

- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For you are the LORD,  
most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil;  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous,  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy Name.

#### Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**Gradual Hymn 87**      Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

#### Luke 2:8-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**Sermon**      Rev. Joseph Maiocco

#### Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### Prayers of the People I

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our Bishop, Dabney; for our Clergy, Fr. Joe and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President Donald; for members of the Congress and the Supreme Court; for delegates to the United Nations; for our Governor Ron; for the leaders of other nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city of Naples and Collier County; for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm; for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed; for the unemployed and the destitute; for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.  
**To thee, O Lord our God.**

Here, especially, we pray for our loved ones and friends, and those of our parish family who this day, are sick, troubled or alone:

#### Confession

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

#### The Peace

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*      **And also with you.**

**Offertory WS 31**      Emmanuel

#### Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below, praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

#### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*      **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.  
*People*      **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*      **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

#### *The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### Sanctus S130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### *The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

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

**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.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

#### *Taize*

**Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.**

Communion Hymn 101  
Communion Hymn 90  
Communion Hymn 109  
Communion Hymn 105  
Communion Hymn 115

Away In A Manger  
It Came Upon The Midnight Clear  
The First Nowell  
God Rest You Merry Gentlemen  
What Child Is This?

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kneeling Hymn 111                      Silent Night, Holy Night

**Blessing & Dismissal**

Closing Hymn 100                      Joy To The World!

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**St. John's Family: Rev. Joe Maiocco (Rector) Jack Wert (Sr. Warden)  
Jim Etz (Jr. Warden) Glenn Saffran (Music Director) Claudia Trejos  
(Secretary) St. John's Family (God's Ministers)**

**Serving Christmas Eve 5pm:** Lay Readers (Roger Stiefel)

**Serving Christmas Eve 9pm:** Lay Readers (Gary Fusco)

**Serving Christmas Day 10am:** Lay Readers (Skip Ruch)

**Musicians:** Jan Maiocco (Flute), Cathy Latimer (Soloist), Marsalli Family, Ken Helton and Roz Fusco.

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**We wish you a blessed Christmas and New Year!**

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✠Tony & Ellie Leigh in memory of Peggy Shaw & Walter Roxey.  
✠Rick & Vickie Bauch in memory of Roy & Audrey Reed, and John & Ruth Bauch.  
✠Cynthia Bennett in memory of Jerry Bennett.  
✠In thanksgiving from Tim and Elene West.  
✠Sharon Freeman in memory of Walter Freeman, husband 36 years.  
✠Leo & Faye Bruso in memory of our parents.  
✠Frank Lawatsch & Pam Schultz in memory of Peter Kien, Mom & Dad, Deanna Lawatsch and Alice & William Conover.  
✠Ruth & Dallas Adams in memory of Richard & Elizabeth Clegg; Hazel R. Rose; Harold R. & Mary C. Kent; Robert D. & Carolyn Adams; Marjorie J. Rose; Mary K. Scullion; Robert Gaines, USN; William M. Danson, Jr.; Helen D. Adams, and in thanksgiving for our great-granddaughter Amelia McFadden.  
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✠Roger & Susan Stiefel in memory of all those we miss.  
✠Helen & son, Jeffrey Zurlo in loving memory of George J. Zurlo, J.D.  
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✠Jack Wert in memory of Jack Wert's brother Rob and Tona Wert's sister Sheri.  
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✠Claudia Trejos in loving memory of my parents Walter & Ingrid Sondersorge.  
✠David & Mary Tilney in thanksgiving for all of our blessings.  
✠Thomas Cinquini in memory of Thomas & Mary Cinquini.  
✠Phebe Gillespie in memory of Temp.  
✠Frank & Carol Kistler, Jr. in memory of Frank & Gloria Kistler and Charles & Jean Waldorff.  
✠Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Pocalyko in memory of Pocalyko & Seabright loved ones.  
✠Steve and Lynn Natapow in memory of Sue Kievit.

# **St. John's Episcopal Church**

**Christmas**  
**December 24 & 25, 2020**

**Introit**                                      Christmas Carols

**Opening Hymn 83**                      O Come, All Ye Faithful

**The Word of God**

Clergy                                      Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
People                                      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn 96**                                      Angels We Have Heard on High

**Collect of the Day**

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**Psalms 97**

- 1 The LORD is King;  
let the earth rejoice;  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him,  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him  
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD,  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness,  
and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods!  
Bow down before him, all you gods.