

# *This Week at St. John's*

*December 16, 2007*

## **About the Readings**

### **Isaiah 35:1-10**

The prophet foretells the coming day of the Lord, when his glory will be revealed and his will done on earth as it is in heaven. Note that salvation and judgment are integral to the glory of the Lord which is to be revealed.

### **Psalm 146**

The list of reasons why the psalmist can sing such exultant praise to God reads like a description of Jesus' ministry: "justice to the oppressed," "food to the hungry," "opens the eyes of the blind," "cares for the stranger. . . the fatherless and widow."

### **James 5:7-10**

In this bit of early Christian writing, it is evident that the author believes that the Lord will soon come as the righteous Judge, and that his coming is best prepared for by accepting with patient steadfastness whatever suffering is our lot.

### **Matthew 11:2-11**

Jesus enumerates for John the Baptist's followers evidences that the promised Messiah has come. His words lean heavily on Isaiah 35. Frequently we see how steeped Jesus was in Old Testament Scriptures. Note that he considered John the connecting link between the old order and the new.

(Commentary from *Sunday's Scriptures: An Interpretation* by William Sydnor)

## *Announcements*

**Visitors:** We are glad you have chosen to worship with us at St. John's this morning, and invite you to enjoy coffee and fellowship in the parish hall after the service.

**Child care** is provided from 9:15 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. An usher will assist you.

**The Outreach Ministry Group (OMG)** is collecting "Emergency Food" donations to help Mid-town families during the winter months. Examples: food ready to eat, soups with pull lids, tuna, peanut butter and crackers, ravioli, cereal, baby food, and the like—anything someone could eat even if they don't have the means to cook it. Please think of these people as you go shopping this winter.

**Donation Deadline Today:** Sunday, December 16, is the last day to bring sweat suits and toys for the Christmas donation project.

**Please pick up your 2008 offering envelopes in the parish hall.**

**Open House:** The Annual Rectory Open House is scheduled for January 5, 2008, from 4-7pm.

## **About the Episcopal Church**

**Side Altar:** A small altar off to the side of the main altar in a large church building.

# Intercessions This Week

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for the diocese of Worcester, England; and for the Rt. Rev. John Geoffrey Inge, and for the Rt. Rev. David Stuart Walker.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for the Shepherd of the Hills Church, Branson; The Rev Virginia Brown, Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. James Easter, Deacon, and The Rev. Kathleen Easter, Deacon.

## Birthdays

Dec. 16 Charles Booth  
 Dec. 17 Dixie Anderson  
 Charlee Cierzan  
 Dec. 18 Patrick Kelly McCroskey  
 Dec. 19 Gretchen Becker  
 Dec. 21 Mary Louise Sieger  
 Dec. 22 Janice Hancock

## Anniversaries

Dec. 21 Terry & Mary Branscom

## Faithful Departed

Dec. 16 Joseph Follis  
 Dec. 17 Nile James  
 Martha Winn  
 Dec. 18 Ralph C. Young  
 Dec. 19 Richard Mears  
 Dec. 20 Richard Harvates

## Prayer Requests

Trudy	Maxine
Terri	Dee
Gladys	Susan
Ella	Laurette
Ruth	Jerry
Ken	Dixie
Rachel	Mirth
Pamela	Mary
Buddy	Tony
Carmon	Karol
Darryl	David
Carolyn	Sandra
Harry	Louis
Joe	Laura
Emelia	Kevin
Kathleen	Brenda
Betty	Barbara
Debbie	Nate
Angie	Bill
Hayden	Mona
Peggy	Don
Ron	

## Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass— Rite I</b>
<b>December 16</b>	9:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum
(3 Advent)		Youth Class
	10:15 a.m.	Outreach Ministry Group
	10:30 a.m.	Church School
		<b>Mass— Rite I</b> (sung)
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
<b>December 17</b>	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Feria)	6:00 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>
	6:30 p.m.	Vestry
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
<b>December 18</b>	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Feria)	6:00 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>
	6:30 p.m.	AA (Women's Group)
	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
<b>December 19</b>	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
(Feria)	6:00 p.m.	<b>Mass</b>
	6:30 p.m.	Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Choir and Adult Classes
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
<b>December 20</b>	10:00 a.m.	St. Clare's Crafters
(St. Thomas)	12:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> and anointing
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>December 21</b>		
(Feria)		
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Altar Guild Work Day
<b>December 22</b>	5-6:00 p.m.	Confessions
(Feria)		
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	<b>Mass— Rite I</b>
<b>December 23</b>	9:30 a.m.	Rector's Forum
(4 Advent)		Youth Class
	10:15 a.m.	Church School
	10:30 a.m.	<b>Mass— Rite I</b> (sung)

Names submitted by parishioners will remain on the parish intercession list for 30 days. After 30 days, the names will be removed, unless they are resubmitted. There is no limit on how many times a prayer request can be renewed. This new policy will allow the clergy to better manage the official prayer list of the parish. If you have any questions, please contact Father Miller.

**“What can I give Him,  
 Poor as I am?  
 If I were a shepherd  
 I would bring a lamb,  
 If I were a wise man  
 I would do my part,—  
 Yet what I can I give Him,  
 Give my heart.”**

(Christina Rossetti)



**St. John's Endowment earnings help fund our ministry.  
 Have you named the Endowment in your will  
 or for an end-of-year gift?**