

ADVENT - CHRISTMAS – EPIPHANY SCHEDULE

Dec. 21, Sunday, 9:15AM, All Parish Formation

10:00 AM, Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Come celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent and hear the Christmas story while our children enacted the parts in our annual pageant.

Dec. 24, Wednesday, 4:00PM, Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist, Rite II

A St. John's tradition for all parishioners, with choral anthems, hymns, a Children's Sermon, and candlelight singing of *Silent Night*.

Dec. 25, Thursday, 9:00AM, Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, Rite II

A quiet service on Christmas morning.

Dec. 28, Sunday, 10:00AM, Morning Prayer, Rite II, with Communion

The First Sunday after Christmas Day; we hear the beginning of the Gospel of John. Br. Gabriel Giella preaches and presides.

Jan. 4, Sunday, 10:00AM, Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Joyfully celebrate the Epiphany and the baptism of Matteo Lee!

Jan. 11, Sunday, 9:15AM, All Parish Formation

10:00 AM, Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist, Rite II

We celebrate the Baptism of our Lord and the baptism of Nico Martinez!



Giving to St. John's

With cash or a check, 100% of your donation goes to support St. John's. However, to make giving more accessible, St. John's also has a Venmo account (although St. John's is assessed a fee for this service). Scan this QR code to donate to St. John's via Venmo during this service. In the field, "What is it for," please indicate what you would like your gift to support:

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ST. JOHN'S WESTWOOD

WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

December 14, 2025 | 10:00AM | The Third Sunday of Advent

HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *Partita for Advent: Variations I & III,*
on "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

James Woodman (b. 1957)

Entrance Hymn Hark the glad sound! the Savior comes *The Hymnal 1982* 72

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Presider Blessed are you, O God, who created light out of darkness and sent your only Son to bring the light of your love to all people. We pray for your blessing upon this wreath and upon all who kindle these lights. As we gather together in this Advent darkness to await the dawn of Christ, prepare our hearts and our homes to receive our Savior.

Three candles are lit.

Presider O radiant Dawn, splendor of the eternal light, sun of justice:
People **Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.**
Presider O Ruler of the nations, joy of every human heart,
O Keystone of the arch of humankind,
People **Come and save us, whom you have fashioned from the earth. Amen.**

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Book of Common Prayer page 355

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Presider Together, let us pray.

All 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.

“Lord, have mercy” Kyrie eleison The Hymnal 1982 S 96

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day Book of Common Prayer page 357

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The First Reading Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



Canticle 15: The Song of Mary Luke 1:46-55



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices / in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his / lowly servant.

From this day all generations / will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy / is his Name.

He has mercy / on those who fear him *
in every / generation.

He has shown / the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in / their conceit.

He has cast down / the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted / up the lowly.

He has filled / the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent / away empty.

He has come to the help of / his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his prom- / ise of mercy,

The promise / he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his child- / ren for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to / the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for e- / ver. Amen.

The Epistle James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Creator of the stars of night

The Hymnal 1982 60
vv.1-3

The Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

Gospeller

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Gospeller

The Gospel of the Lord

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Michael Bousquet

An Affirmation of Faith

Iona Abbey Worship Book page 38

We believe in God above us,
Maker and Sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth
of male and female.

We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
Born of a woman,
servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree,
a man of sorrows,
He died forsaken.
He descended into the earth
to the place of death.

On the third day,
He rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven
to be everywhere present,
and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
Source of resurrection and of eternal life.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessions for the Christian People page 6

Intercessor

Mary, the mother of Christ, and her husband, Joseph, are a sign to the church of faithful obedience to the will of God. As we come to the commemoration of the birth of Christ, let us pray that we, like them, may hear God’s word and respond in obedient faith to the coming of Christ, saying: God, who is with us, hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Let us pray for the church, that every baptized member may manifest Christ in the world. O God, who is with us,

People

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Let us pray for the leaders of government in every nation, that they may have wisdom to choose what serve the common good. O God, who is with us,

People

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Let us pray for the native peoples of this land, especially the Massachusetts and Wampanoag, that we may seek God with all of our neighbors. O God, who is with us,

People

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Let us pray for all who are in need, remembering all who are sick, elderly, those who are alone, and all who minister to them. This week, we pray especially for the people of Palestine and Israel, for the people of Ukraine, for the people of Sudan, for Susie & Cam, Maggie Carvan, Dave Martinez, Jaxson Stephens, Pamela Mott, Clark Grew, Fred Stimson, Jenny Tatroe, Matthew & Danielle, Sophie Nelson, Krish, Emily Sugg, Charlie and Elaine Steeger, Nick Copoulos, James Wachob, the family of Martha Sprague,

Monica, the family of Bob Pearson, the family of Jonathan Tyminski, and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud...

Silence.

May we all be strengthened by the presence of Christ as the sign of God’s love. O God, who is with us,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us pray for those with whom we share our daily lives, our families, friends, and neighbors, and those with whom we work and play, that we may all be strengthened and sustained by God’s presence with us. O God, who is with us,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us pray for those who have died, that they rest in peace. This week, we pray especially for Jonathan Tyminski and Evelyn Prescott and all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud...

Silence.

May we wait in hope for the promise of resurrection with them. O God, who is with us,

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Confession and Absolution Book of Common Prayer page 360

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

All **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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Please share with one another a sign of Christ’s peace.

Announcements

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. Psalm 96:8

THE HOLY COMMUNION

As the table is prepared and as the people sing the following hymn, the community brings forward gifts of bread and wine and donations to support the ministry of the parish.

Hymn How bright appears the Morning Star The Hymnal 1982 497

Eucharistic Prayer B Book of Common Prayer page 367

Presider

People

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Presider

People

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.


Presider It is right, and a good a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

“Holy, holy, holy LORD” Sanctus The Hymnal 1982 S 130

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.

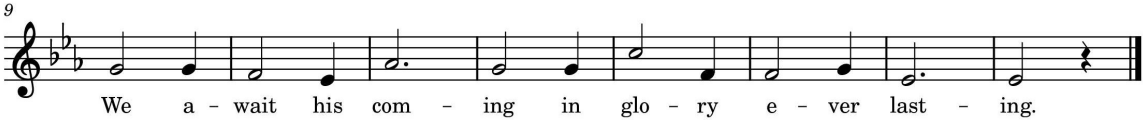
The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,



We re - call his death, We pro - claim his new life

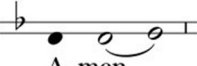
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We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry e - ver last - ing.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,

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.



A-men.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say: **The Lord’s Prayer**

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.

The Breaking of the Bread *Book of Common Prayer* page 364

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem *Agnus Dei* *The Hymnal 1982* S 164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

The Presentation and Invitation *All are welcome at the Lord’s table.*

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.
Please do not intinct (dip) the bread into the wine. You may receive the bread alone if you so desire.
If you do not wish to receive Communion, we still invite you to come forward for a blessing;
to indicate your desire for a blessing, simply cross your hands over your chest when you approach the priest.

Communion Hymn The Lord will come and not be slow *The Hymnal 1982* 462

The Postcommunion Prayer *Enriching Our Worship 1* page 70

Presider Let us pray.
All **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and for nourishing us with spiritual food, in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth, a people forgiven, healed, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! *The Hymnal 1982* 437

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Partita for Advent: Variations II & IV* James Woodman (b. 1957)
on “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

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**Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Lynne Kozlowski
and in in memory of Evelyn Prescott.**

**This week we celebrate the birthdays of
Fernando J. Martinez, Jack Goodwin, Erin Sibley, and Carolyn Farley.**

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 14

9:00AM Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, *in the Nave*
10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:00AM Nursery Care, *in the School Wing*
11:00AM Coffee Hour, *in the Narthex*
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal, *in the Nave*
5:30PM Taizé Holy Eucharist
7:00 PM Family Bible Study, *via Google Meet*

Monday, December 15

7:00PM Vestry Meeting, *in the Narthex*

Tuesday, December 16

12:30PM Clericus, *Trinity Episcopal Church, Stoughton*
7:00PM Advent Forum: Mary of Nazareth, *Google Meet*

Wednesday, December 17

7:00 PM Family Bible Study, *via Google Meet*

Thursday, December 18

9:00AM Morning Prayer, Rite II, *via Google Meet*

Sunday, December 21

9:00AM Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, *in the School Wing*
9:15AM All Parish Formation, *in the Nave*
10:00AM Pageant & Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:00AM Nursery Care, *in the School Wing*
10:50AM Coffee Hour, *in the Narthex*
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal, *in the Nave*

Wednesday, December 24

4:00PM Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Thursday, December 25

9:00AM Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, December 28

10:00AM Morning Prayer, Rite II, with Holy Communion
11:00AM Coffee Hour, *in the Narthex*

Thursday, January 1

9:00AM Morning Prayer, Rite II, *via Google Meet*

Sunday, January 4

9:00AM Choir Warm-Up & Rehearsal, *in the Nave*
10:00AM Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:00AM Nursery Care, *in the School Wing*
11:00AM Coffee Hour, *in the Narthex*
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal, *in the Nave*
5:30PM Taizé Holy Eucharist



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