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Apostolic Church, Rooted in the Traditional Anglican
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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CHURCH



Third Sunday in Advent (Gaudete)

Sunday Divine Liturgy: 7:30 am and 10:00 am

Sunday Morning Prayer: 7:15 am

Fellowship Hour 11:30 am

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Third Sunday in Advent (Gaudete)
December 17, 2023 **Order of Worship**

- * **Prelude: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"** *Martha Sobaje*

- * **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath** See Insert

- * **The Processional Hymn** Hymnal No. 2

- * **The *Kyrie Eleison*** Booklet Page 2

- * *The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted until the First Mass of Christmas*

- * **Collect for the Day** See Insert

- * **First Lesson – Epistle** See Insert

- * **The Holy Gospel** See Insert

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- * **Sermon**

- * **Offertory Hymn** Hymnal No. 4

- * **The Prayer for the Church** Booklet Page 6

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- * **The *Agnus Dei*** Booklet Page 12

- * **The Prayer of Humble Access** Booklet Page 12

- * **Communion Meditation: "Paraphrase on 'Come, Follow Me'"**
Franklin D. Ashdown

- * **The Prayer of Thanksgiving** Booklet Page 14

- * **Recessional Hymn** Hymnal No. 5 (St. Thomas)

* **Postlude: "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"**

Andrew Tessman

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Greeting

The Lord will surely come.

And will not tarry, and will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will manifest himself to all nations. Alleluia.

The Lesson

During the reading of the Lesson the light (s) of the wreath are lit, one on Advent Sunday, two on the 2nd Sunday in Advent, Three on the 3rd Sunday in Advent, and four on the 4th Sunday in Advent.

Here beginneth the 40th Chapter of the Book of Isaiah the Prophet.

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare* is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Here endeth the Lesson

Thanks be to God

The Prayers

O Christ, arise, help us.

And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

Show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray

Incline thine ear to our prayers, O Lord we beseech Thee, and lighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of thy visitation; Who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Collect

O LORD Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Isaiah 35

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, fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb 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. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not pass over it, and fools shall not err therein. 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.

Here endeth the Lesson

Thanks be to God

Second Lesson (during Morning Prayer only)

I Thessalonians 5:12-23

[W]e beseech you, brethren, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we exhort you, brethren, admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the

weak, be patient with them all. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit, do not despise prophesying, but test everything; hold fast what is good, abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here endeth the second Lesson

Thanks be to God

The Epistle

I Corinthians 4:1-5

Brethren: This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found [faithful]. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then every man will receive his commendation from God.

Here endeth the Epistle

Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel

Glory be to thee, O Lord

St. Matthew 11:2-10

At that time: when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is he who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John:

"What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed shaken by the wind? Why then did you go out? To see a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, those who wear soft raiment are in kings' houses. Why then did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.'"

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to thee, O Christ



THOSE FOR WHOM OUR PRAYERS ARE DESIRED

For the Patriarch of the West, the Patriarchs of the East, ++Shane the Primate,
+Juan our Presiding Bishop, Patrick our own Bishop, and other ministers.

And especially to this congregation here present: as well as all clergy and people of the Diocese of the Missouri Valley, the Diocese of the Midwest, the Traditional Anglican Church, and our sister Churches.

For the Sick, Suffering, and Infirm:

Bishop Daren Williams	Angel Strawn	Mina Geise	Gavin Gotcher
Canon Bart Ryan	Audrey Chapman	Jeff Spear	Tom Frisbe
Br. Ed Arambasich	Robert Nicholson	Rick S.	John Flynn
Jennifer Dixon	Julie Gunnerson	Ann McIntyre	Jim Schaller
Keith Albertson	Kirk Woltman	Mark Trent	Susan Rose
JoAnne Werr	Bob High	Larry Roland	Judi Mohrman
Andy Tappe	Gary Sprouse	Jennifer Perkins	Bill & Barb
Natalia Green	Sue Sprouse	Deborah Lipsky	Velvet Brown
Charlene Copeland	Edward Schwan	Michl Hiatt	Becky Vogel
Tom Lepper	Diane Durbin	Shay Williams	Will Hartig
Ricky Strawn	Rachel Wegs	Tiffany Roach	Eric Graham
Matthew Mast	Joy Williams	Kathy Haugay	Anne Scott
Kristofor Peterson	Sharon Gardner	Tomo Sakurai	Brenda Harmon
Tish	Diane	Andrea Brad & Buffy Schulze	

For the Place Bound:

Katherine Durst Anne Hughes Dean Johnston Melba Wiseman

For Christians suffering persecution throughout the world.

For all those serving in our armed forces abroad; all those serving in dangerous civilian occupations, especially all police, fire, and rescue workers; and all those **harmed by recent natural disasters, diseases, or attacks. We also pray for a just end to armed conflict throughout the world, especially in Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza.**

We also offer our prayers of thanksgiving for our Cathedral family here at St. John's, especially Joan Klimstra (12/23) on the anniversary of her birth and Jim & Carrie Sohn (12/19) and Mike & Cheryl Ift (12/19) on the anniversary of their marriage.

For the repose of the souls of the faithfully departed, especially George Ellesworth; all Christians who have died from recent natural disasters, diseases, or attacks; all who have been murdered in the name of “mercy” or by abortion or infanticide; as well as all the new martyrs throughout the world.

The O Antiphons

In the Western tradition of the Church, one of the liturgical preparations in this near-season for Christmas are the ‘O Antiphons,’ seven titles from the Old Testament pointing to the coming Messiah. The origin of their compilation goes back to the dawn of the Middle Ages, with reference to them in the writings of the Roman counsel and philosopher Boethius (480-524 AD).

The seven antiphons, which begin on December 17th and end on December 23rd, Christmas Eve’s Eve, are as follows:

<u>In their Latin original:</u>	<u>In their somewhat variable English translations:</u>
O Sapientia	O Wisdom
O Adonai	O Lord God
O Radix Jesse	O Root (or Rod) of Jesse
O Clavis David	O Key of David
O Oriens	O Rising Sun (or Morning Star)
O Rex Gentium	O King of the Nations (or Gentiles)
O Emmanuel	O Emmanuel

Each day, these antiphons comprise the basis for the antiphons at Vespers, the universal Evening Prayer of the Church. Readings also go along with each antiphon, taken from the Old Testament, making clear how each of these titles allegorically referred to the coming Messiah.

As a bonus aspect, the acronym formed by the first letter in the antiphons, when spelled backwards, is ***ero cras***, Latin for “I will be (there) tomorrow.” This is likely no coincidence, for the mediaeval theologians loved puns and plays upon words. The antiphons were probably deliberately framed this way to help us even further in our ‘waiting upon’ the Christ, who would free His people from their sins and offer the world redemption.

A very blessed last days of Advent to one and all, as we prepare for the birth of our Saviour and King.

The O Antiphons

Taken from Evening Prayer, Liturgy of the Hours

Dec 17th O Wisdom, O holy Word of God,
O Sapientia you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care:
Come and show your people the way to salvation.



Dec 18th O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel,
O Adonai who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush,
who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain:
Come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.



Dec 19th O Flower of Jesse's stem,
O Radix Jesse you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples;
kings stand silent in your presence;
the nations bow down in worship before you.
Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.



Dec 20th O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel,
O Clavis David controlling at your will the gate of heaven:
Come, break down the prison walls of death
for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death;
and lead your captive people into freedom.



Dec 21st O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
O Oriens Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death.



Dec 22nd O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart;
O Rex Gentilium O Keystone of the mighty arch of man:
Come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.



Dec 23rd O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver,
O Emmanuel desire of the nations, Savior of all people:
Come and set us free, Lord our God.



Announcements:

IN A PASTORAL EMERGENCY, please contact Fr. Christian directly anytime at 603-545-9079. He can also be contacted by text at the same number or by email at elegantines@hotmail.com.

The **SANCTUARY LIGHT** today is given to the glory of God in loving memory of Debbie Hagmeier by Sue Hiatt.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY UNCTION will be offered after Mass today to those who are ill in body, mind, and spirit. Please approach the altar rail after the closing hymn for the anointing.

The **HANGING OF THE GREENS**, along with brass polishing and the Youth Group holiday party, will begin at 10am this Saturday, December 23. If you have any evergreen boughs from your yard or trees, please bring them along! It is always nice to have the smell of real evergreens. For those attending, a miraculous, wondrous luncheon, including some mysterious chili, will be provided.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Envelopes for Christmas poinsettias are available on the table in the Narthex. Please turn these in TODAY to ensure they are included in the Christmas bulletins as next Sunday is already Christmas Eve! Don't forget to indicate your intention (memorial or thanksgiving) on the envelope.

We have openings for **COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS** for the remaining Sundays in December. The signup sheet is in the narthex if you are interested.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR NEXT YEAR are on the card table in the narthex. Please take yours with you, but do not use them until 2024.

IF YOUR ADDRESS HAS CHANGED this year, please make sure the office has your current information so your year-end giving statement doesn't get lost in the mail. Thank you!

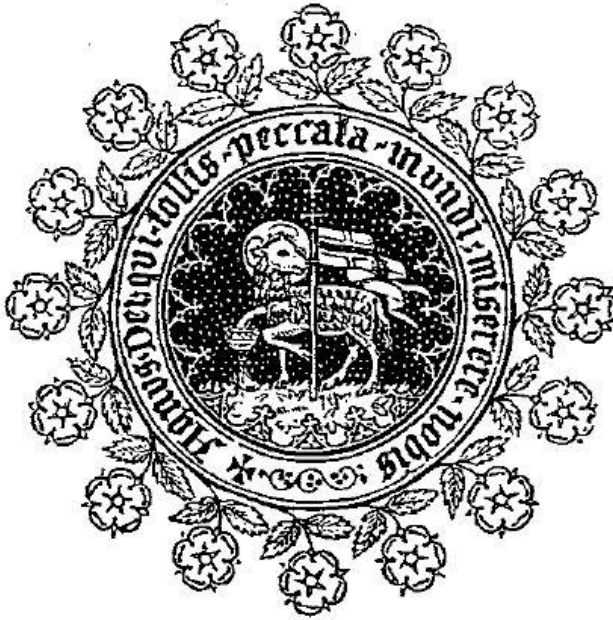
A reminder that the **KEY TO THE THERMOSTATS** is now hanging on the left side of its usual cupboard. Contact any clergy or the office if you have questions.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Wednesday	6:00 pm Holy Eucharist <i>(Ember Wednesday)</i>
Thursday	6:00 pm Holy Eucharist <i>(St. Thomas, Apostle)</i>
Saturday	10:00 am Hanging of the Greens, Brass Polishing, and Youth Group Holiday Party 6:00 pm Chess Club

CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday, Dec 24	Regular Sunday Schedule for Advent 4 in the morning Christmas Eve Schedule: 6:30pm Hymn Sing 7:00pm High Mass
Monday, Dec 25	10:00 am Holy Eucharist <i>(Nativity of Our Lord)</i>
Tuesday, Dec 26	6:00 pm Holy Eucharist <i>(St. Stephen)</i>
Wednesday, Dec 27	6:00 pm Holy Eucharist <i>(St. John, Apostle)</i> 7:00 pm St John's Party
Thursday, Dec 28	6:00 pm Holy Eucharist <i>(Holy Innocents)</i>
Saturday, Dec 30	6:00 pm Chess Club



**Jesus Christ, Yesterday, Today, and
Forever!**

Welcome to St. John Anglican Cathedral! Whether you are new to the area or a long-time resident, we warmly welcome you to the life of this community of Historic Christian Faith.

For those who have been Initiated (Baptized and Confirmed/Chrismated) in an Apostolic Catholic Church (Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Traditional Anglican, Oriental Orthodox, Polish National Catholic, Byzantine Catholic) and are free from manifest grave sin are invited to partake of the Holy Communion. Others are welcome to receive a blessing at the altar rail and may indicate this by crossing arms across their chest.

The Right Rev. Patrick S. Fodor, D. Min
The Very Rev. Christian Canon Tutor, OSA
Mr. James Sohn
Mr. John C. Fodor
Mr. Gary L. Blickhan, CPA

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