



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022 | 11:00am

The people's responses are in bold.

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Rorate Caeli* ("Drop down, ye heavens" from Isaiah 45:8)

Jeanne Demessieux

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand, as you are able.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Grant us Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness, we may have a vision of that holy city, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN • 72 Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

RICHMOND

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;
His mercy endureth forever.

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 319

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Please kneel, as you are able.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP, p. 320

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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 ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 321

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.**

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(Hymn S91) Willan

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 160

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
 Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146:4-9 *Chanted by the choir*

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
 whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
 who keeps his promise for ever;

- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Please stand, as you are able.

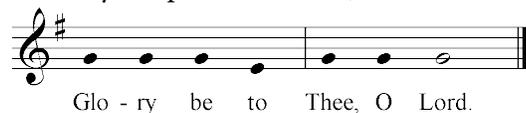
SEQUENCE HYMN • 65 Prepare the way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



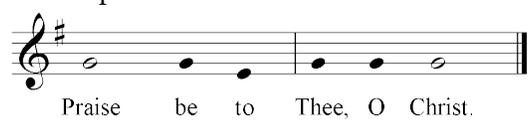
When John the Baptist heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. David Barr

Please stand, as you are able.

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, FORM II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; and our Bishop, John; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; for our president, Joe, our governor, Bill, and our mayor, John; for the members of the armed forces serving our country; for our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for the well-being of all people. Pray especially for the conflict in Ukraine. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. I especially ask your prayers for Reba Barker, Sandy Berry, Bill Davis, Lizzie Kappleman, Susan Narramore, Acra Samuels, Trish Thomas, Edie Wenczl, and Trilby Williams.

Silence

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

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. I especially ask your prayers for Cathy Barksdale and Thomas Hobson Fuqua II, son of Cathy Fuqua.

Silence

You are invited to add your own intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

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 is kept.

The celebrant prays the concluding Collect and the people respond Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated.

THE OFFERTORY

O thou, the central orb

Charles Wood

O thou the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most high, eternal light
Of this our wintry world; thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

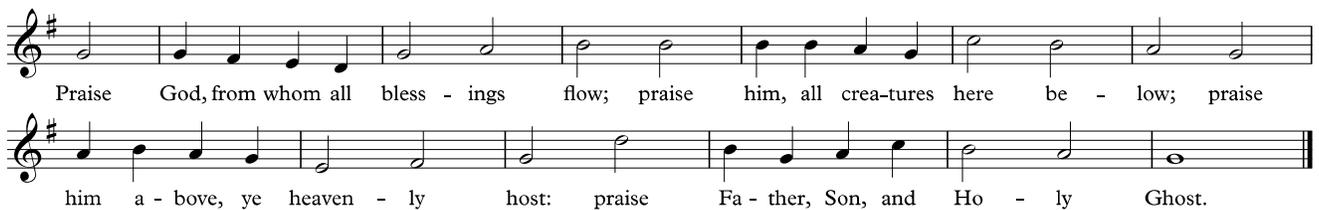
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Please stand, as you are able.

AT THE PRESENTATION *The Doxology*

(Hymn 380, verse 3) Old 100th



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer II*

BCP, p. 340

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

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.

The celebrant says a Proper Preface.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy

(Hymnal S117) McGregor

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - - - est.

Please kneel or remain standing, as you are able.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in 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 say,

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.

Christ our Passover

(Hymnal S156) Near



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.

NOTES ON RECEIVING COMMUNION *All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available at the side station.*

After receiving communion, those who desire it may go to the Chapel for healing prayer.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Magnificat in G

Charles V. Stanford

Soloist: Leah Joseph, Head Chorister

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And His mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever. Glory be 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.

Please kneel, as you are able.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 339

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.

THE BLESSING

BCP, p. 339

Please stand, as you are able.

CLOSING HYMN • 438 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

WOODLANDS

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP NOTES

Clergy The Rev. Margery Kennelly, celebrant; the Rev. Dr. David Barr, preacher; the Rev. Dr. Chris Jones, and the Ven. Dr. Martin Odidi
Verger John Lewis

Advent Wreath Lighting The Valesky Family: Katy, Christopher, and Rachel

Lector Doug McLaughlin

Prayers of the People Mary Chris Waller

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Jamie Cheek, Walter Choate, Funmi Odidi, and Mary Chris Waller

Ushers Frank Downey, Doris Matthews, Bob Snyder, and Nip Trabue

Greeters Mary & Tim Stinson

The Advent greens in the Nave today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Julia Jarman by Mark A. O'Brien.

The aumbry candle in the Nave today is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Margaret Moore by her sons Arthur and Robert Schwartz.

MUSIC NOTE

Charles Wood (1866-1926) was an Irish composer and well-known music educator, teaching other significant English composers such as Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells. *O thou, the central orb* is one of his best-known works which describes our waiting for the light and clearing of darkness. Written in ABA form (three sections where the opening and closing sections share the same musical ideas), the organ sets a majestic tone, and the choir has wonderfully soaring lines. *Magnificat in G* reflects the alternate canticle reading from today's lectionary. Known as the "Song of Mary," this particular setting by Charles Villers Stanford (1852-1924) illustrates the Scripture passage wonderfully with a soloist singing the majority of the text, a great representation of Mary's own words of praise and glory. The organ part is well-known for both its pleasant rolling effect as well as for its difficulty.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In your prayers this week, please pray for the following:

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church in Kenya.

In the Diocese of Tennessee, we pray for St. David's Episcopal Church in Nashville.

In the community, we pray for Immanuel Baptist Church.

In our parish, we pray for our Inreach Shepherds and Lay Eucharistic Visitors; our Nashville Fellows, Ridge, Viona, Josh, Morgan, and Hannah; and our Choral Scholar, Olivia.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:05am

ADULTS

Christian Moral Reasoning in a Contentious Age - Johnson Hall
The Letters of Paul: A Man, a Map, a Message - Library
Equipping Christian Parents - Dandridge Hall (upstairs)
Grandparents Forum - Room 218 (upstairs)

YOUTH

Life Revealed (9th-12th Grade) - Akers Hall
Confirmation (8th Grade) - Youth Confirmation Room
The Gospel Project (7th Grade) - Room 219

CHILDREN (The Gospel Project)

Toddlers - Room 112
Pre-K - Rooms 114
Kindergarten - Rooms 115
1st Grade - Murray Hall (downstairs)
2nd Grade - Room 206
3rd Grade - Room 203
4th Grade - Room 205
5th-6th Grade - Room 204

Together Sunday Today, we celebrate and offer thanks TOGETHER for God's grace in our lives and pray for God's continued blessings over the ministries of our parish for the upcoming year. Please place your 2023 Annual Campaign pledge card in the offering plate. You can also make your pledge at stgeorgesnashville.org/annualcampaign.

Silent Night Service Recognizing that Advent and Christmastime can be a particular challenge to those suffering from grief, loss, and anxiety, St. George's offers Silent Night: A Service of Hope and Healing this evening, December 11, at 6:00pm in the Nave. This beautiful traditional service of prayer and candlelight makes space for those seeking God's healing touch as we look forward to his coming in glory.

Prime Time Speaker Series "Christmas Songs & Music" is on Thursday, December 15, at 11:30am in Johnson Hall. Join our very own Associate Director of Music Ministries, Gerry Senechal, for a sing-along full of good-hearted fun. Bring guests and enjoy! Make your reservations by Monday, December 12, at reserve@stgeorgesnashville.org or 615-385-2150 x 262.

Christmas Flowers Each Christmas, we invite church members to make a special donation toward Christmas flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please use a flower envelope in the pews or visit stgeorgesnashville.org/news to donate online by Tuesday, December 13.

Ukraine Now & Our Responsibility Back by popular demand, Olivia Kew-Ficus will return to St. George's on Sunday, December 18, to share an update on the situation in Ukraine. Please join us at 10:05am in Johnson Hall for her talk.

Christmas Services There is no better way to mark the birth of the Savior than by sharing the Eucharist together.

CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00pm Family Eucharist in the Nave
5:30pm Holy Eucharist in the Nave

10:00pm Holy Eucharist in the Nave
with Choral Prelude at 9:30

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00am Holy Eucharist in the Nave
**The 10:00am service in the Nave will be the only service offered on Sunday, December 25.*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

7:30am Holy Eucharist in the Nave
9:00am The Table in Legacy Hall
10:00am Holy Eucharist in the Nave
5:00pm Evening Prayer with Eucharist in the Chapel

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Inreach Shepherd for December

Emily Walker, 865-789-5798

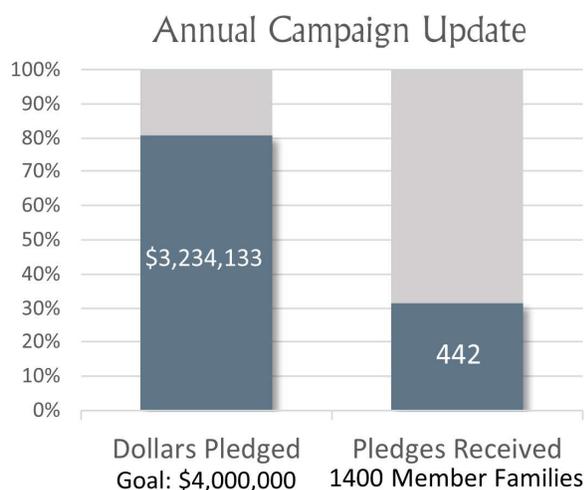


**TOGETHER SUNDAY IS
DECEMBER 11**

Offering our 2023 pledges to God as we joyfully anticipate our next year together.

PLEASE PLEDGE BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11.

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ORGAN INSTALLATION UPDATE

Installation of the organ pipes is underway. As each group of pipes is fitted into the housing, the Buzard team spends time tuning the pipes. The process of tuning involves the delicate process of physically trimming and adjusting the pipes to refine the quality of sound. With approximately 3,000 pipes in our completed organ, this process will continue for the next several weeks.

STAFF MINISTRY TEAM

The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam, Rector
The Rev. Colin Ambrose, Vice Rector & Chief of Staff
The Rev. Dr. David Barr, Associate Rector
The Rev. Dr. Chris Jones, Associate Rector
The Rev. Margery Kennelly, Associate Rector
The Rev. Richard Kew, Priest Associate
The Ven. Dr. Martin Odidi, Priest Associate
The Rev. Sarah Puryear, Priest Associate
The Rev. Roger Senechal, Priest Assoc. for Senior Ministries
The Rev. Tim Taylor, Priest Associate

Dr. Woosug Kang, Dir. of Music Ministries
Gerry Senechal, Assoc. Dir. of Music Ministries & Organist
Becca Jordan, Music Leader for The Table
Dr. Wilma Jensen, Organist/Choirmaster Emerita
Martha Rodes, Dir. of Lay Ministry Engagement
Robin Puryear, Dir. of Pastoral Care
Agatha Nolen, Dir. of Outreach
Cate Jones, Dir. of Children's & Family Ministries
Daniel Huff, Dir. of Youth Ministries
Catherine Beemer, Dir. of Parish Giving
Rebecca Teel, Dir. of Communications
Laura Zabaski, Parish Administrative Officer

2022 VESTRY

Jan Callen, Junior Warden
Suann Davis, Receive Commissioner
Stephanie Gillmor
Amy Harwell
Kate Meriwether
Jonathan Morphett
David Moroney, Senior Warden
David Silvester, Share Commissioner
Bob Van Cleave
Emily Walker
Hudson Walker
Kelly Worman, Live Commissioner

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Using a smartphone and headphones or a Bluetooth-enabled hearing device, you can tune into the service using AudioFetch. Connect to the Wi-Fi network called AudioFetchExpress, then open the AudioFetch app to start listening.

SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30am, 8:45am, and 11:00am | Holy Eucharist
9:00am | The Table
5:00pm | Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist

WEEKDAY SERVICES (CHAPEL)

7:00am Monday - Saturday | Holy Eucharist
10:00am Wednesday | Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer



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A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146:4-9 *Chanted by the choir*

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 whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
 who keeps his promise for ever;

- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Please stand, as you are able.

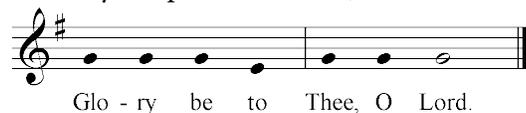
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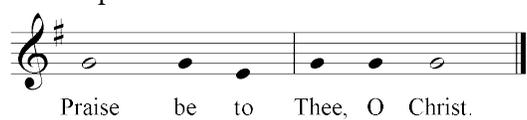
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‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. David Barr

Please stand, as you are able.

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, FORM II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; and our Bishop, John; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; for our president, Joe, our governor, Bill, and our mayor, John; for the members of the armed forces serving our country; for our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for the well-being of all people. Pray especially for the conflict in Ukraine. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. I especially ask your prayers for Reba Barker, Sandy Berry, Bill Davis, Lizzie Kappleman, Susan Narramore, Acra Samuels, Trish Thomas, Edie Wenczl, and Trilby Williams.

Silence

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

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. I especially ask your prayers for Cathy Barksdale and Thomas Hobson Fuqua II, son of Cathy Fuqua.

Silence

You are invited to add your own intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

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 is kept.

The celebrant prays the concluding Collect and the people respond Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated.

THE OFFERTORY

O thou, the central orb

Charles Wood

O thou the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most high, eternal light
Of this our wintry world; thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Please stand, as you are able.

AT THE PRESENTATION *The Doxology*

(Hymn 380, verse 3) Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer II*

BCP, p. 340

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

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.

The celebrant says a Proper Preface.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy

(Hymnal S117) McGregor

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - - - est.

Please kneel or remain standing, as you are able.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in 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 say,

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.

Christ our Passover

(Hymnal S156) Near



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.

NOTES ON RECEIVING COMMUNION *All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available at the side station.*

After receiving communion, those who desire it may go to the Chapel for healing prayer.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Magnificat in G

Charles V. Stanford

Soloist: Leah Joseph, Head Chorister

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And His mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever. Glory be 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.

Please kneel, as you are able.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 339

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.

THE BLESSING

BCP, p. 339

Please stand, as you are able.

CLOSING HYMN • 438 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

WOODLANDS

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP NOTES

Clergy The Rev. Margery Kennelly, celebrant; the Rev. Dr. David Barr, preacher; the Rev. Dr. Chris Jones, and the Ven. Dr. Martin Odidi
Verger John Lewis

Advent Wreath Lighting The Valesky Family: Katy, Christopher, and Rachel

Lector Doug McLaughlin

Prayers of the People Mary Chris Waller

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Jamie Cheek, Walter Choate, Funmi Odidi, and Mary Chris Waller

Ushers Frank Downey, Doris Matthews, Bob Snyder, and Nip Trabue

Greeters Mary & Tim Stinson

The Advent greens in the Nave today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Julia Jarman by Mark A. O'Brien.

The aumbry candle in the Nave today is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Margaret Moore by her sons Arthur and Robert Schwartz.

MUSIC NOTE

Charles Wood (1866-1926) was an Irish composer and well-known music educator, teaching other significant English composers such as Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells. *O thou, the central orb* is one of his best-known works which describes our waiting for the light and clearing of darkness. Written in ABA form (three sections where the opening and closing sections share the same musical ideas), the organ sets a majestic tone, and the choir has wonderfully soaring lines. *Magnificat in G* reflects the alternate canticle reading from today's lectionary. Known as the "Song of Mary," this particular setting by Charles Villers Stanford (1852-1924) illustrates the Scripture passage wonderfully with a soloist singing the majority of the text, a great representation of Mary's own words of praise and glory. The organ part is well-known for both its pleasant rolling effect as well as for its difficulty.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In your prayers this week, please pray for the following:

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church in Kenya.

In the Diocese of Tennessee, we pray for St. David's Episcopal Church in Nashville.

In the community, we pray for Immanuel Baptist Church.

In our parish, we pray for our Inreach Shepherds and Lay Eucharistic Visitors; our Nashville Fellows, Ridge, Viona, Josh, Morgan, and Hannah; and our Choral Scholar, Olivia.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:05am

ADULTS

Christian Moral Reasoning in a Contentious Age - Johnson Hall
The Letters of Paul: A Man, a Map, a Message - Library
Equipping Christian Parents - Dandridge Hall (upstairs)
Grandparents Forum - Room 218 (upstairs)

YOUTH

Life Revealed (9th-12th Grade) - Akers Hall
Confirmation (8th Grade) - Youth Confirmation Room
The Gospel Project (7th Grade) - Room 219

CHILDREN (The Gospel Project)

Toddlers - Room 112
Pre-K - Rooms 114
Kindergarten - Rooms 115
1st Grade - Murray Hall (downstairs)
2nd Grade - Room 206
3rd Grade - Room 203
4th Grade - Room 205
5th-6th Grade - Room 204

Together Sunday Today, we celebrate and offer thanks TOGETHER for God's grace in our lives and pray for God's continued blessings over the ministries of our parish for the upcoming year. Please place your 2023 Annual Campaign pledge card in the offering plate. You can also make your pledge at stgeorgesnashville.org/annualcampaign.

Silent Night Service Recognizing that Advent and Christmastime can be a particular challenge to those suffering from grief, loss, and anxiety, St. George's offers Silent Night: A Service of Hope and Healing this evening, December 11, at 6:00pm in the Nave. This beautiful traditional service of prayer and candlelight makes space for those seeking God's healing touch as we look forward to his coming in glory.

Prime Time Speaker Series "Christmas Songs & Music" is on Thursday, December 15, at 11:30am in Johnson Hall. Join our very own Associate Director of Music Ministries, Gerry Senechal, for a sing-along full of good-hearted fun. Bring guests and enjoy! Make your reservations by Monday, December 12, at reserve@stgeorgesnashville.org or 615-385-2150 x 262.

Christmas Flowers Each Christmas, we invite church members to make a special donation toward Christmas flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please use a flower envelope in the pews or visit stgeorgesnashville.org/news to donate online by Tuesday, December 13.

Ukraine Now & Our Responsibility Back by popular demand, Olivia Kew-Ficus will return to St. George's on Sunday, December 18, to share an update on the situation in Ukraine. Please join us at 10:05am in Johnson Hall for her talk.

Christmas Services There is no better way to mark the birth of the Savior than by sharing the Eucharist together.

CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00pm Family Eucharist in the Nave
5:30pm Holy Eucharist in the Nave

10:00pm Holy Eucharist in the Nave
with Choral Prelude at 9:30

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00am Holy Eucharist in the Nave
**The 10:00am service in the Nave will be the only service offered on Sunday, December 25.*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

7:30am Holy Eucharist in the Nave
9:00am The Table in Legacy Hall
10:00am Holy Eucharist in the Nave
5:00pm Evening Prayer with Eucharist in the Chapel

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Inreach Shepherd for December

Emily Walker, 865-789-5798

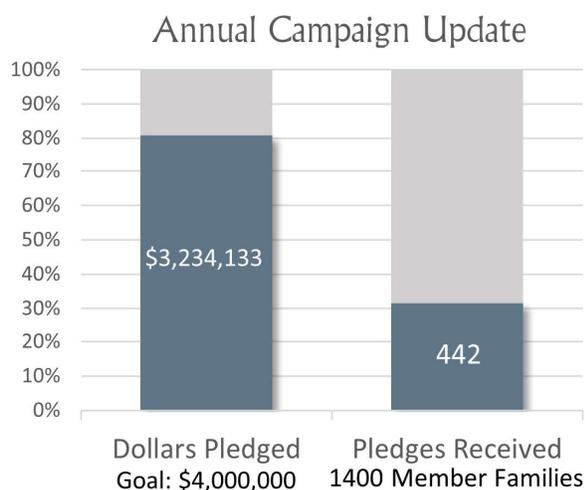


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DECEMBER 11**

Offering our 2023 pledges to God as we joyfully anticipate our next year together.

PLEASE PLEDGE BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11.

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ORGAN INSTALLATION UPDATE

Installation of the organ pipes is underway. As each group of pipes is fitted into the housing, the Buzard team spends time tuning the pipes. The process of tuning involves the delicate process of physically trimming and adjusting the pipes to refine the quality of sound. With approximately 3,000 pipes in our completed organ, this process will continue for the next several weeks.

STAFF MINISTRY TEAM

The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam, Rector
The Rev. Colin Ambrose, Vice Rector & Chief of Staff
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The Rev. Dr. Chris Jones, Associate Rector
The Rev. Margery Kennelly, Associate Rector
The Rev. Richard Kew, Priest Associate
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Catherine Beemer, Dir. of Parish Giving
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Suann Davis, Receive Commissioner
Stephanie Gillmor
Amy Harwell
Kate Meriwether
Jonathan Morphett
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Emily Walker
Hudson Walker
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If you have a "T" switch that is compatible with audio induction systems on your hearing aids, you may switch it on to hear the service better.



Using a smartphone and headphones or a Bluetooth-enabled hearing device, you can tune into the service using AudioFetch. Connect to the Wi-Fi network called AudioFetchExpress, then open the AudioFetch app to start listening.

SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30am, 8:45am, and 11:00am | Holy Eucharist
9:00am | The Table
5:00pm | Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist

WEEKDAY SERVICES (CHAPEL)

7:00am Monday - Saturday | Holy Eucharist
10:00am Wednesday | Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer



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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022 | 11:00am

The people's responses are in bold.

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Rorate Caeli* ("Drop down, ye heavens" from Isaiah 45:8)

Jeanne Demessieux

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand, as you are able.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Grant us Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness, we may have a vision of that holy city, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN • 72 Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

RICHMOND

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;
His mercy endureth forever.

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 319

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Please kneel, as you are able.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP, p. 320

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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 ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 321

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.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

(Hymn S91) Willan

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 160

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
 Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

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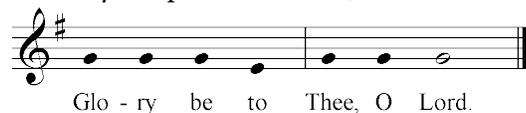
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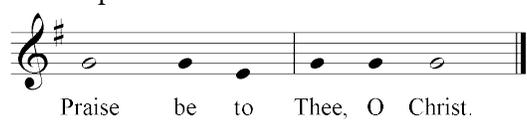
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We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. 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, FORM II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; and our Bishop, John; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

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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 is kept.

The celebrant prays the concluding Collect and the people respond Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated.

THE OFFERTORY

O thou, the central orb

Charles Wood

O thou the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most high, eternal light
Of this our wintry world; thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Please stand, as you are able.

AT THE PRESENTATION *The Doxology*

(Hymn 380, verse 3) Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer II*

BCP, p. 340

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

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.

The celebrant says a Proper Preface.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy

(Hymnal S117) McGregor

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - - - est.

Please kneel or remain standing, as you are able.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in 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 say,

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.

Christ our Passover

(Hymnal S156) Near



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.

NOTES ON RECEIVING COMMUNION *All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available at the side station.*

After receiving communion, those who desire it may go to the Chapel for healing prayer.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Magnificat in G

Charles V. Stanford

Soloist: Leah Joseph, Head Chorister

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And His mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever. Glory be 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.

Please kneel, as you are able.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 339

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.

THE BLESSING

BCP, p. 339

Please stand, as you are able.

CLOSING HYMN • 438 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

WOODLANDS

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP NOTES

Clergy The Rev. Margery Kennelly, celebrant; the Rev. Dr. David Barr, preacher; the Rev. Dr. Chris Jones, and the Ven. Dr. Martin Odidi
Verger John Lewis

Advent Wreath Lighting The Valesky Family: Katy, Christopher, and Rachel

Lector Doug McLaughlin

Prayers of the People Mary Chris Waller

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Jamie Cheek, Walter Choate, Funmi Odidi, and Mary Chris Waller

Ushers Frank Downey, Doris Matthews, Bob Snyder, and Nip Trabue

Greeters Mary & Tim Stinson

The Advent greens in the Nave today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Julia Jarman by Mark A. O'Brien.

The aumbry candle in the Nave today is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Margaret Moore by her sons Arthur and Robert Schwartz.

MUSIC NOTE

Charles Wood (1866-1926) was an Irish composer and well-known music educator, teaching other significant English composers such as Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells. *O thou, the central orb* is one of his best-known works which describes our waiting for the light and clearing of darkness. Written in ABA form (three sections where the opening and closing sections share the same musical ideas), the organ sets a majestic tone, and the choir has wonderfully soaring lines. *Magnificat in G* reflects the alternate canticle reading from today's lectionary. Known as the "Song of Mary," this particular setting by Charles Villers Stanford (1852-1924) illustrates the Scripture passage wonderfully with a soloist singing the majority of the text, a great representation of Mary's own words of praise and glory. The organ part is well-known for both its pleasant rolling effect as well as for its difficulty.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In your prayers this week, please pray for the following:

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church in Kenya.

In the Diocese of Tennessee, we pray for St. David's Episcopal Church in Nashville.

In the community, we pray for Immanuel Baptist Church.

In our parish, we pray for our Inreach Shepherds and Lay Eucharistic Visitors; our Nashville Fellows, Ridge, Viona, Josh, Morgan, and Hannah; and our Choral Scholar, Olivia.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:05am

ADULTS

Christian Moral Reasoning in a Contentious Age - Johnson Hall
The Letters of Paul: A Man, a Map, a Message - Library
Equipping Christian Parents - Dandridge Hall (upstairs)
Grandparents Forum - Room 218 (upstairs)

YOUTH

Life Revealed (9th-12th Grade) - Akers Hall
Confirmation (8th Grade) - Youth Confirmation Room
The Gospel Project (7th Grade) - Room 219

CHILDREN (The Gospel Project)

Toddlers - Room 112
Pre-K - Rooms 114
Kindergarten - Rooms 115
1st Grade - Murray Hall (downstairs)
2nd Grade - Room 206
3rd Grade - Room 203
4th Grade - Room 205
5th-6th Grade - Room 204

Together Sunday Today, we celebrate and offer thanks TOGETHER for God's grace in our lives and pray for God's continued blessings over the ministries of our parish for the upcoming year. Please place your 2023 Annual Campaign pledge card in the offering plate. You can also make your pledge at stgeorgesnashville.org/annualcampaign.

Silent Night Service Recognizing that Advent and Christmastime can be a particular challenge to those suffering from grief, loss, and anxiety, St. George's offers Silent Night: A Service of Hope and Healing this evening, December 11, at 6:00pm in the Nave. This beautiful traditional service of prayer and candlelight makes space for those seeking God's healing touch as we look forward to his coming in glory.

Prime Time Speaker Series "Christmas Songs & Music" is on Thursday, December 15, at 11:30am in Johnson Hall. Join our very own Associate Director of Music Ministries, Gerry Senechal, for a sing-along full of good-hearted fun. Bring guests and enjoy! Make your reservations by Monday, December 12, at reserve@stgeorgesnashville.org or 615-385-2150 x 262.

Christmas Flowers Each Christmas, we invite church members to make a special donation toward Christmas flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please use a flower envelope in the pews or visit stgeorgesnashville.org/news to donate online by Tuesday, December 13.

Ukraine Now & Our Responsibility Back by popular demand, Olivia Kew-Ficus will return to St. George's on Sunday, December 18, to share an update on the situation in Ukraine. Please join us at 10:05am in Johnson Hall for her talk.

Christmas Services There is no better way to mark the birth of the Savior than by sharing the Eucharist together.

CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00pm Family Eucharist in the Nave
5:30pm Holy Eucharist in the Nave

10:00pm Holy Eucharist in the Nave
with Choral Prelude at 9:30

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00am Holy Eucharist in the Nave
**The 10:00am service in the Nave will be the only service offered on Sunday, December 25.*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

7:30am Holy Eucharist in the Nave
9:00am The Table in Legacy Hall
10:00am Holy Eucharist in the Nave
5:00pm Evening Prayer with Eucharist in the Chapel

Your Gifts Make a Difference Thank you for supporting St. George's with your financial gifts and pledges. Donations like yours allow us to continue serving this congregation and our community by offering worship services, discipleship opportunities, and mission work. We could not do this work without you. Visit stgeorgesnashville.org/give to donate online.

Inreach Shepherd for December

Emily Walker, 865-789-5798



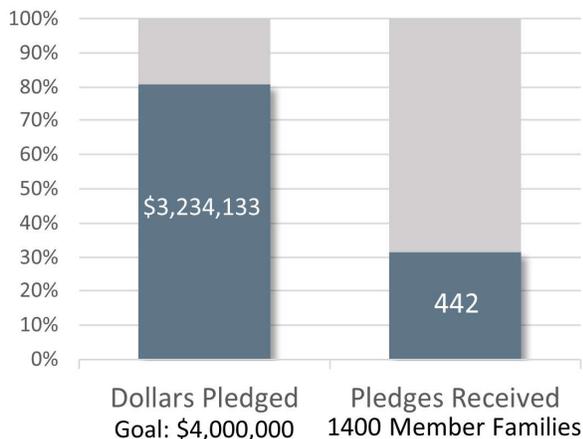
**TOGETHER SUNDAY IS
DECEMBER 11**

Offering our 2023 pledges to God as we joyfully anticipate our next year together.

PLEASE PLEDGE BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11.

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Annual Campaign Update



ORGAN INSTALLATION UPDATE

Installation of the organ pipes is underway. As each group of pipes is fitted into the housing, the Buzard team spends time tuning the pipes. The process of tuning involves the delicate process of physically trimming and adjusting the pipes to refine the quality of sound. With approximately 3,000 pipes in our completed organ, this process will continue for the next several weeks.

STAFF MINISTRY TEAM

The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam, Rector
The Rev. Colin Ambrose, Vice Rector & Chief of Staff
The Rev. Dr. David Barr, Associate Rector
The Rev. Dr. Chris Jones, Associate Rector
The Rev. Margery Kennelly, Associate Rector
The Rev. Richard Kew, Priest Associate
The Ven. Dr. Martin Odidi, Priest Associate
The Rev. Sarah Puryear, Priest Associate
The Rev. Roger Senechal, Priest Assoc. for Senior Ministries
The Rev. Tim Taylor, Priest Associate

Dr. Woosug Kang, Dir. of Music Ministries
Gerry Senechal, Assoc. Dir. of Music Ministries & Organist
Becca Jordan, Music Leader for The Table
Dr. Wilma Jensen, Organist/Choirmaster Emerita
Martha Rodes, Dir. of Lay Ministry Engagement
Robin Puryear, Dir. of Pastoral Care
Agatha Nolen, Dir. of Outreach
Cate Jones, Dir. of Children's & Family Ministries
Daniel Huff, Dir. of Youth Ministries
Catherine Beemer, Dir. of Parish Giving
Rebecca Teel, Dir. of Communications
Laura Zabaski, Parish Administrative Officer

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Suann Davis, Receive Commissioner
Stephanie Gillmor
Amy Harwell
Kate Meriwether
Jonathan Morphett
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SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30am, 8:45am, and 11:00am | Holy Eucharist
9:00am | The Table
5:00pm | Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist

WEEKDAY SERVICES (CHAPEL)

7:00am Monday - Saturday | Holy Eucharist
10:00am Wednesday | Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer



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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022 | 11:00am

The people's responses are in bold.

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Rorate Caeli* ("Drop down, ye heavens" from Isaiah 45:8)

Jeanne Demessieux

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand, as you are able.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Grant us Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness, we may have a vision of that holy city, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN • 72 Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

RICHMOND

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;
His mercy endureth forever.

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 319

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Please kneel, as you are able.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP, p. 320

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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 ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 321

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.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

(Hymn S91) Willan

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 160

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
 Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146:4-9 *Chanted by the choir*

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
 whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
 who keeps his promise for ever;

- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Please stand, as you are able.

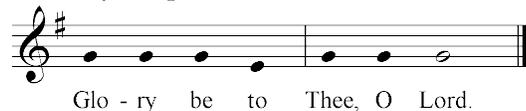
SEQUENCE HYMN • 65 Prepare the way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



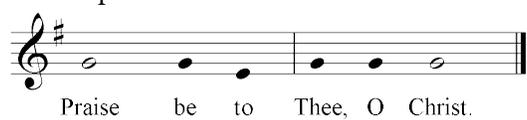
When John the Baptist heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. David Barr

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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.

The celebrant says a Proper Preface.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy

(Hymnal S117) McGregor

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - - - est.

Please kneel or remain standing, as you are able.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in 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 say,

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.

Christ our Passover

(Hymnal S156) Near



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.

NOTES ON RECEIVING COMMUNION *All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available at the side station.*

After receiving communion, those who desire it may go to the Chapel for healing prayer.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Magnificat in G

Charles V. Stanford

Soloist: Leah Joseph, Head Chorister

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And His mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever. Glory be 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.

Please kneel, as you are able.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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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.

THE BLESSING

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Please stand, as you are able.

CLOSING HYMN • 438 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

WOODLANDS

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP NOTES

Clergy The Rev. Margery Kennelly, celebrant; the Rev. Dr. David Barr, preacher; the Rev. Dr. Chris Jones, and the Ven. Dr. Martin Odidi
Verger John Lewis

Advent Wreath Lighting The Valesky Family: Katy, Christopher, and Rachel

Lector Doug McLaughlin

Prayers of the People Mary Chris Waller

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Jamie Cheek, Walter Choate, Funmi Odidi, and Mary Chris Waller

Ushers Frank Downey, Doris Matthews, Bob Snyder, and Nip Trabue

Greeters Mary & Tim Stinson

The Advent greens in the Nave today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Julia Jarman by Mark A. O'Brien.

The aumbry candle in the Nave today is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Margaret Moore by her sons Arthur and Robert Schwartz.

MUSIC NOTE

Charles Wood (1866-1926) was an Irish composer and well-known music educator, teaching other significant English composers such as Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells. *O thou, the central orb* is one of his best-known works which describes our waiting for the light and clearing of darkness. Written in ABA form (three sections where the opening and closing sections share the same musical ideas), the organ sets a majestic tone, and the choir has wonderfully soaring lines. *Magnificat in G* reflects the alternate canticle reading from today's lectionary. Known as the "Song of Mary," this particular setting by Charles Villers Stanford (1852-1924) illustrates the Scripture passage wonderfully with a soloist singing the majority of the text, a great representation of Mary's own words of praise and glory. The organ part is well-known for both its pleasant rolling effect as well as for its difficulty.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In your prayers this week, please pray for the following:

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church in Kenya.

In the Diocese of Tennessee, we pray for St. David's Episcopal Church in Nashville.

In the community, we pray for Immanuel Baptist Church.

In our parish, we pray for our Inreach Shepherds and Lay Eucharistic Visitors; our Nashville Fellows, Ridge, Viona, Josh, Morgan, and Hannah; and our Choral Scholar, Olivia.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:05am

ADULTS

Christian Moral Reasoning in a Contentious Age - Johnson Hall
The Letters of Paul: A Man, a Map, a Message - Library
Equipping Christian Parents - Dandridge Hall (upstairs)
Grandparents Forum - Room 218 (upstairs)

YOUTH

Life Revealed (9th-12th Grade) - Akers Hall
Confirmation (8th Grade) - Youth Confirmation Room
The Gospel Project (7th Grade) - Room 219

CHILDREN (The Gospel Project)

Toddlers - Room 112
Pre-K - Rooms 114
Kindergarten - Rooms 115
1st Grade - Murray Hall (downstairs)
2nd Grade - Room 206
3rd Grade - Room 203
4th Grade - Room 205
5th-6th Grade - Room 204

Together Sunday Today, we celebrate and offer thanks TOGETHER for God's grace in our lives and pray for God's continued blessings over the ministries of our parish for the upcoming year. Please place your 2023 Annual Campaign pledge card in the offering plate. You can also make your pledge at stgeorgesnashville.org/annualcampaign.

Silent Night Service Recognizing that Advent and Christmastime can be a particular challenge to those suffering from grief, loss, and anxiety, St. George's offers Silent Night: A Service of Hope and Healing this evening, December 11, at 6:00pm in the Nave. This beautiful traditional service of prayer and candlelight makes space for those seeking God's healing touch as we look forward to his coming in glory.

Prime Time Speaker Series "Christmas Songs & Music" is on Thursday, December 15, at 11:30am in Johnson Hall. Join our very own Associate Director of Music Ministries, Gerry Senechal, for a sing-along full of good-hearted fun. Bring guests and enjoy! Make your reservations by Monday, December 12, at reserve@stgeorgesnashville.org or 615-385-2150 x 262.

Christmas Flowers Each Christmas, we invite church members to make a special donation toward Christmas flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please use a flower envelope in the pews or visit stgeorgesnashville.org/news to donate online by Tuesday, December 13.

Ukraine Now & Our Responsibility Back by popular demand, Olivia Kew-Ficus will return to St. George's on Sunday, December 18, to share an update on the situation in Ukraine. Please join us at 10:05am in Johnson Hall for her talk.

Christmas Services There is no better way to mark the birth of the Savior than by sharing the Eucharist together.

CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00pm Family Eucharist in the Nave
5:30pm Holy Eucharist in the Nave

10:00pm Holy Eucharist in the Nave
with Choral Prelude at 9:30

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00am Holy Eucharist in the Nave

**The 10:00am service in the Nave will be the only service offered on Sunday, December 25.*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

7:30am Holy Eucharist in the Nave

9:00am The Table in Legacy Hall

10:00am Holy Eucharist in the Nave

5:00pm Evening Prayer with Eucharist in the Chapel

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Inreach Shepherd for December

Emily Walker, 865-789-5798



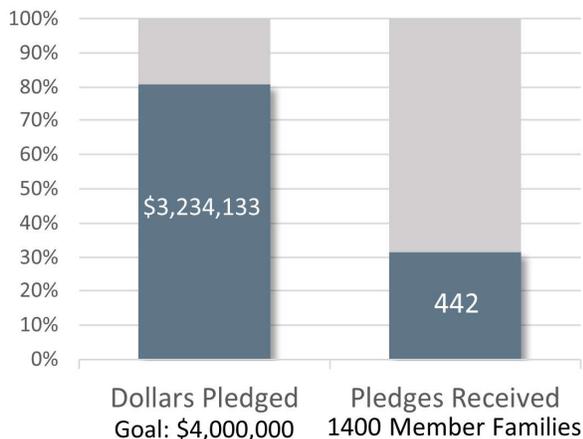
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DECEMBER 11**

Offering our 2023 pledges to God as we joyfully anticipate our next year together.

PLEASE PLEDGE BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11.

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Annual Campaign Update



ORGAN INSTALLATION UPDATE

Installation of the organ pipes is underway. As each group of pipes is fitted into the housing, the Buzard team spends time tuning the pipes. The process of tuning involves the delicate process of physically trimming and adjusting the pipes to refine the quality of sound. With approximately 3,000 pipes in our completed organ, this process will continue for the next several weeks.

STAFF MINISTRY TEAM

The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam, Rector
The Rev. Colin Ambrose, Vice Rector & Chief of Staff
The Rev. Dr. David Barr, Associate Rector
The Rev. Dr. Chris Jones, Associate Rector
The Rev. Margery Kennelly, Associate Rector
The Rev. Richard Kew, Priest Associate
The Ven. Dr. Martin Odidi, Priest Associate
The Rev. Sarah Puryear, Priest Associate
The Rev. Roger Senechal, Priest Assoc. for Senior Ministries
The Rev. Tim Taylor, Priest Associate

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Becca Jordan, Music Leader for The Table
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Rebecca Teel, Dir. of Communications
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Bob Van Cleave
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If you have a "T" switch that is compatible with audio induction systems on your hearing aids, you may switch it on to hear the service better.



Using a smartphone and headphones or a Bluetooth-enabled hearing device, you can tune into the service using AudioFetch. Connect to the Wi-Fi network called AudioFetchExpress, then open the AudioFetch app to start listening.

SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30am, 8:45am, and 11:00am | Holy Eucharist
9:00am | The Table
5:00pm | Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist

WEEKDAY SERVICES (CHAPEL)

7:00am Monday - Saturday | Holy Eucharist
10:00am Wednesday | Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer



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