

## 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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*Starry Night Sky* by Vincent Van Gogh

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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

First Sunday after Christmas  
December 31, 2023 • 9:00 AM



Processional Hymn 88

*Sing, O sing, this bless'd morn*

1 Sing, O sing, this bless-ed morn, un-to us a child is born,  
2 God from God, and Light from Light, comes with mer-cies in-fi-nite,  
3 God with us, Em-man-u-el, deigns for ev-er now to dwell;  
4 God comes down that we may rise, lift-ed by him to the skies;  
5 O re-new us, Lord, we pray, with thy Spi-rit day by day,

1 un-to us a son is given, God him-self comes down from heaven.  
2 from high heaven he comes to earth, one with us in hu-man birth.  
3 he on Ad-am's fall-en race sheds the full-ness of his grace.  
4 Christ is born for us that we born a-gain in him may be.  
5 that we ev-er one may be with the Fa-ther and with thee.

*Refrain*

Sing, O sing, this bless-ed morn, Je-sus Christ to-day is born.

We are scheduled to provide lunch or pre-packaged snacks, drinks and desserts for our friends of Maureen's Haven on Saturday, January 13, 2024. We thank you for your generosity and willingness to spread God's love to our neighbors in need.

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**WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER:** In order to keep our church family abreast of our latest updates and church reminders, we send out a weekly e-newsletter. If you would like to be included on our email list, contact [secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org).

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:** Stay connected with the church and your friends by following us on our Facebook page: StJohnSouthampton. You can also worship online LIVE on Sundays.

**ONLINE GIVING:** Links are available on St John's Homepage at [stjohnsouthampton.org](http://stjohnsouthampton.org). You may also make an online gift by texting the keyword StJohnSouthampton to 73256 on your cell phone.

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**Help us to maintain our prayer intercession list.**

The personal and collective intercessions we make asking our Lord to intercede in our lives and on behalf of others are a central aspect of our private and common worship. At St. John's we have always made an aural reading of our prayer list a part of our regular services. However, there comes with this an important responsibility to maintain it as current and accurate. To accomplish this we are asking our community to take that personal responsibility to heart in the following way:

We ask everyone to please let us know when someone should be added, removed, or otherwise amended on our prayer list. This is accomplished best by either dropping a note in the collection plate or by emailing or calling the parish secretary at (631) 283-0549 or [secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org).

To avoid a name being orphaned on the prayer list names will be removed after 60 days of being added, unless the parish secretary is contacted to extend that time for another 60 days. Of course, there is no limit to the number of persons we will faithfully include on our prayer list, nor a limit to the duration we will intercede on their behalf. This policy is to take special care in maintaining the names we bring before the Throne of Grace in prayer each time we gather together.

# Announcements



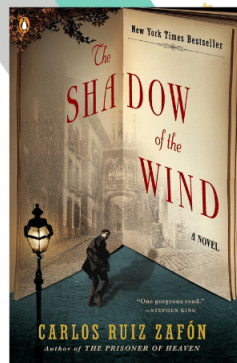
**ADULT FORMATION CLASS:** Fr. Patrick's 10 AM Sunday class will resume January 28, 2024. You can read more about "How We Should Read the Bible – The Genesis Story" on our website.

## CHRISTMAS II SCHEDULE:

8AM Morning Prayer, Rite I  
9AM Morning Prayer, Rite II  
11 AM Morning Prayer, Rite I

## Book Club Meeting

Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 PM



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Southampton

Please message us or contact  
Deborah Edwards or Sandra J. Klemuk  
for more information.

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

## 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.**

## Hymn of Praise

## Gloria in Excelsis

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**The Collect**

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

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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**

*Isaiah 61:10-62:3*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,

*Verse of the Week*

**“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children”**

Galatians 4:4

*“Quote of the Week”*



**“The earth has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it always is young, the heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair, and its soul full of music breaks the air, when the song of angels is sung.”**

Phillips Brooks

American Episcopal priest and author, and long the Rector of Boston's Trinity Church and briefly Bishop of Massachusetts.

He wrote the lyrics for the Christmas hymn,

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

## Closing Hymn 421

## *All glory be to God on high*



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.  
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

## The Dismissal

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

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my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 147:13-21

## *Laudate Dominum*

**13** Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;

**14** For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.

**15** He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

**16** He sends out his command to the earth, \*

and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

### Second Reading

*Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7*

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

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

### Gospel Hymn

*On this day earth shall ring*

Unison

1. On this day earth shall ring with the song  
 2. His the doom, ours the mirth when he came  
 3. God's bright star o'er his head, wise men three  
 4. On this day an - gels sing, with their song

### Postcommunion Hymn 324

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

1 Let all mo - rtal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 he will give to all the faith - ful  
 that the powers of hell may va - nish  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 as the dark - ness clears a way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

### 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.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of four staves in G major. The first staff is the vocal line with lyrics. The second and third staves are piano accompaniment. The fourth staff is a second vocal line with lyrics. The music is in 4/4 time and features a simple, hymn-like melody.

### The Invitation to Communion (BCP 364)

*The Priest invites the people to Communion*

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.

chil - dren sing to the Lord Christ our King, born on earth to  
down to earth, Beth - le - hem saw his birth; ox and ass be -  
to him led, kneel - ing low by his bed, lay their gifts be -  
earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, heav - en's King, born on earth to

The musical score is in G major and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the vocal line.

*Refrain*  
\*I - de - o - o - o,  
save us, him the Fa - ther gave us:  
side him from the cold would hide him:  
fore him, praise him and a - dore him:  
save us, peace and love he gave us:

The musical score is in G major and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the vocal line. The word 'Org.' is written above the piano part.

I - de - o - o - o, I - de - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

The musical score is in G major and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, corresponding to the vocal line.

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

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

## The Gospel

*John 1:1-18*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*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.**

“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; 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**AMEN.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

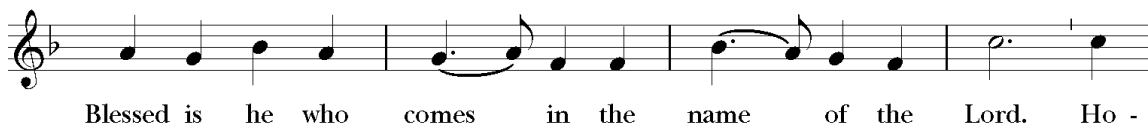
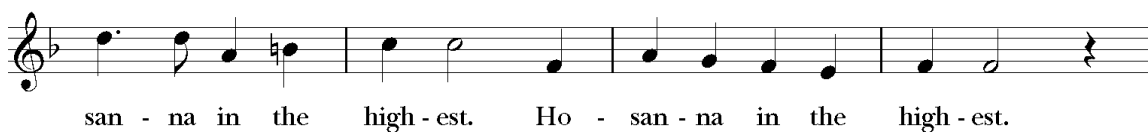
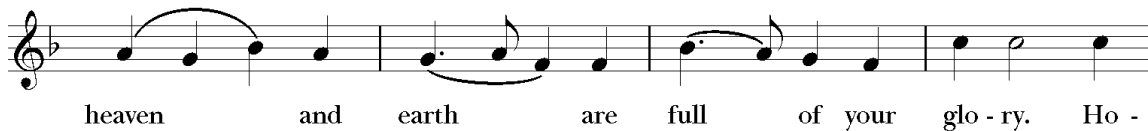
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**



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*



*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

**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**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Lawrence our diocesan bishop;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joseph, our President; Kathy, our Governor; and Bill, our Mayor;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

### **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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.