmas with this special service of word and song titled, "Everlasting Light."

Christmas Eve Schedule of Services | December 24

3 and 5 p.m. Family Service with Children's Homily

8 p.m. Traditional Service