



The Nativity of Our Lord

24 December 2025 – 4:00 pm & 9:00 pm

St. John's Episcopal Church

The Holy Eucharist : Rite Two

Organ Voluntary

Variations on Adeste Fidelis, Marcel Dupré

Choir Introit

Hymn 102 - *Once in Royal David's City*

Processional Hymn

Hymn 83 - *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 *4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 *5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem, and see him whose birth the

o'er the plains, and the moun - tains in re - ply
 strains pro - long? Say, what may the ti - dings be
 an - gels sing; come, a - dore on ben - ded knee

e - cho back their joy - ous strains.
 which in - spire your heaven - ly song? Glo -
 Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

The Collect of the Day

One The Lord be with you.
Many **And also with you.**
One Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96 *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
 Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
 ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
 bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
 let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
 he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
 he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
 let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
 let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
 before the LORD when he comes, *
 when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
 and the peoples with his truth.

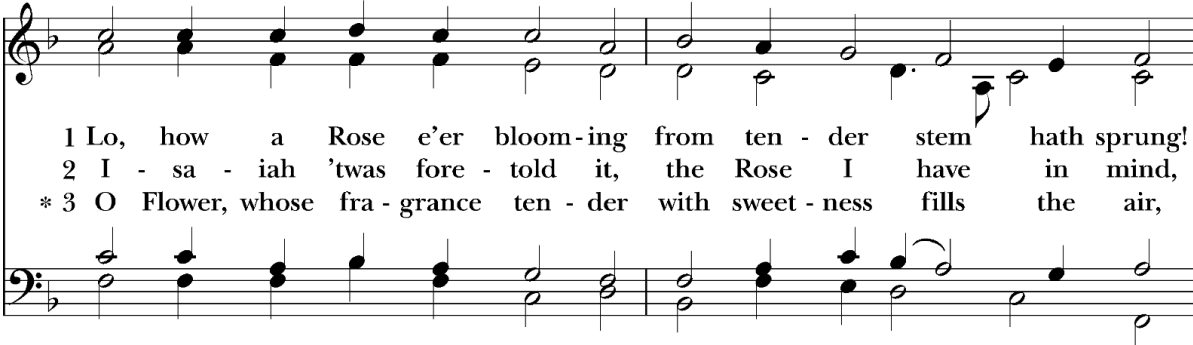
Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

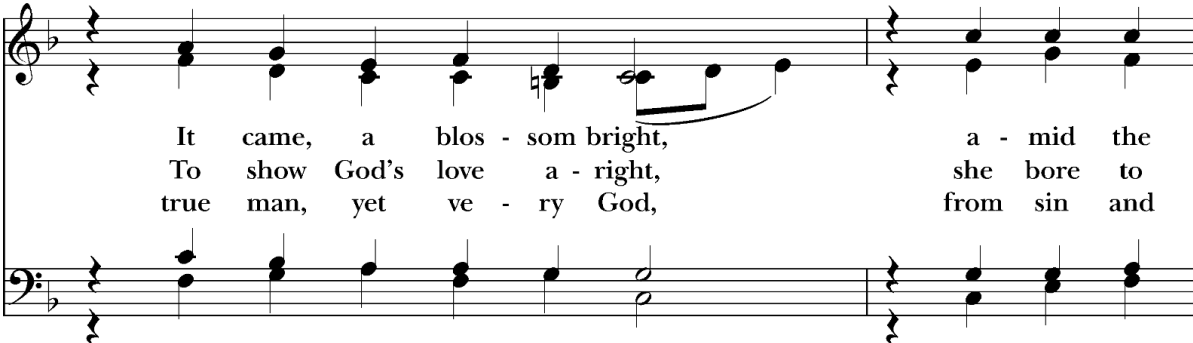
Hymn 81 v 1-2 - *Lo, How a Rose e'er blooming*



1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
 * 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,



Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;



It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and



cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

One The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Many **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

One The Gospel of the Lord.
Many **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn

Hymn 81 v 3 - *Lo, How a Rose e'er blooming*
See printed music before the Gospel reading

Nativity Skit (4:00 pm service)

The Homily

The Rev. Jarrett Kerbel

The Nicene Creed *(said by all, in unison)*

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Gracious and generous God, for the wonderful gift foretold by prophets and born in Bethlehem, Jesus Christ our redeemer, we give you thanks and praise!

For unto us a Savior has been born, who is Christ the Lord.

We beseech you to send your Holy Spirit upon us and all who name the Name of Jesus; that as Christ's Spirit indwells our spirits, we may perform deeds of mercy in his likeness:

For the Promised One has dwelt among us.

We intercede for the Church in all the world that we may serve the work given into our hands, and prosper the Gospel mission:

For the Church's witness to God's Emmanuel.

As Joseph and Mary made a home for their child, we pray for the parents and families of our parish, that the young people entrusted to our care may be nurtured with tender love and discipline; and grant to our children a holy faith, and Christmas joy and wonder:

For you guided Joseph by dream and Mary by vision.

We ask the solace of the Wonderful Counselor for all who are sick or downcast, and for those in any trouble or distress, especially those for whom we now pray (the people may offer their petitions). Sustain, uphold, and restore them, O God:

For the star's bright light dispelled the shepherd's fear.

May the humble circumstances of the holy family stir us to work for the poor, the oppressed, the displaced and unsheltered:

For gifts were brought from afar, and offered at a rude manger.

As you pierced the darkness of that first Christmas night, and began a great work in an unlikely place, through unexpected people, and within a small child, so pierce the night of our darkness, and perform new deeds in our lives:

Behold your servants, O God, and be it done to us according to your will.

Let us pray to the Lord:

O God of stars and journeys and spoken Word made flesh, be born again within us, that we may witness to Christ, strive for his truth, and walk in his love; and all for your Name's sake.

The congregation is invited to offer prayers of thanksgiving, lament, and intercession, aloud or silently.

Silence is kept for open intercessions

Concluding Collect

The Peace

One The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem

“O magnum mysterium” O great mystery - Craig Kingsbury

English translation of O magnum mysterium:

O great mystery,
 and wondrous sacrament,
 that animals should see the new-born Lord
 lying in their manger!
 Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy
 to bear the Lord Jesus Christ.
 Alleluia!

Presentation Hymn

Hymn 115 - *What child is this, who, laid to rest*

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in, such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him 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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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

Hymn S124 - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and

earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

The people stand or kneel for the Prayer of Consecration.

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,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

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 Mary the Mother of God, John the Beloved Disciple and 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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All who hunger gather gladly

All who hun - ger gath - er___ glad - ly;___ ho - ly___ man - na
 All who hun - ger, nev - er___ stran - gers, seek - er,___ be a
 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er,___ Je - sus___ Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and___ wan - d'ring.
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and___ roam - ing. ___
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and___ long - ing. ___

Here in___ truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in___ joy we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in___ peace we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of___ full - ness, all a - round us is our___ food.
 lost and___ scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
 from this___ ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and___ see the grace e - ter - nal. ___
 Taste and___ see the grace e - ter - nal. ___
 Taste and___ see the grace e - ter - nal. ___

Taste and___ see that God is good.
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 Taste and___ see that God is good.

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Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who feel called to receive communion are welcomed at the Lord's Table. Those who do not wish to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ may cross their arms to receive a blessing. If you are not yet baptized and feel called to join the body of Christ, please see the Priest after the service.

Communion

Communion Hymns

Hymn 87 - *Hark! the herald angels sing*

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

Hymn 89 - *It came upon the midnight clear*

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

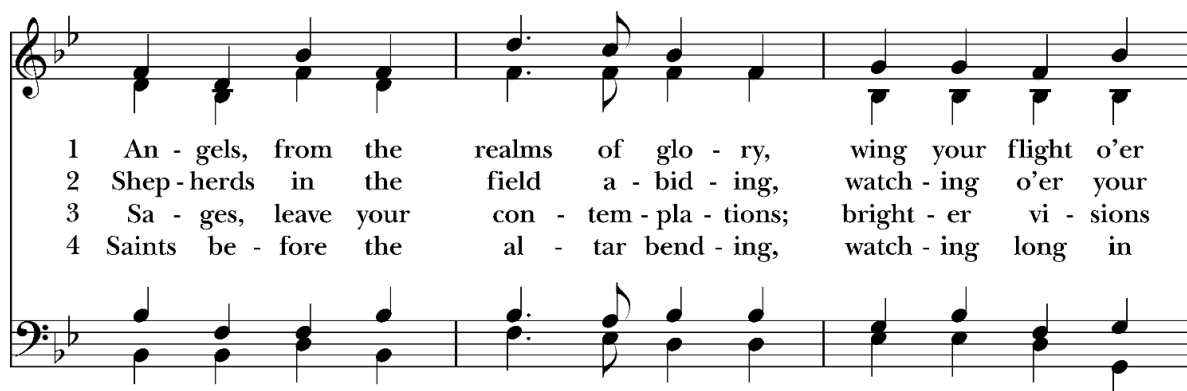
near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

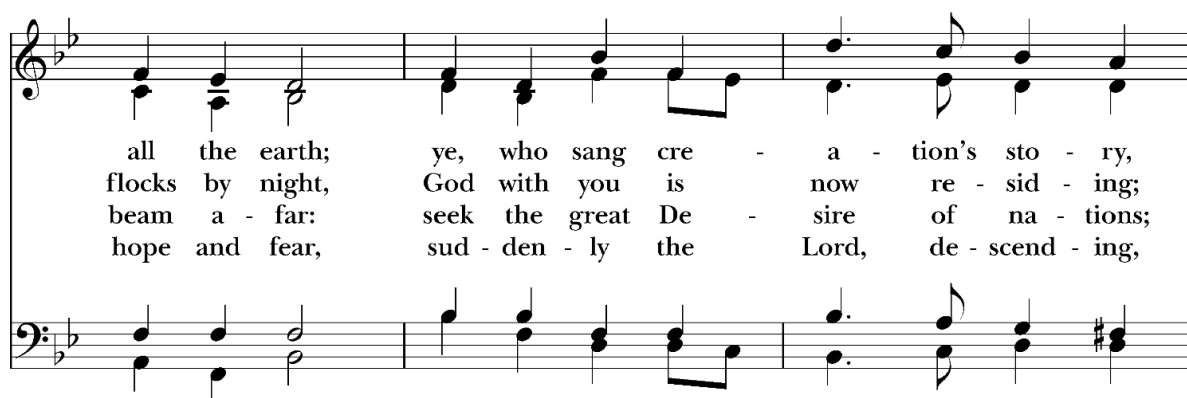
heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.


Hymn 93 - Angels, from the realms of glory



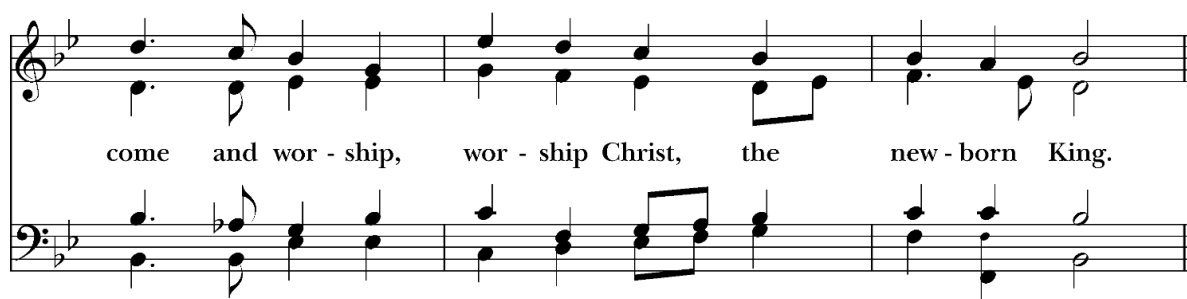
1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in



all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,



Refrain
 now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:



come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Hymn 99 - Go tell it on the mountain

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their
2 The shep - herds feared and
3 Down in a low - ly

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

Repeat Refrain

hold, through - out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Candles are lit. During the singing of the hymn that follows, the candles that have been distributed are lighted from the Choir's candles and then shared. Please lean the unlit candle to the lighted one to prevent wax spilling.

Hymn 111 - Silent Night

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

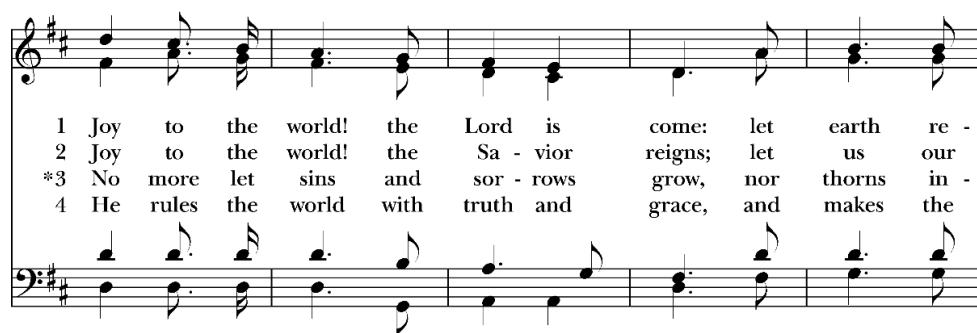
Post Communion Prayer

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.

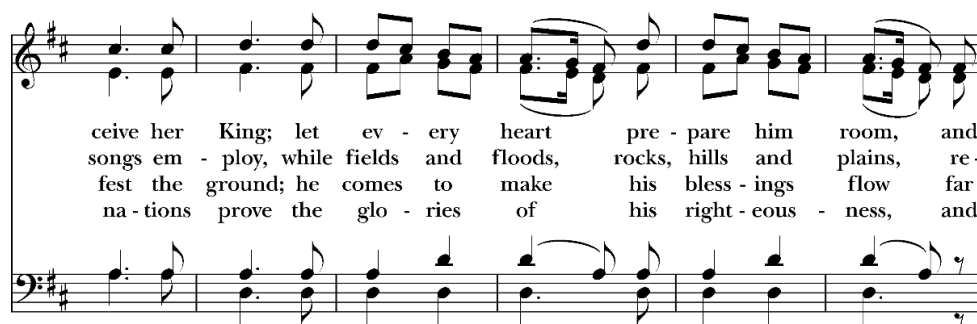
The Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 100 - *Joy to the World!*



1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and



heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and



sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

The Dismissal

Celebrant
All

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christmas Flowers and Greens

Given to the Greater Glory of God as Thank Offerings and in Thanksgiving for, or in Loving Memory, or in Honor of:

Bruce Barkley
Clare Barkley
Gayle Boone
Dorothy & Bill Collins
Kay & Richard Deshaies
Carroll H. Faulkner
Bill Ford
Jack Ford
Orlando Frati, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Edson L. George, Sr.
Edson L. George, Jr.
Miller George
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Betty Hamilton
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Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church

Since 1835, St. John's has been a place of worship and inspiration to people of many and varied backgrounds. We are glad you're here this evening continuing the tradition!

If you are new or visiting with us tonight, we extend our welcome and invite you to come and worship with us again. Please sign a Newcomer card in the pew and or introduce yourself to the clergy and greeters.

The Children's Corner at the back of the church has "busy bags" containing quiet activities to occupy your child. Please help yourself to a bag and be sure to return it to the basket after the service.

Large Print and Braille editions of the Book of Common Prayer as well as assisted-listening devices are available at the back of the church for your use during the service. Please return them at the conclusion of the service. An usher will be happy to assist you.

Restrooms are located down the stairs on either side of the Undercroft (basement). The elevator is currently out of order; there is an accessible bathroom in the Choir Vesting Room, located between the elevator and the staircase. When you enter the Vesting Room, go to the right and the bathroom will be on the left.

For those allergic to wheat, gluten-free (rice) wafers are available for Communion. If you would like to have these special wafers, please indicate this by crossing your hands upside down.

Wine will be offered in the Common Cup, and you may choose to drink from it or not. If you choose not to drink, please be assured that Communion "in one kind" (bread only) still conveys all the spiritual benefits of both kinds! When we gather at the Communion Rail, **you may ask an usher for Communion to be brought to your seat**, and they will let the priest know. Crossing your arms indicates that you prefer receiving a blessing instead of the elements.

Sunday Eucharist service is celebrated at 10:00 am in person and live streamed on YouTube.

Morning Prayer is said on Facebook and Zoom Monday-Friday, and in person in the Bethlehem Chapel Tuesday-Friday at 9:00am.

Evening Prayer is said on Zoom at 5:30pm Monday-Friday.

Wednesday Evening Eucharist is held in person at 5:30pm.

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