

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist – December 27

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Introit

*In the midst of the congrega- / tion**

He o- / pened his mouth.

*The Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and under- / standing;**

He clothed him with a robe of / glory.



It is good to give thanks / to the Lord,

And to sing praises to Your name, / O Most High;

To declare Your lovingkindness in the / morning,

And Your faithfulness / every night,

On an instrument of / ten strings,

On the lute, And on the harp, With harmo- / nious sound.

For You, Lord, have made me glad / through Your work;

I will triumph in the works / of Your hands.

O Lord, how great / are Your works!

Your thoughts are / very deep.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son*

and to the Holy / Spirit

as it was in the be / ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

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The Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and under- / standing;*

He clothed him with a robe of / glory.

(Antiphon, Ecclesiasticus 15:5; Psalm 92:1-5, NKJV)

Collect

Merciful Lord, we implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that she, being instructed by the doctrines of Your blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John, may attain to the light of everlasting life; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Hosea 14:1-9 *I will heal their waywardness and love them freely*

Gradual: Ecclesiasticus 15:1-6

He that feareth the Lord / will do

and he that hath the knowledge of the law shall ob- / tain her.

And as a mother shall / she meet him,

and receive him as a wife married of a / virgin.

With the bread of understanding shall / she feed him,

and give him the water of wis- / dom to drink.

He shall be stayed upon her, and shall / not be moved;

and shall rely upon her, and shall not be con- / founded.

She shall exalt him above his / neighbors,

and in the midst of the congregation shall she o- / pen his mouth.

He shall find joy and a crown of / gladness,

and she shall cause him to inherit an ever- / lasting name. *(KJV*

Apocrypha)



good,

Epistle: 1 John 1:1-10

That which was from the beginning

Verse

Alle- / luia.*

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This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and / wrote these things;*

and we know that his testimony is true. Alle- / luia. *(John 21:24)*

Holy Gospel: St. John 21:19b-24

The disciple whom Jesus loved

Offertory Psalm

But my horn You have exalted like a / wild ox;

I have been anointed / with fresh oil.

My eye also has seen my desire on my / enemies;

My ears hear my desire on the wicked Who rise up a- / gainst me.

The righteous shall flourish like a / palm tree,

He shall grow like a cedar in / Lebanon.

Those who are planted in the house / of the Lord

Shall flourish in the courts / of our God.

They shall still bear fruit / in old age;

They shall be fresh and / flourishing,

To declare that the Lord is / upright;

He is my rock, and there is no unrighteous- / ness in Him. *(Psalm 92:10-15)*

Pre-communion prayer

Bestow on us, O Lord, the gifts of Thy glorious Body and Blood that believing in Jesus Christ, Your Son, we may have life in His Name; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

Communion Psalm

Then this saying went out among the brethren
that this disciple / would not die.



Yet Jesus did not say to him that he / would not die,
but, “If I will that he remain / till I come,
what *is* / *that* to you?”

(John 21:23)

Post-communion prayer

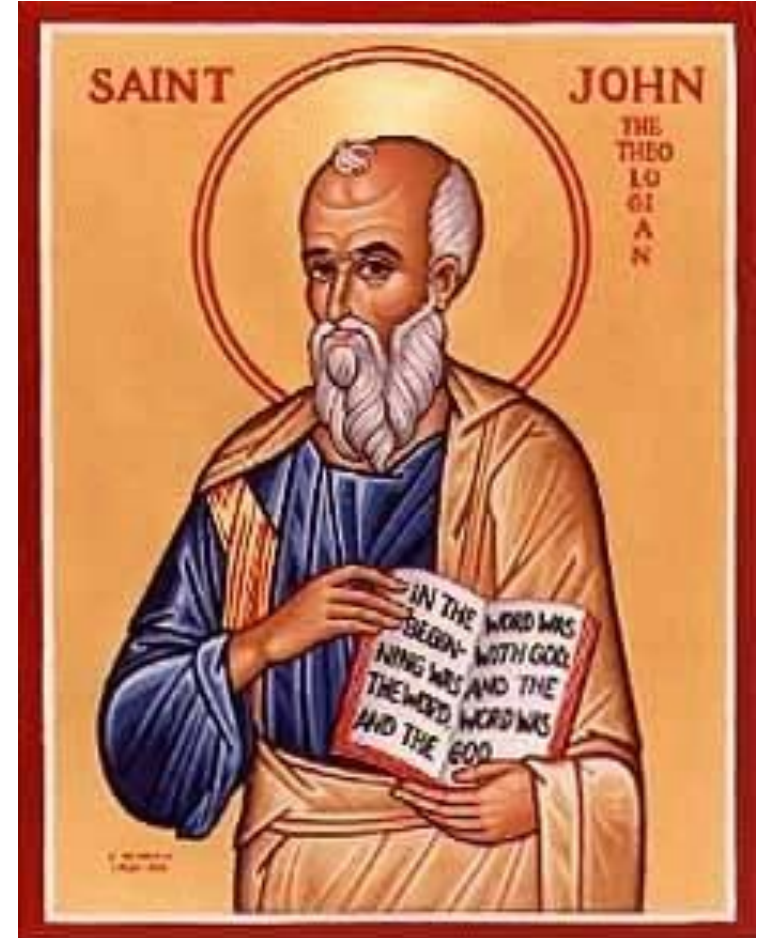
Refreshed with this heavenly food and drink, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that we may be strengthened by the prayers of him in whose memory we have partaken of these mysteries; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

Hymn of the Day

O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word—*LW 341/TLH 266*
By All Your Saints in Warfare—*LW 193:8*

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