

### Spiritual Communion Prayer

adapted from

*The Prayer Book for the Armed Services*

All

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.

Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

### Administration of Communion *(all who are able please stand or kneel)*

*All those worshipping with us are invited come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy during Communion.*

### Post Communion Prayer *(all who are able please stand or kneel)*

All

God of Abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### The Blessing

#### Recessional Hymn

Hymnal 72

*If collective singing is not a risk you are able to take, you're invited to slip out after the blessing and before the collective singing begins.*

### The Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### Postlude *(10am)*

## St. John's Outdoor Christmas Market: December 4th 2-6pm

The elves have been busy crafting up some wonderful local craft and food items for purchase at our outdoor market. Come by for a snack, a fresh wreath, cookies, a silent auction, music, good cheer, and some holiday shopping. We may even get a visit from a certain seasonal celebrity! We hope to see you there!

### GRACE HOUSE CHRISTMAS

The Holidays are just around the corner and we have heard from Grace House they will have several families staying with them through the end of the year. We are hoping to have enough donations from St. John's Church to provide 10-12 mothers and 12-15 children with gifts to make their Christmas special. Please forward all donations to the church office (Grace House in memo line) or through our website as soon as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

## STEWARDSHIP 2022: We Are Given To Hospitality

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St John's connects me to my present. In the here and now, St John's gives me the space to take time every week to slow down, contemplate, listen and think about how I can be a positive force in my community and world. Life often feels too loud, fast and superficial, so Sunday morning is a weekly reminder to find a different way and different priorities. It helps me reflect on how to simplify and distill life down to what really matters.

Giving to St John's connects me to my future. My children have grown up at St. John's. We moved to this area and started attending when Owen was 6 and Sam was 3. They are shaped by their experiences here in the youth programs and within the community and they will take these experiences and memories into their futures - wherever life may take them. I am most proud of Owen and Sam when I hear from others about their kindness to others, when they stood up for someone who needed it or lent a helping hand when others turned away. When I hear these stories about them, I say "thank you St John's" to myself.

I am so grateful for the ways St John's helps me connect to my past, present and future. I encourage you to think about your own stories of connection and meaning to your past, present and future at this time of giving and stewardship.

— Submitted by Maggie Dietrich

*Please prayerfully consider how we can contribute to the ministry of St. John's in the coming year: first, by engaging in an area of ministry that you care about; and secondly, by pledging and giving generously. Please take a few minutes to fill out a pledge card (extras at back of church) or make your pledge online at: [stjohnsnorthampton.org/stewardship](http://stjohnsnorthampton.org/stewardship) or **bring your pledge card to Stewardship Sunday on December 5th.***

#### Worship Ministers

Celebrant	The Rev. Anna Woofenden
Storyteller	Catherine Linberg
Organist	Grant Moss
Lectors	8am: Maureen McElligott 10am: Will Weber, Cathy Wanat
LEM	10am: Louisa Bushey
Altar Guild	8am: Maureen McElligott 10am: Angela Griefen, Annemarie Chapdelaine
Usher	10am: Annemarie Chapdelaine
Greeter	10am: June Turcotte
Name Tags	10am: TBD
Announcements	10am: Maggie Dietrich
Tech Team	10am: Adam Hakkarainen

# St. John's Episcopal Church

November 28, 2021  
Worship Bulletin for  
8 & 10am Services

First Sunday of Advent  
Year C

### Welcome to Sunday Worship!

We are delighted to have you here for our celebration of the Lord's Day. This leaflet is meant to be a helpful guide. We use the following abbreviations to indicate the books used for worship and found in your pew:

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Red Book)

LEVAS = Lift Every Voice and Sing (Black and Red Book)

Hymnal = The Hymnal (Blue Book)

S = The Hymnal Service Music (Blue Book, *front section*)

While there are customary changes in posture (standing, kneeling, sitting), you are welcome to remain seated if that is better for you.

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude *(or a time of meditative silence at the 8am)*

Welcome & Announcements

Stewardship Moment

Will Weber

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymnal 56, v. 1

Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be the one holy and living God.

*People* Glory to God for ever and ever

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria

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Collect for the Day

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**The First Lesson**

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

*Reader* A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Reader* The word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.****Psalm 25: 1-10***Ad te, Domine, levavi*

- 1 To you, O Lord, \*  
I lift up my soul;  
2 **my God, I put my trust in you; \***  
**let me not be humiliated,**  
**nor let my enemies triumph over me.**  
3 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.  
4 **Show me your ways, O Lord, \***  
**and teach me your paths.**  
5 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.  
6 **Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \***  
**for they are from everlasting.**  
7 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.  
8 **Gracious and upright are you, O Lord; \***  
**therefore you teach sinners in your way.**  
9 You guide the humble in doing right \*  
and teach your way to the lowly.  
10 **O Lord, all your paths are love and faithfulness \***  
**to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

**The Second Reading**

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

*Reader* A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.****The Gospel**

Luke 21: 25-36

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****Godly Play Lesson**

Catherine Linberg

**The Nicene Creed** (*all who are able please stand*)

BCP 358

**The Prayers of the People**

Form VI, BCP 392

**Confession & Absolution**

BCP 360

**The Greeting of Peace** (*please wave or bow to greet others*)**The Liturgy of the Table****Offertory Anthem**

"Sleepers Wake" (Wachet Auf)

Annie Rodgers, *soloist***The Great Thanksgiving**

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 3

*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 our thanks and praise.***Celebrant* All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**Sanctus**

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*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, a remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ.

*Celebrant and People***Dying, you destroyed our death.****Rising, you restored our life.****Christ Jesus, come in glory!***The Celebrant continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed John, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Celebrant and People***Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.****The Lord's Prayer** (*all who are able please stand or kneel*)

BCP 364

**The Breaking of the Bread****Fraction Anthem**

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