



# **St. John's Episcopal Church**

101 Chapel Street  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 18, 2011**  
**10am**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
**and Christmas Pageant**

# 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II and Christmas Pageant

## The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude: "In dulci jubilo"

J. S. Bach

Jennifer McPherson, *organist*

Entrance Hymn: #56 "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

VENI, VENI EMMANUEL

(Please stand at the sound of the organ, joining the children in singing Verses 7 and 8)

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind;  
bid thou our sad divisions cease,  
and be thyself our King of Peace.

8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

**Scene 1:** The Prophecy

"O Come, All You Children"

arr. K. Riehle

*sung by The Pageant Cast*

Hope Driscoll and Lily Pinciario, *Narrators*

**Scene 2:** The Annunciation

"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven came"

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

Annie Smith, *Narrator*; Caroline Hinson, *Gabriel*; Rachel Lisbon, *Mary*

**Scene 3:** The Arrival in Bethlehem

Sophie Howe, *Narrator*;

Liam Ellis, Isabelle Stewart, Nikolai Kozak, Paloma Peeters, *Innkeepers*

"Silent Night"

STILLE NACHT

Hannah Stevens, Elle Murphy, Maddie Dintino, Abigail Lown, Bailey Goss, Caroline

Hinson, *soloists*

**Scene 4:** The Shepherds

Isabel Ardito Lebo, *Narrator*

Brianna Lisbon, Maya Schwartzwalden, Maddie Dintino, Jack Stevens, *Shepherds*

Elle Murphy, *Angel of the Lord*; The Cherub Choir, *Angels*

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELIS

Cast with Angel soloists

"Rise up, Shepherds, and Follow"

Traditional Spiritual

Cast with Shepherd soloists

**Scene 5:** The Manger

Bailey Goss, *Narrator*

"The Friendly Beasts"

Traditional English Carol

The Cherub Choir with Ariel Montville, Calvin Peeters, Henry Ardito Lebo, Lila Pellat,  
Caroline Driscoll, and Sophie Frances Stewart, *soloists*



*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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:

Sanctus

*The Hymnal 1982*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues:*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

## Memorial Acclamation

*The Hymnal 1982*

*Celebrant*

There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

*Celebrant and People*

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -

rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **Amen.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem**

*The Hymnal 1982*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are invited to come forward for communion.*

**Communion Anthem:** “Light of Light”

G. Walker

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional: #93 “Hark! The herald angels sing”

MENDELSSOHN

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words:*

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

Postlude: “In dir ist Freude”

J. S. Bach

Jennifer McPherson, *organist*





**Participants in Today's Service**

**Ushers**

Bob Mennel (Head Usher), Sallie Mackie, Ron Moore, Randy Carey

**Altar Guild**

Helen Gettleman, Myrt Moore, Bertha Rocray, Mary Walker, Jim Zuckerman

**Eucharistic Ministers**

John Stromgren, Mary Turner, Bud Whitmyer



## Announcements for December 18, 2011

**REMEMBER:** CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES ARE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH TO KEEP THE LITTLE ONES BUSY



### NURSERY

Our nursery is open from 9:00 - noon every Sunday. There are beepers available to keep you in touch with your little one and the nursery workers. Feel free to use this any amount of time that you are comfortable with and enjoy some personal spiritual time for yourself.

**THE NURSERY WILL BE CLOSED  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> AND JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>.**



### GIVING TREE

This year we are working with the homeless coordinator for the Portsmouth School Department to distribute gift cards collected through our Giving Tree. On Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at coffee hour we will be collecting those gift cards from the Tree. If you were unable to get an ornament, feel free to bring a gift card for any amount from Target, Walmart, grocery stores, gasoline, PSNH, or any other store that you feel appropriate. Your gift will make a difference for a family in need this holiday season.

**Please note that the office will be closed Friday,  
December 23 through Monday, January 1.**

### **2011 Donations**

With the Office being closed beginning December 23<sup>rd</sup>, if you wish to have your pledge or other donations deposited and credited to calendar year 2011, we must receive it in the office no later than Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> or collected with the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day offering.

“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” *John 10:10*

### ***St. John's Stewardship Update for November***

As of today we have a total of **231 pledges** on our way to our **goal of 300**. Thank you very much for your pledge. If you have yet to submit your pledge, there is still time! Below is a link to the website where you can submit your pledge online or download the pledge card and send it in by mail. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and for all you do to support the Building of our Spiritual Home at St. John's.

Faithfully,

The Vestry

Online pledge form/email submission: <http://stjohnsnh.squarespace.com/2012-pledge-form/>  
Downloadable/printable form: <http://stjohnsnh.squarespace.com/storage/2012-Pledge-Form.pdf>

### **COMMON TABLE OFFERS FREE CHRISTMAS MEAL DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> at 3PM**

All are welcome on December 25<sup>th</sup> at 3pm for a holiday meal with all the trimmings prepared by chef Scott Massidda, his family and volunteers. If you would like to dine, please reserve space(s) with Joanne in the office at 436-8283 or at [administrator@stjohnsnh.org](mailto:administrator@stjohnsnh.org).

If you would like to help, we need:

- ◆ 16 Homemade pie bakers
- ◆ Volunteers to help set up at 1pm, serve the meal and help clean up too!
- ◆

Contact Judy or Lew Roberts at 603-778-2357 or email [lj7222@comcast.net](mailto:lj7222@comcast.net)



## **CHRISTMASTIDE**

### **December 24 Christmas Eve Services**

- 4:00pm Rite II Holy Eucharist with Children's Choirs  
*\*Ideal for families with young children*
- 7:30pm Musical Prelude
- 8:00pm Rite II Festival Holy Eucharist with Parish  
Choirs and Brass  
*\*Our primary liturgy for Christmas Eve.  
Ideal for all.*
- 11:00pm Rite I Holy Eucharist  
*\*Ideal for people who love the traditional  
language and a more contemplative experience*

### **December 25 Service**

10:00 am

3:00 pm Christmas Day Dinner

## **Clergy, Staff & Wardens**

The Rev. Robert E. Stevens, Jr., *Rector*  
The Rev. Jeffrey D.S. Thornberg, *Associate Rector*  
The Rev. G. Richard Siener, DD, *Assisting Priest*  
Dr. Abbey Hallberg Siegfried, *Music Director*  
Amy Dutton, *Christian Education Director*  
Joanne Ferguson, *Office Administrator*  
Lory Pratt, *Bookkeeper*  
Chris Sieve, *Senior Warden*  
Scott Osgood, *Junior Warden*  
Peter Tarlton, *Treasurer*  
Dani Megliola, *Clerk*  
*Vestry: Jim Breen, Bruce Dicker, Kathy Flygare,*  
*Susan Fockler, Chris Kozak, Robert Mood,*  
*Margaret Sofio, John Tabor, Anna Kay Vorsteg*



## **Office Information**

*The Parish Office is open Mon-Thurs, from 9 AM to 3 PM*  
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## **Worship Schedule**

### **Thursdays**

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

### **Sundays**

8 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:00 AM Adult Christian Education  
9:30 AM Children Christian Education  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II w/ Parish Choirs  
11:00 AM Coffee Hour