



SAINT JOHN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
22 December 2024

Choral Evensong, Rite One  
5:30 pm

## Ministers of the Service

Fr. Carson Webb  
*Officiant*

Zachary Malavolti  
*Choirmaster*

Hank Carrillo  
*Organist*

Sam Krall  
*Cantor*

Fr. David Bumsted  
*Lector*

## Order of Service

**Organ Voluntary**    Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland    Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*The congregation stands as the Procession begins. The Officiant begins with a sentence from the scriptures.*  
Ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God.    *Ephesians 2:19*

### Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;

and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Priest alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

**Preces**

Maxine Thévenot (b. 1969)

*Cantor*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Choir*

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Cantor*

O Lord, make speed to save us.

*Choir*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Cantor*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*Choir*

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*Cantor*

Praise ye the Lord.

*Choir*

The Lord's name be praised.

Invitatory Hymn 29



1 O Trin - i - ty of bless - ed light, O U - ni -  
2 To thee our morn - ing song of praise, to thee our  
3 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ re -



ty of prince - ly might, the fier - y sun now  
eve - ning prayer we raise; O grant us with thy  
vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly



goes his way; shed thou with - in our hearts thy ray.  
saints on high to praise thee through e - ter - ni - ty.  
Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866). St. 3, Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. John Chandler (1806-1876).  
Music: *Bromley*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809).

**Psalm 8**

Chant in A

Zachary Malavolti (b.1989)

- 1 O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world, \*  
thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!
- 2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength  
because of thine enemies, \*  
that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
- 3 When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy fingers; \*  
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
- 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? \*  
and the son of man that thou visitest him?
- 5 Thou madest him lower than the angels, \*  
to crown him with glory and worship.
- 6 Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands; \*  
and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet.
- 7 All sheep and oxen, \*  
yea, and the beasts of the field;
- 8 The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea; \*  
and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.
- 9 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how excellent is thy Name in all the world.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; \*  
world without end. Amen.

**Psalm 84**

Chant in E

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

- 1 O how amiable are thy dwellings, \*  
thou LORD of hosts!
- 2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD; \*  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house.  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
even thy altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house \*  
they will be always praising thee.
- 5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; \*  
in whose heart are thy ways.
- 6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well; \*  
and the pools are filled with water.

- 7 They will go from strength to strength, \*  
and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 9 Behold, O God, our defender, \*  
and look upon the face of thine anointed.
- 10 For one day in thy courts \*  
is better than a thousand.
- 11 I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God \*  
than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
- 12 For the LORD God is a light and defence; \*  
the LORD will give grace and worship;  
and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.
- 13 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; \*  
world without end. Amen.

### **The First Lesson**     Ephesians 6:10-20

*Reader*             A lesson from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that utterance may be given me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

*Reader*             Here endeth the lesson.



*Please stand for*

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Sung by all, monotone*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Responses**

Maxine Thévenot

*Cantor*                    The Lord be with you.  
*Choir*                     And with thy spirit.  
*Cantor*                    Let us pray.  
*Choir*                     Lord, have mercy upon us.  
                                Christ, have mercy upon us.  
                                Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer      *Sung by all in unison*

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.



*Cantor* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.  
*Choir* And grant us thy salvation.  
*Cantor* O Lord, save the state.  
*Choir* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
*Cantor* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.  
*Cantor* O Lord, save thy people.  
*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.  
*Cantor* Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
*Choir* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.  
*Cantor* O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
*Choir* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and men and women everywhere love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Please be seated for*

## The Anthem

*Ave Maris Stella*  
Tyler Acord, *baritone soloist*

Judith Weir (b. 1954)

*Ave, maris stella,  
Dei Mater alma.  
Atque semper Virgo,  
Felix caeli porta.*

Hail, star of the sea,  
blessed Mother of God  
and ever Virgin,  
happy gate of heaven.

*Sumens illud Ave,  
Gabrielis ore,  
Funda nos in pace,  
Mutans Hevae nomen.*

Receiving that Ave  
from the mouth of Gabriel,  
establish us in peace,  
changing the name of Eve.

*Solve vincla reis,  
Profer lumen caecis,  
Mala nostra pelle,  
Bona cuncta posce.*

Loosen the chains of sinners,  
give light to the blind,  
drive away our ills,  
obtain for us all good things.

*Virgo singularis,  
Inter omnes mitis,  
Nos culpis solutos  
Mites fac et castos.*

Virgin above all others,  
meeker than all others,  
make us free from sin,  
make us meek and pure.

*Vitam presta puram,  
Iter para tutum,  
Ut videntes Jesum,  
Semper collaetemur.*

Obtain for us a pure life,  
make safe our path,  
That seeing Jesus  
we may ever rejoice with thee.

*Sit laus Deo Patri,  
Summo Christo decus,  
Spiritus Sancto,  
Tribus honor unus. Amen.*

To God the Father be praise,  
glory to Christ on high,  
honour to the Holy Spirit,  
one in three. Amen.

*Please kneel for*

## The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*The Officiant prays*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Cantor or Officiant*

Let us bless the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

*The Officiant says*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

*Please stand and join in singing the final hymn.*

Closing Hymn 496



1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam -  
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast  
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin -



ing from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
 a pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
 ners, fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.



O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man  
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser -  
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on,



and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:  
 a - phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
 great Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.



Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it  
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873); after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608). Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); harm. Johann Herman Schein (1586-1630).

*Please stand until the conclusion of the Procession.*

**Organ Voluntary**

Von Himmel hoch, da komm ich her

Johann Sebastian Bach

## Christmastide at Saint John's

Christmas Eve, December 24th

4:30 pm, Christmas Eve - Eucharist with Pageant

9:00 pm, Christmas Eve - Festival Eucharist Rite II

11:15 pm, Christmas Eve - Solemn Eucharist Rite I

Christmas Day, December 25th

10:00 am - The Holy Eucharist Rite II (with hymns)

Sunday, December 29th

8:00 am, I Christmas - Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 am, I Christmas - Holy Eucharist Rite II

5:30 pm, A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

January 5th, 2025

8:00 am, II Christmas - Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 am, II Christmas - Holy Eucharist Rite II

5:30 pm, II Christmas - Choral Evensong, Rite I

January 6<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm, Epiphany Solemn Eucharist, Rite I

**SAVE THE DATE - THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY** Epiphany marks the end of the Twelve Days of Christmas, and on Epiphany we remember the arrival of the Wise Men who were searching for the infant Jesus. We commemorate Epiphany on **Monday, January 6**, with our celebration of Holy Eucharist, followed by the annual Drip Beef Dinner. Worship starts at 5:30 pm, with dinner following immediately. Please join us for this tradition at Saint John's.

## FAMILY MINISTRIES

Dear Families at Saint John's Episcopal Church,

With the construction done in the church basement, we are soft-opening our basement for all Children's Ministry activities. For all activities, **please ask staff or volunteers to direct you to the new location**, and feel free to look around and enjoy our new, transformed space. We are so excited to begin utilizing this space, and we look forward to seeing you downstairs!

**Nursery Care** is every Sunday! Our nursery team is ready to welcome your children ages 0 - 4 starting at 9 am.

**Christmas Pageant:** There is still time! Children of all ages are welcome to participate in the Christmas Pageant for the 4:30 pm service on Christmas Eve. If you want your children to participate, please bring them to our last Children's Chapel rehearsal this Sunday at the 10 am service. On Christmas Eve we ask that all participants be at the church by 3:45 pm so we can make sure everyone is in costume and in place for the Pageant. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to us and we will be happy to work with you.

**Sunday Morning Formation** takes place after the 10 am service. Kids will learn how they are part of God's story, enjoy snacks, and have the chance to earn prizes by memorizing verses! We will start learning about the Christmas season and why we celebrate it.

**Christmas Breaks:** We will still have Children Chapel every Sunday, but several programs will go on break for the holiday. Choristers, Youth Group, Kids' Night, and Sunday Formation will on be on break from Dec. 25 until Jan. 8. We will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 8. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We are so excited for this new transition for our kids programs at Saint John's Episcopal Church. We look forward to all the new classes, formations, and memories that will be formed in our new space.



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## Regular Service Schedule

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### *Sundays*

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite One  
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite Two  
5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong, Rite One

### *Wednesdays*

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

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