



St. John's Episcopal Church ~ Georgetown Parish

Sunday, December 18, 2016 11:00 AM

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist—Rite II

Page references are for the Book of Common Prayer

Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982

Prelude

My soul doth magnify the Lord

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Processional Hymn 66

Come, thou long expected Jesus

STUTT GART

Advent Bidding Prayer and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Dear People of God: In this season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and justice on the earth; for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city. And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children, as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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.*

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-16

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

ANGLICAN CHANT: ATKINS

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

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

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

O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Second Lesson

Romans 1:1-7

A Reading from Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the sequence hymn and remain standing until the sermon begins.

Sequence Hymn 265

The angel Gabriel from heaven came

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

The Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Please be seated for the sermon.

Sermon

The Rev. Gini Gerbasi, Rector

Please stand for the Creed.

The Nicene Creed

BCP P 358

The Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP P 387

The Confession of Sin

BCP p 360

Absolution

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People: **And also with you.***

Welcome & Announcements

The Offertory Carol: *The Holly and the Ivy*

arr. MARK BROWN

*The holly and the ivy when they are both full grown
Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.*

*Oh, the rising of the sun and the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*

*The holly bears a blossom as white as a lily flower
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet savior.*

*The holly bears a berry as red as any blood
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good.*

*The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day at morn.*

*The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all.*

*The holly and the ivy when they are first full grown
Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.*

Please stand.

Presentation Hymn 60, Stanza 6

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Eucharist Rite II, Prayer B

The people remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

VENI, VENI EMMANUEL

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might,
heav - en and earth are 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 may stand or kneel as the celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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 Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

The Lord's Prayer

BCP P 364

Fraction Anthem Lamb of God S 161

DAVID HURD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Administration of Communion

All those who seek a closer relationship with God in Christ are welcome to receive communion at St. John's. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you reach the communion minister.

Music at Communion

Hymn 81 *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*

MICHAEL PRAETORIUS

Post-Communion Prayer

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 Hymn

O come, O come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL



- ALL 1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
MEN 2. O come, thou Rod of Je - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's
WOMEN 3. O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spi - rits by thine
CHOIR ALONE 4. O come thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our
ALL 5. O come, O come, thou Lord of Might, Who to thy tribes on



1. Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2. ty - ran - ny; From depths of hell thy peo - ple
3. ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
4. heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on
5. Si - nai's height, In an - cient times did give the



1. here un - til the Son of God ap - pear:
2. save, And give them vic - tory o'er the grave:
3. night, And death's dark sha - dows put to flight:
4. high, And close the path to mi - se - ry:
5. lay In cloud and ma - jes - ty and awe:



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall



come to thee, O Is - - ra - el.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Noel Grand jeux et Duo

LOUIS CLAUDE DAQUIN



Hyde-Addison Parking Lot

Please note: The gates to the parking lot in Hyde-Addison will be locked one hour after this service ends, every Sunday.

Service Participants

Crucifer

Nicholas Peake

Intercessor

Martha Lewis

Ushers

Phyllis Meginley & Ingrid Mast

Minister of the Word

James Warren

Chalicians

Tim Watt & Laura Ivey

Altar Guild

Ingrid Mast & Susan Johnston

Coffee Hour Hosts



A Note From the Deacon's Desk

Deacon Tim is Off to Oxford!

TODAY is my last Sunday at St. John's for a while. I have been selected by the Dean of Virginia Seminary to participate in an exchange at Ripon Cuddesdon College, Oxford. I will be taking courses in Theology of Mission in the global context with other Anglican seminarians from around the world. Although I am very excited by the honor and trust placed in me, I will miss St. John's while I am gone. You have become family to me. Pray for me as I will pray for you. I will be back in late March.

Pax,

Tim

The clergy, wardens, and vestry of St. John's Church Georgetown would like to thank the following people for their support of this community with their 2017 pledge:

Alexandra & Tom Adams	Margaret Huckaby	Leigh & Carol Seaver
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Joshua & Angela Hatch	Robin Rotman	Geraldine & James Zurn
Wendy Harnwell & Carmel Davis	John & Judy Ryan	
Shirley & Jim Hibbitts		
Carter & Amanda Hood		
Jaimie Hoops		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Child care is available in the atrium. Please see an usher if you need assistance.
Sunday School takes place upstairs.*

Giving Tree last chance! All gifts, wrapped & tagged, need to be at church no later than Monday. Leave at office with Joy. Contact Carol Seaver with any questions.

Christmas Pageant Calling all angels, shepherds, lambs, and wise men! The pageant happens every year at the 4pm Christmas Eve service. Children play all parts. Be on the lookout for more information on the rehearsal date and time. We need adults and teenagers to volunteer to help with costumes, snacks, shepherding kids on the night of the pageant and other tasks. Please contact Gini at Gini@stjohnsgeorgetown.org if you can help.

**TODAY, DECEMBER 18TH 1:30 PM –
CORNER OF WISCONSIN AND M STREETS**



Join friends from all of the Georgetown churches for a Christmas Carol Flash Mob! Gather at 1:00 at Grace Church (1041 Wisconsin Ave.) for Hot Chocolate and warm-ups.

Bring a friend! Share it on Social Media!

St. John's will host Georgetown Ministry Center's homeless shelter from Sunday, January 8th through Sunday, January 22nd. We need volunteers to help prepare and serve dinner to our guests during their stay in Blake Hall. This is a meaningful and rewarding activity that is easy to do with neighbors, friends and family members. More information to come.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fall-Winter Schedule 2016-2017



Join us for a Joyful Season!

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2016

9:00 and 11:00 am Holy Eucharist

10:00 am Lego My Bible

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24, 2016

4:00 pm Family Service

Christmas Pageant
and Festival Holy Eucharist

8:30 pm Choral Prelude

9:00 pm Festival Holy Eucharist
with Traditional Carols

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25, 2016

10:00 am *(one combined service)*

Holy Eucharist with traditional carols

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 1, 2017

10:00 am *(one combined service)*

Holy Eucharist
with Carols for the New Year

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY *(observed)*

Sunday, January 8, 2017

9:00 and 11:00 am

Festival Holy Eucharist
with the procession of The Three Kings

St. John's Church Christmas Flowers & Music Dedication



LAST DAY to dedicate 2016 Christmas Flowers or Music in honor of *or* in memory of a loved one, please fill out this form and include with your donation check together in the collection plate or submit to the Parish Office.

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

Given by:

Amount _____

Check applicable box:

- Please use my contribution to offset the Flower Guild expenses for Christmas.
- Please use my contribution toward the Christmas Music.
- Please use my contribution to offset both the Flower Guild & Christmas Music.

Kindly make your check payable to St. John's Episcopal Church, Georgetown.

Samuel Carabetta, Artistic Director

VOCES 8

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017 AT 5 PM



"A perfect blend of calm contentment and soaring spirit" (London's *The Independent*) VOCES8 makes it's exciting debut in Washington. Touring throughout Europe, Asia, and North America, the British vocal ensemble has become one of the best-loved singing groups in the world. "These eight beautifully integrated solo voices," (Gramophone) promises to deliver a captivating performance.

NATHAN GUNN, BARITONE

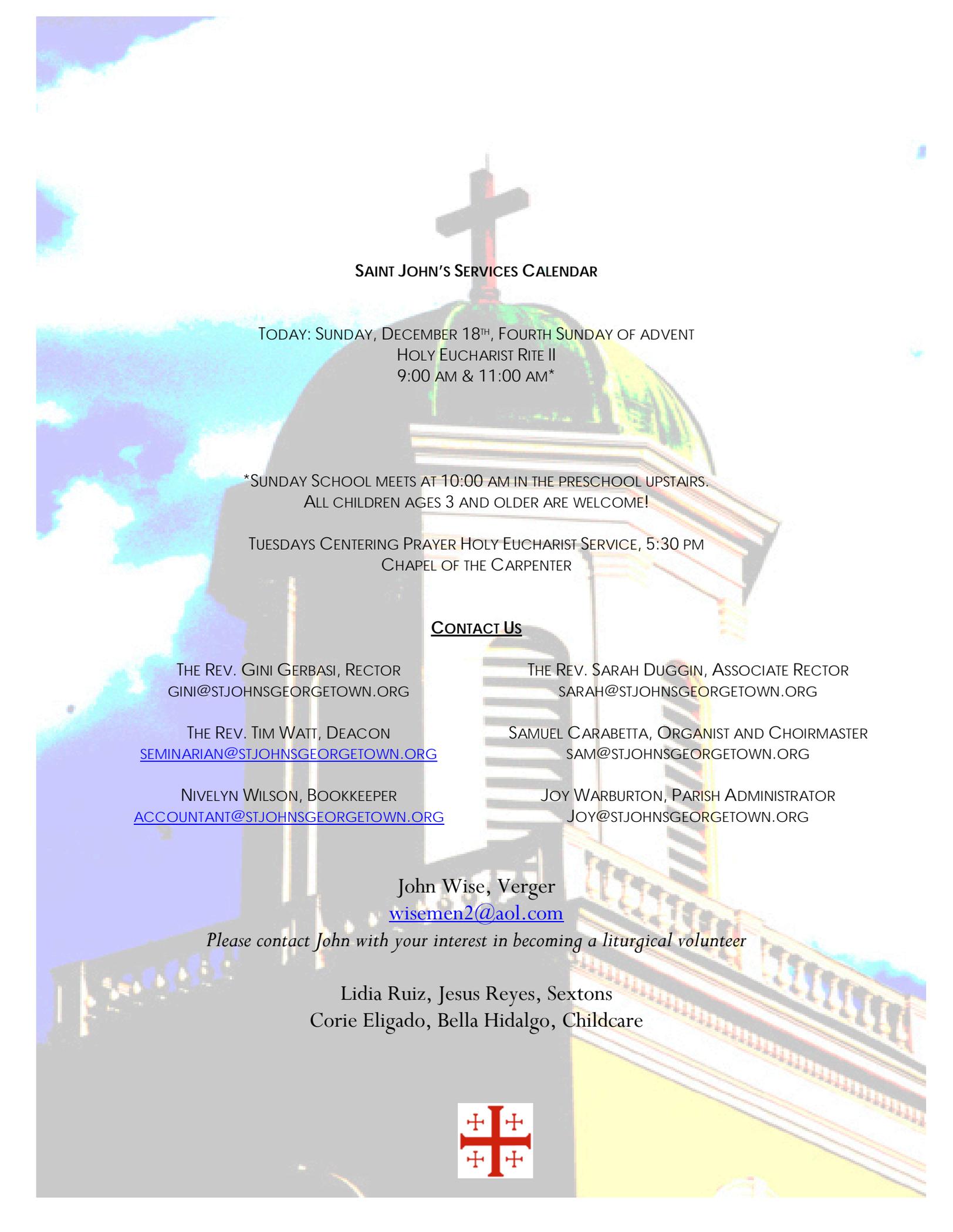
JULIE GUNN, PIANO

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017 AT 5 PM



"Superstar, Nathan Gunn is one of the most charismatic and celebrated baritones of his generation" (*The New York Times*) and has earned international renown for his extraordinary artistry. He has appeared in internationally renowned opera houses such as the Metropolitan Opera House, Royal Opera House, Paris Opera and more.

TICKETS: www.stjohnsgeorgetown.org



SAINT JOHN'S SERVICES CALENDAR

TODAY: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM*

*SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS AT 10:00 AM IN THE PRESCHOOL UPSTAIRS.
ALL CHILDREN AGES 3 AND OLDER ARE WELCOME!

TUESDAYS CENTERING PRAYER HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE, 5:30 PM
CHAPEL OF THE CARPENTER

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