

- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, in those who await his gracious favor.
- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

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

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gradual Hymn 128 We Three Kings

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become

children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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 Hymn 109 The First Nowell

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.**

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.

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 112 In The Bleak Midwinter

Communion Hymn 105 God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

Communion Hymn 115 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.

Blessing & Dismissal

Closing Hymn 87 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Postlude

Serving Saturday (5pm): Lay Readers (Arlene Austin)

Serving Sunday (10am): Lay Readers (Tamara Connolly)

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)

Welcome to St. John's Church
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Sunday	10:00am	Blended Service (C)
	10:00am	Youth Sunday School (Virtual)
Monday	10:00am	Women's Bible Study (S)
	5:30pm	Sisters For Life (B)
Tuesday	10:00am	Coed Bible Study (B)
Wednesday	7:30am	Men's Bible Study (B)
	9:00am	Centering Prayer (PR)
	10:00am	OSL (B)
	12:30pm	AA (B)
	1:00pm	Bridge (S)
	7:30pm	NA (B)
Thursday	12:00pm	Women's AA (B)
	6:00pm	O.A. (B)
Friday		Office Closed
	10:00am	Stitches of Love (B)
Saturday	9:00am	Altar Guild (C)
	5:00pm	Traditional Service (C)

B= Brewster; C=Church; PR=Prayer Room; S=Sugden; V=Vesting Room

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Serve the World in loving outreach, giving your treasure and talent.

Mask Service will begin Sunday (1/3) at 8:30 am thru April. This said service will be 45 minutes with Holy Communion at the end. Please bring a sterile glove to pick up your communion packet.

St. John's Episcopal Church

**First Sunday after Christmas
December 26 & 27, 2020**

Prelude

Introit WS 61 I Love You Lord

Opening Hymn 96 Angels We Have Heard On High

The Word of God

Clergy Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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 the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria S280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Psalms 147

- 1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God!
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.