



**Collect of the Day**

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Lesson**

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For your name will for ever be called by God, "Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went forth from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

**Gradual Canticle 4**

*The Refrain for the Psalm is intoned by the Choir and immediately repeated by the Congregation. The People also join in singing the Refrain as indicated in the text.*

**Refrain**

Mode 4 

Pre - pare the way of the Lord.

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Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, \*  
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us \*  
in the house of his servant David,

**Refrain**

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, \*  
which have been since the world began:  
That we should be saved from our enemies, \*  
and from the hand of all that hate us;

**Refrain**

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \*  
and to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, \*  
that he would give us,

**Refrain**

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies \*  
might serve him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him, \*  
all the days of our life.

**Refrain**

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, \*  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord  
to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people \*  
for the remission of their sins,

**Refrain**

Through the tender mercy of our God, \*  
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Refrain**

**Epistle**

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel thus about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

**Alleluia**

Tone VI

**"We will go into the house of the Lord."**



## **The Holy Gospel**

Luke 3:1-6

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy Spirit.**

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

**Response:**



**Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, in the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness; and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

*Celebrant*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*Response*            **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Father Solon

**Nicene Creed**

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*(At the words "by the power of the Holy Spirit", please **bow or kneel** until after "and was made man.", when you again **stand**.)*

**Prayers of the People**

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**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

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**The Peace**

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**Offertory verse**

Tone II

(Ps. 85:7-8) Wilt not thou turn again, O God, and quicken us; that thy people may rejoice in thee: shew us thy mercy. O Lord; and grant us thy salvation.

## Offertory Hymn 76

Winchester New

*During the Offertory, we offer our gifts to God. If you are reading this online, please make your own offering to St. John's [here](#) or, if in-person, in the offering plate as you leave.*

### **Orate Fratres**

*Celebrant:* Pray brothers and sisters that this my Sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

*Response:* **May the Lord receive the Sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

**Secreta** *said by Celebrant in a low voice*

We beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to accept the prayers and sacrifices of thy humble servants: that we, who cannot of our own prayers and merits help ourselves, may be defended by thy succour. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God *Aloud Throughout* all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

**Sursum corda** (Hymnal S 112) BCP Page 340

**Sanctus & Benedictus** (Hymnal S 114, Willan) BCP Page 341

**Eucharistic Prayer II** BCP Page 340

**Lord's Prayer** (Hymnal S 119) BCP Page 336

**Agnus Dei** (Hymnal S 158, Willan) BCP Page 337

**Prayer of Humble Access** BCP Page 337

### **Ecce Agnus Dei**

*Celebrant:* ☩ Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him that takest away the sins of the world.

*Response:* **Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

*All baptized Christians who may receive in their own traditions are most welcome to receive the Holy Communion.*

*Because of the current health crisis, we have changed our manner of receiving the Blessed Sacrament. For now, only the Host will be administered, standing by the first pew, and in the hand only. Line up in the center aisle, maintaining social distancing of at least six feet, and be masked. Once you have received the Host, you should walk left or right, past the pulpit or lectern. You may consume the Host once you return to your seat.*

### Communion verse

Tone I

(Baruch 5:5; 4:36) Jerusalem, haste thee, and stand on high: and behold the joy and gladness that cometh unto thee from God thy Saviour.

### Hymn 65 after the Communion

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### Post Communion Prayer

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### Blessing and Dismissal

### Hymn 59

Merton

### Announcements, Blessings, and The Angelus



1. The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women



and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je-sus. **Holy Mary, Mother of God,**

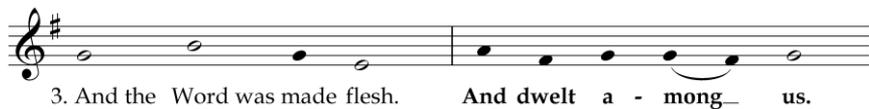


pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. **A - men.**

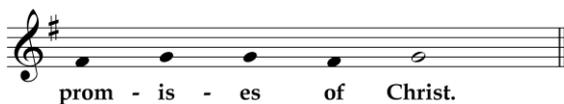


2. Behold, the handmaid of the Lord. **Be it unto me ac-cord-ing to thy Word.**

Hail Mary...



### Hail Mary...



Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that we who have known the Incarnation of thy Son, Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross (✠) and passion be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Postlude

*Veni Emmanuel*, Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

## WELCOME AND NOTICES

Please continue to join us each Sunday for Mass at 8:00 am and at 10:30 am EST both in-person and livestreamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

The Thrift Shop is open - Regular hours are Tuesdays and Saturdays from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Masks are required, as is social distancing, and hand sanitizer is available at the door.

We are pleased to offer secure online donations for the mission and ministry of Saint John's. If you are reading this bulletin on line, you may click [here](#) to make your donation to-day.

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## MILESTONES FOR THIS WEEK

### Baptism Anniversary

Jennifer M. Hunter

### Birthdays

Michael P. Schuller, Mia Elizabeth Stevens,

Mun-tzung Wong

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOHN'S

For those reading this on-line, our full Calendar can be found

[here](#).

**To-day**, 5<sup>th</sup> December                      Vestry Meeting at 12:30 pm via Zoom

**Tuesday**, 7<sup>th</sup> December                      Thrift Shop is open, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Narcotics Anonymous at 8:00 pm

**Wednesday**, 8<sup>th</sup> December                      **Immaculate Conception of the BVM**  
Low Mass  
via livestream on Facebook and YouTube and in-person

**Saturday**, 11<sup>th</sup> December                      Thrift Shop is open, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Sunday**, 12<sup>th</sup> December                      **Gaudete Sunday**  
Low Mass at 8:00 am  
Sung Mass at 10:30 am  
via livestream on Facebook and YouTube and in-person  
Advent Lessons & Carols with Benediction at 4:00 pm

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