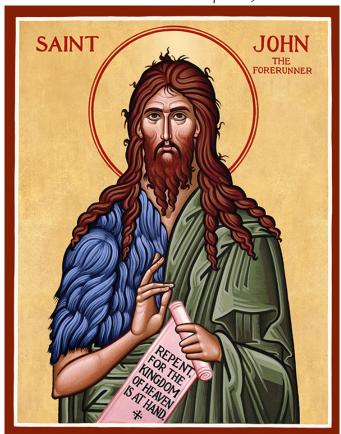
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

11 DECEMBER 2022 | 11:15AM



ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

Reaching One Another, Tallahassee, and the World with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ

Holy Communion

Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation.

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Prelude

Of the Father's Love Begotten

W. Held

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

The third Advent candle is the John the Baptist Candle, a reminder of John the Baptist, who calls us to prepare to welcome Jesus into our hearts.

Advent Prayer

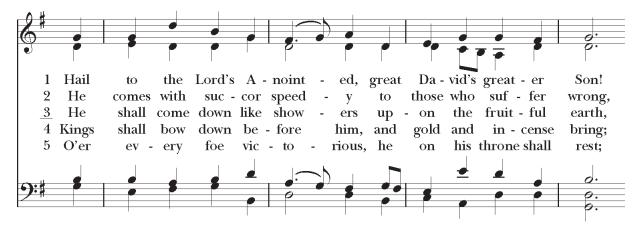
God our Father, you gave to Zachariah and Elizabeth in their old age a son called John. He grew up strong in spirit, prepared the people for the coming of the Lord, and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us, who have been baptized into Christ, to be ready to welcome him into our hearts, and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

The Entrance Rite

Pealing of the Bells Please Stand.

Entrance Hymn 616

Hail to the Lord's Anointed





Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: Es flog ein kliens Waldvögelein, German folk song; adapt. and harm. A Student's Hymnal, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

The Seasonal Greeting

Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People: Amen. Come Lord Jesus! REVELATION 22: 20

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People:

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

The Summary of the Law

Celebrant:

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

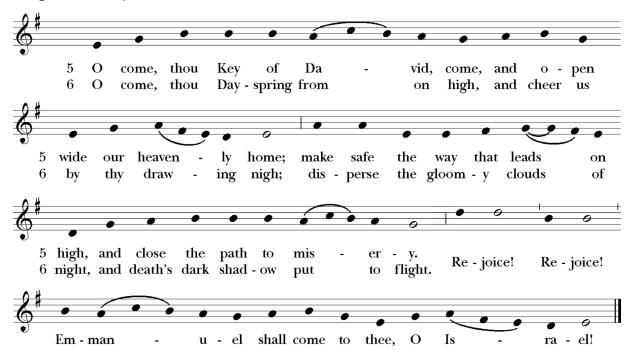
MATTHEW 22: 37-40

The Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation; 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 Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson All are Seated.

Isaiah 35: 1-10

¹ The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; ² 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. ³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸ And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146 Chanted by All.

Chant: Psalm Tone VIII



- 1 Praise the LORD O my soul; *
 - while I live **Í** will **prâise** the LORD.
- ² Indeed, as long as I have my **bé**ing, *
 - I will sing praises únto mŷ God.
- ³ Put not your trust in princes, nor in any **child** of man, * for there **is** no **hêlp** in them.
- ⁴ For when one breathes his last, he shall return again to the **éarth**, * and in that day all **hís** thoughts **pêr**ish.
- ⁵ Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his **hélp** * and whose hope is **in** the **Lôrd** his God,
- ⁶ Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is there**in**; * who keeps his pro**mise** for **êv**er;

- Who does right to those who suffer wróng; * and who féeds the hûngry.
- 8 The Lord sets **prís'n**ers free; *

the LORD gives sight to the blind.

9 The LORD helps those who have fállen; * the LORD lóves the rîghteous.

- The LORD cares for the strangers in the land; he defends the fatherless and **wíd**ow; * but the way of the ungodly **hé** makes **crôok**ed.
- The Lord shall be King for **év**ermore, * even your God O Zion, throughout all gene**rá**tions. **Prâise** the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the **Són**, * and to the **Hó**ly **Spîr**it;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever **sháll** be * world with**óut** end. **Â**men.

The Second Lesson James 5: 7–20

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. 12 But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. 13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18 Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. 19 My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, 20 let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.People: Thanks be to God.





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

People: Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴ And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5 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. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." ⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.' 11 Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear. 16 "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, 17 "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.' 18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' 19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.

The Sermon	The Right Rev'd C. Alexander Farmer		
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The Nicene Creed All Stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

The Prayers of the People All Kneel.

After each bidding of "Lord, in thy mercy" the People prayerfully respond with "Hear our prayer."

The Confession of Sin All Kneel.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words Remain Kneeling.

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying:

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. MATTHEW 11:28

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

I JOHN 2:1-2

The Peace All stand and greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

The Holy Communion

You can now give your tithes or pledges by texting SPAC to 73256 followed by your desired gift amount, e.g. SPAC \$50.

At the Offertory

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

J. Ferguson

Comfort, comfort now my people; Tell of peace!" so says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.
To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever!
For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
Calling us to true repentance, since the Kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God away!
Let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!
Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain!
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign!
For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

Presentation Hymn All Stand.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus



The sursum corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

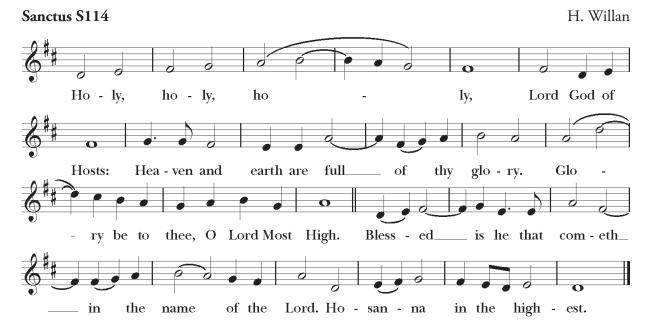
Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant:

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the compa- ny of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying:



All Kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In thine infinite love thou didst make us for thyself; and when we had sinned against thee and become subject to evil and death, thou of thy tender mercy didst send thine only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Ghost and the Virgin Mary, he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to thy will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to thy right hand in glory, that we might come boldly unto the throne of grace.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks unto thee, he brake it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks unto thee, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink, ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

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

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee.

Sanctify them, we beseech thee, by thy Word and Holy Spirit, that they may be for thy people the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under thy Christ, and bring us with all thy saints into the joy of thy heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through thy Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world with- out end. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

People:

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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 Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and People:

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table; but thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

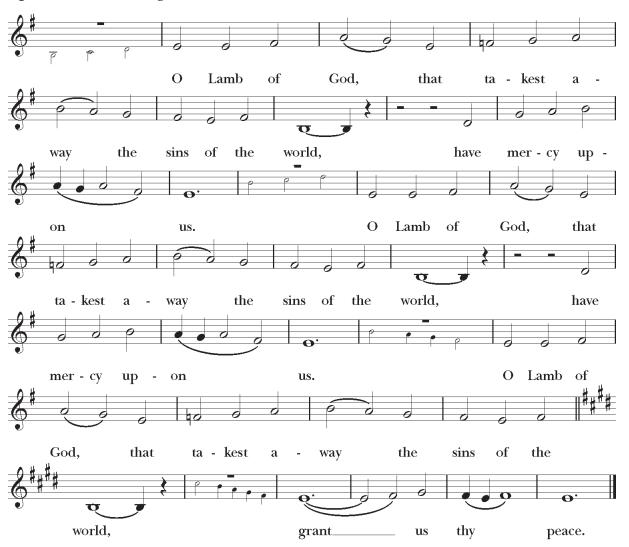
Communion Instructions

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in this Holy Communion. Anyone may come forward for a blessing in lieu of Communion.

Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms on your chest.

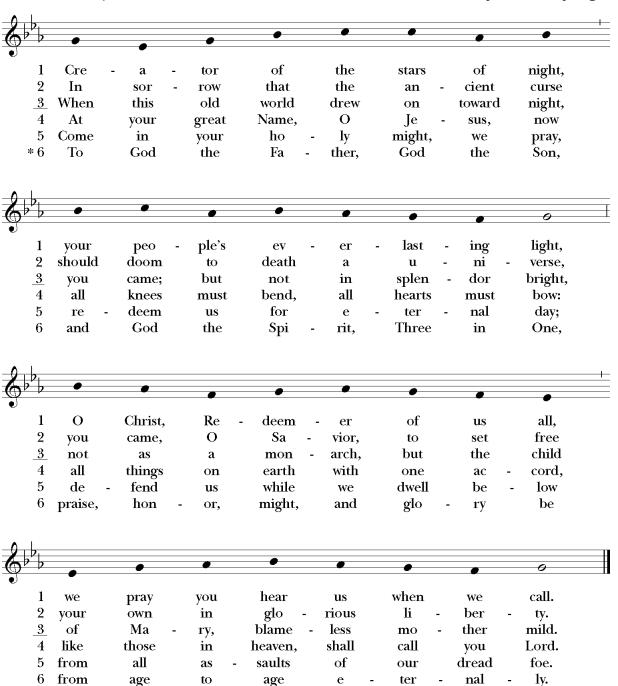
An usher will release the aisles to come forward for Communion. A verger will direct you to the altar rail where a priest will place a wafer in your hands. If you would like to dip the wafer into the wine, hold it so it is visible and the first chalice bearer will offer you the intinction chalice for you to do so. If you would like to drink from the common cup, consume the bread and drink from the chalice offered by the second chalice bearer.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the acolytes in front of the pulpit or the lectern. Once you have obtained your wafer, come to the priest for the words of administration.



Prayer Ministry: If you would like to be prayed for by a team of prayer ministers, after receiving communion, please proceed to the prayer ministry teams near the Liberty Cross in the transept near the large wooden door to classroom 201. You may form a line along the wall of the transept if necessary.

Home Communion: If you cannot attend services at St. Peter's because you are home-bound or otherwise unable, we can bring Communion to you. Please contact our Lay Eucharistic Minister-Visitor Coordinator, Lori Thompson, at 1loriandmichael1@gmail.com



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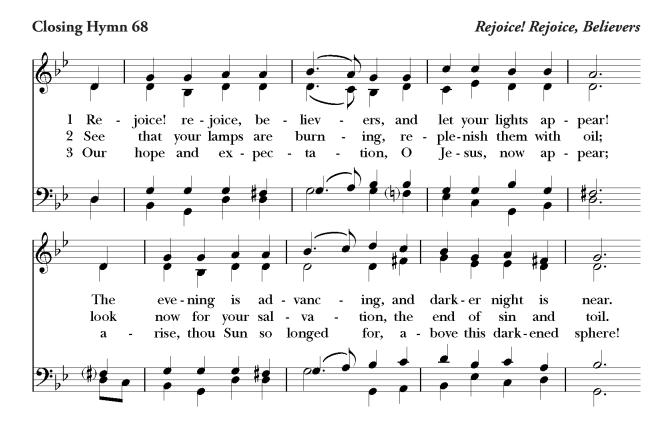
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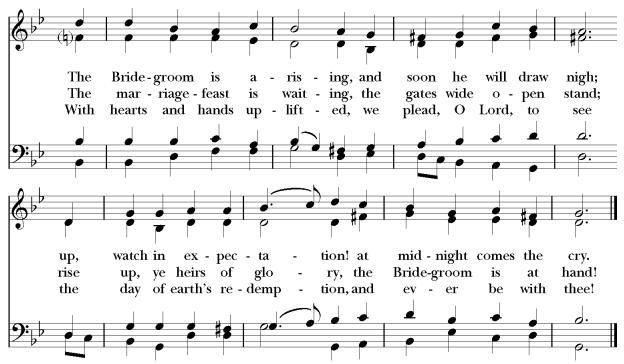
The Post Communion Prayer All Kneel.

Celebrant and People:

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us, thereby, of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works that thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing Remain Kneeling.





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Music: Llangloffan, melody from Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru, 1865

The Dismissal

The People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Toccata E. Gigout

Notes		



The Flowers at the Altar are Given To the Glory of God and in memory of Bernard Adams Dean, father of Steve Dean; and in thanksgiving for Patricia Dean, wife of Steve Dean and Elizabeth Marie Dean, Steve's granddaughter, all whose birthdays are this month by Steve Dean.



And in Thanksgiving for our 25th Wedding Anniversary on December 13th by Jerry & Cay Ford



SERVICES

9am Sunday* | Holy Communion in Contemporary Language
11:15am Sunday* | Holy Communion in Traditional Language
5pm Sunday* | Evensong with Holy Communion
12:10pm Wednesday | Holy Communion & Prayers of Healing
7:30pm Wednesday* (during class semester) | Choral Compline
9am Monday-Friday | Morning Prayer
4:30pm Monday-Thursday | Evening Prayer

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*Service is live-streamed on our YouTube channel | www.youtube.com/stpetersfl

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