

St. John's Episcopal Church Christmas Dedications

The Christmas Flowers at the Altar were given in the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory Of

“My blessed Mother and Father, and their loving parents
who took such wonderful care of us”
dedicated by a loving son and grandson

Cecelie Hurley, William Greaves, and Greg Dimijian
dedicated by Ellen Greaves & Penny Fitch

The Loved Ones of Ireton & Ficara Families
dedicated by The Ireton & Ficara Families

Josephine & Warren Johnson and Linda Van Name dedicated by Judy Johnson

The Loved Ones of the Holme Family dedicated by The Holme Family

The Loved Ones of Rolston Family dedicated by Florence Rolston

The Departed Loved Ones dedicated by Gene & Diane Scanlon

Dorothy S. Gordon dedicated by Gloria Meyers

The Loved Ones of the Klemuk-Braun Family

Fred Kollhopp dedicated by Pat Kollhopp

Grace Lee White dedicated by Her Family



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Sunday Services

8:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:00 A.M. - Morning Prayer
Holy Eucharist, Rite I first Sundays
of the month

Weekday Services

Monday – Friday

7:30 A.M. – Morning Prayer, Rite I
6:00 P.M. – Evening Prayer, Rite I
Wednesday
10:00 A.M. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2023 • 9:00 AM

Processional Hymn 258

Virgin-born, we bow before thee

1 Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee: bless - ed was the
2 Bless - ed she by all cre - a - tion, who brought forth the

womb that bore thee; — Ma - ry, Mo - ther meek and mild, —
world's sal - va - tion, and bless - ed they, for ev - er blest, who

bless - ed was she in her child. Bless - ed was the breast that fed thee;
love thee most and serve thee best. Vir - gin - born, we bow be - fore thee;

bless - ed was the hand that led thee; bless - ed was the
bless - ed was the womb that bore thee; Ma - ry, Mo - ther

St. John's Episcopal Church & St. Andrew's Dune Church

Christmas Season Schedule



Christmas Eve

St John's Episcopal Church

11:00 AM Lessons and Carols

St. Andrew's Dune Church

3:00 PM Children's Service and Pageant

St John's Episcopal Church

7:00 PM Holy Eucharist - Rite II with Christmas Carols

Christmas Day

10:00AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I

First Sunday after Christmas

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II

11:00 AM Morning Prayer - Rite I

Announcements

Christmas Pageant

TONIGHT · 3 PM

St. Andrew's Dune Church



Join Us!

par - ent's eye that watched thy slum-bering in - fan - cy.
meek and mild, ——— bless - ed was she in her Child.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect of 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.**

Kyrie

In unison

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant 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 Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

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.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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Verse of the Week

“Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’”

Luke 1:37

“Quote of the Week”



“We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed. Each of us is loved. Each of us is necessary.”

Pope Benedict XVI
Theologian, bishop, and Pope
d. 1 January 2023

For Pastoral Emergencies, please contact Fr. Patrick at 404-660-3592.

Closing Hymn 56

O come, O come, Emmanuel



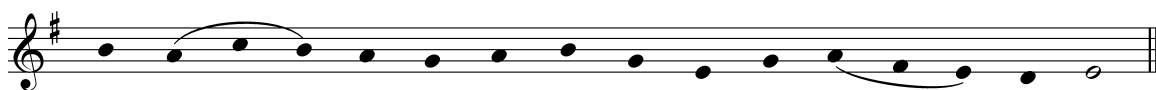
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (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
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 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.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 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!

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Misericordias Domini

1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
 from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
 you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
 I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

4 'I will establish your line for ever, *
 and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: *
 "I have set the crown upon a warrior
 and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

20 I have found David my servant; *
 with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand will hold him fast *
 and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
 nor any wicked man bring him down.

23 I will crush his foes before him *
 and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
 and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 I shall make his dominion extend *
 from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
 my God, and the rock of my salvation.'"

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

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.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn 270

Gabriel's message does away

1 Ga - briel's mes - sage does a - way Sa - tan's curse and
2 He that comes de - spised shall reign; he that can - not
3 Weak - ness shall the strong con - found; by the hands, in
4 Art by art shall be as - sailed; to the cross shall

Sa - tan's sway, out of dark - ness brings our Day:
die, be slain; death by death its death shall gain:
grave clothes wound, Ad - am's chains shall be un - bound:
Life be nailed; from the grave shall hope be hailed:

types and sha - dows have their end - ing,
hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,

for the new - er rite is here;
while e - ter - nal a - ges run;

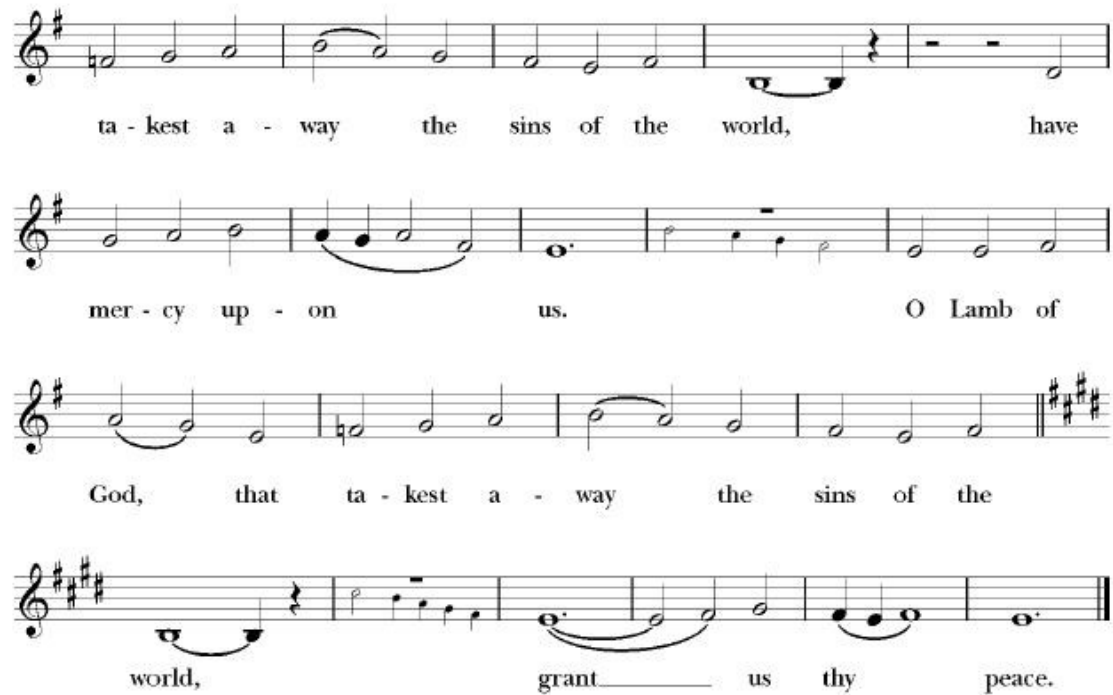
faith, our out - ward sense be - friend - ing,
ev - er too his love con - fess - ing

makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.
who from both with both is One.

Postcommunion Prayer

Officiant and People

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.



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.

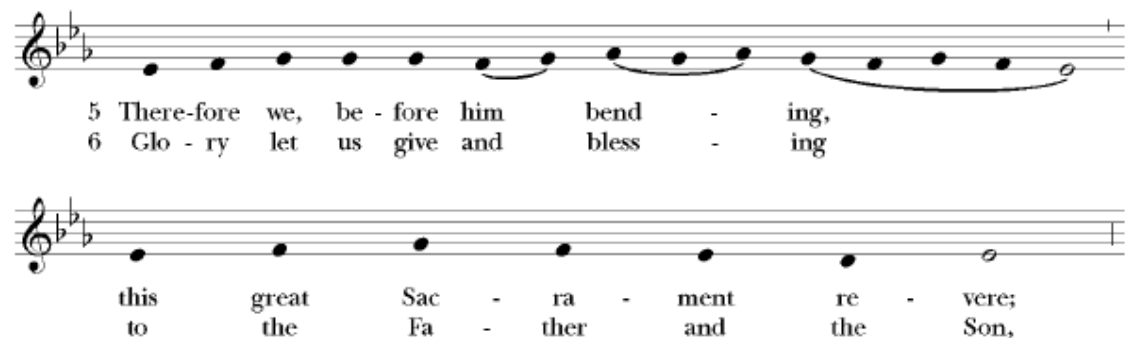
The Invitation to Communion (BCP 364)

The Priest invites the people to Communion

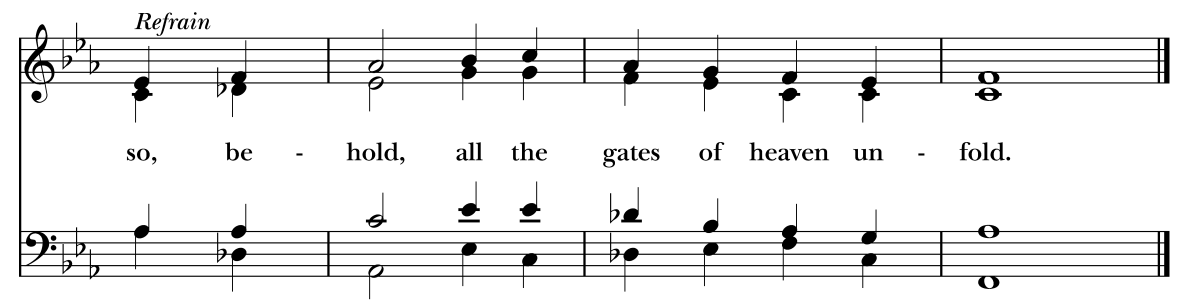
Priest

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.

Postcommunion Hymn 330 *Therefore we, before him bending*



5 There-fore we, be - fore him bend - ing,
6 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing
this great Sac - ra - ment re - vere;
to the Fa - ther and the Son,



Refrain
so, be - hold, all the gates of heaven un - fold.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

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

The Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

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.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev'd W. Patrick Edwards

Nicene Creed

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.

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

People and Celebrant

**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
for ever 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.

Agnus Dei S158

O Lamb of God

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

Confession of Sin

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 Absolution

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

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory

**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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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:

Celebrant and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -