St. John's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✠ DECATUR, ALABAMA

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | NOVEMBER 29, 2026

8:00 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

Please keep a reverent silence before the liturgy and ensure all electronic devices are silenced.
Prayers and liturgy can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal.
Hymns listed with an "S" in front of the number can be found in the front of the hymnal in the Service Music section.

Organ Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation	BCP 323
The Collect for Purity	BCP 323
Trisagion	**Hymnal S102**
The Collect of the Day	
The First Lesson	Isaiah 64:1-9
The Psalm	Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18
The Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
The Gospel	Mark 13:24-37
The Sermon	Father Van Horn
The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
The Prayers of the People	BCP 328
Confession & Absolution	BCP 330
The Peace	BCP 332
Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers	*Inside Back Cover, BCP*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	
Presentation Hymn	**Hymnal 56 v. 1-2**
The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer 1	BCP 333
Sanctus	**Hymnal S114**
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 337
Fraction Anthem	**Hymnal S155**
Prayer of Humble Access	BCP 337
The Post Communion Prayer	BCP 339
The Blessing	BCP 339
Procession Hymn	**Hymnal 68**
Dismissal	BCP 339

10:30 AM | THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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Organ Prelude	
Processional Hymn	**Hymnal 73**

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation	BCP 355
The Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Trisagion	**Hymnal S102**
The Collect of the Day	
The First Lesson	Isaiah 64:1-9
The Psalm	Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18
The Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Sequence Hymn & Dismissal to Children's Chapel	**Hymnal 454**
The Gospel	Mark 13:24-37
The Sermon	Father Van Horn
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
The Prayers of the People, Form II	BCP 385
Confession & Absolution	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 360
Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Prayers	*Inside Back Cover, BCP*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	
Presentation Hymn	**Hymnal 56 v. 1-2**
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B	BCP 367
Sanctus	**Hymnal S129**
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	**Hymnal S155**
Communion Hymn 1	**Hymnal 53**
Communion Hymn 2	**Hymnal 58**
The Post Communion Prayer	BCP 365
The Blessing	
Procession Hymn	**Hymnal 68**
Dismissal	BCP 366

All who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you would like information regarding baptism at St. John's, please speak to one of the clergy. For reasons of public health, if you desire to intinct, please allow the Eucharist Minister to dip your host in the wine and place it on your tongue. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, simply indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

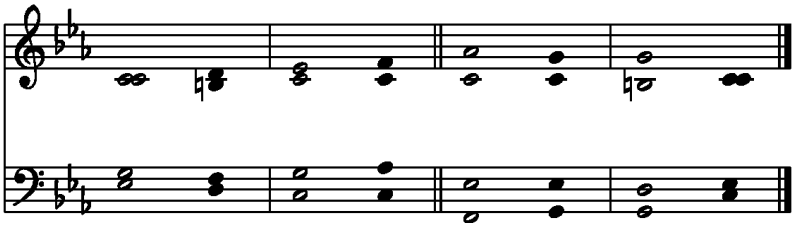
TODAY'S READINGS

The Collect of the Day
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.

Isaiah 64:1-9
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 13:24-37
Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

SERVING TODAY

Ushers	8:00 AM: Desiree & Emeka Tasie	10:30 AM: Rip Nance, Bobbi Wilson
Lectors	8:00 AM: Harry Moore	10:30 AM: Chuck Puckett
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	8:00 AM: Brian White	10:30 AM: Pat Price, Erika Huber
Acolytes	8:00 AM: Rebecca Self	10:30 AM: Jonathan Ackerman, Leo Salerno, Claire McCalpin, Parker Tubb
Media Ministry	Rhonda Buckley	
Flower Rearranger	Beth Weinbaum	
Flower Deliverer	Nora Hall	
Vestry Person of the Day	Erika Huber	

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