

December 28, 2025
The Feast of St. John
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

"Our mission is to know and to share the love of Jesus Christ"

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Organ Voluntary


In Dulci Jubilo- Setting by Paul Manz

Processional Hymn

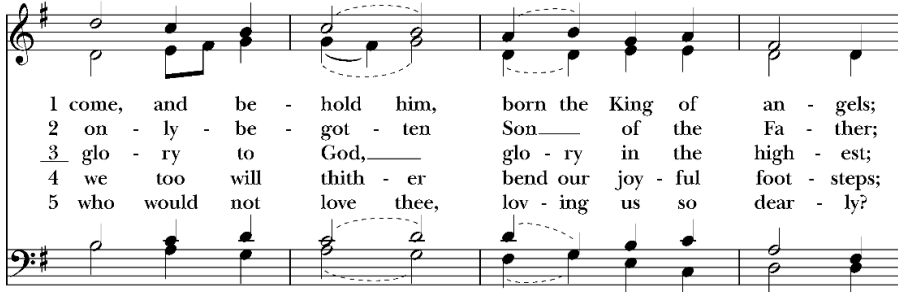
Hymn 83 - *O come, all ye faithful*



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

Opening Acclamation

One Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Many **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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.

Hymn 96 Angels We Have Heard on High v. 1, 4

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

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

The Collect

Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light, that we, being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of your truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading: Exodus 33:18-23

Moses said to God, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14 *Bonum est confiteri*

Sung by the choir

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 5 [LORD, how great are your works! *
your thoughts are very deep.
- 6 The dullard does not know,
nor does the fool understand, *
that though the wicked grow like weeds,
and all the workers of iniquity flourish,
- 7 They flourish only to be destroyed for ever; *
but you, O LORD, are exalted for evermore.

- 8 For lo, your enemies, O LORD,
lo, your enemies shall perish, *
and all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
- 9 But my horn you have exalted like the horns of wild bulls; *
I am anointed with fresh oil.]
- 10 My eyes also gloat over my enemies, *
and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of the wicked who rise up against
me.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1-9

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

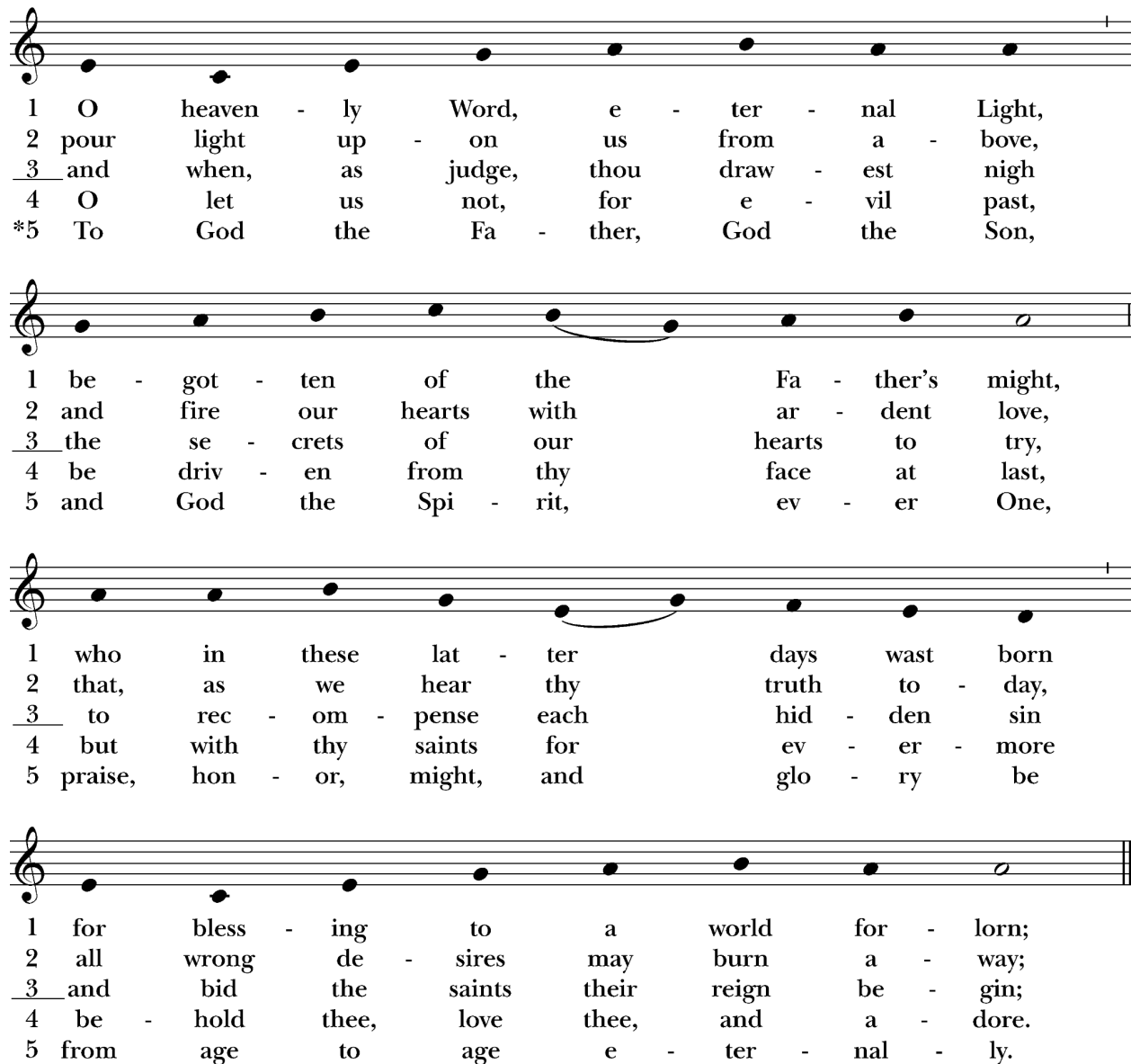
This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 63 vs 1-3 - *O heavenly Word, eternal Light*



1 O heaven - ly Word, e - ter - nal Light,
 2 pour light up - on us from a - bove,
 3 and when, as judge, thou draw - est nigh
 4 O let us not, for e - vil past,
 *5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

1 be - got - ten of the Fa - ther's might,
 2 and fire our hearts with ar - dent love,
 3 the se - crets of our hearts to try,
 4 be driv - en from thy face at last,
 5 and God the Spi - rit, ev - er One,

1 who in these lat - ter days wast born
 2 that, as we hear thy truth to - day,
 3 to rec - om - pense each hid - den sin
 4 but with thy saints for ev - er - more
 5 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be

1 for bless - ing to a world for - lorn;
 2 all wrong de - sires may burn a - way;
 3 and bid the saints their reign be - gin;
 4 be - hold thee, love thee, and a - dore.
 5 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Gospel: John 21:19b-24

One: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Many: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me."

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!" So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die.

Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true.

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

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 63 vs 4-5 - *O heavenly Word, eternal Light*
See printed music before the Gospel reading

The Sermon

The Rev. Jarrett Kerbel

The Nicene Creed

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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

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

We will recount the gracious deeds and the praiseworthy acts of the Lord; for Christ is born, a savior in our distress:

Praise the Lord, sun and moon and shining stars.

Our delight is in the babe of Bethlehem lying in the manger, in the redemption brought by the holy child Jesus, and in the yearly remembrance of his birth, moving us to hymns and songs of praise:

Praise the Lord who made the heavens to stand fast.

We pray for peace and justice in all the earth, for goodwill between peoples, for the poor and helpless, the hungry and oppressed to whom Christ summons us in service:

Praise the Lord, fire and hail, snow and fog.

We pray for those who know loneliness in this season of reunion, that they may feel the comfort of divine visitation:

Praise the Lord, tempestuous wind, mountains and all hills.

As Jesus took captive human suffering and sanctified the travail of the least of his brothers and sisters, move us to lift burdens too heavy to bear and to care for those in any need or trouble:

Praise the Lord, young and old together.

As you commissioned Joseph to rescue the infant Jesus from Herod's terror, help us strive for children everywhere, and most especially for the neglected, the vulnerable, and those in daunting circumstance:

Praise the Lord; exalt God's Name in all the earth.

We bless you for Christmas joy, and pray to share in your calling and commission, that the work begun at Bethlehem may continue in our lives and in the witness of this parish church:

God has raised up a people to draw near!

We pray for every person God will send our way. May their hearts be opened to new life in Christ and may we be prepared to share that life with them.

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me.

Silence is kept.

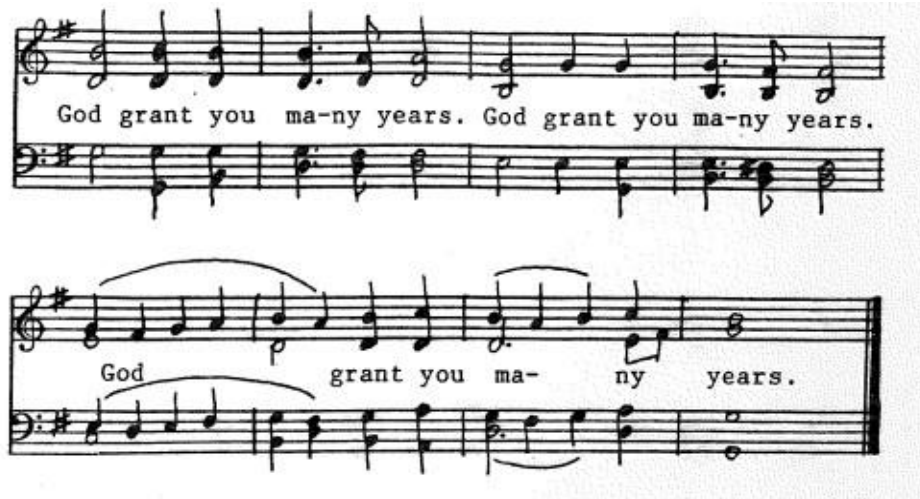
The congregation is invited to offer prayers of thanksgiving, lament, and intercession, aloud or silently.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings



The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Verbum caro factum est - Music by Louis Halsey

Translation: The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory,
the glory as of the only begotten of the Father - John 1:14

Doxology with Alleluias

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures

here be - low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a -

bove, ye heav'n - ly host, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Thomas Ken, 1709; alt.

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The Great Thanksgiving

The_ Lord be_ with_ you. And_ al - so with you.

Lift_ up your hearts._ We lift_ them to_ the Lord._

Let us give thanks_ to the Lord_ our God.

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 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus - Hymn S 125 - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Many: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Hymn 761 - *All who hunger gather gladly v. 1, 3*



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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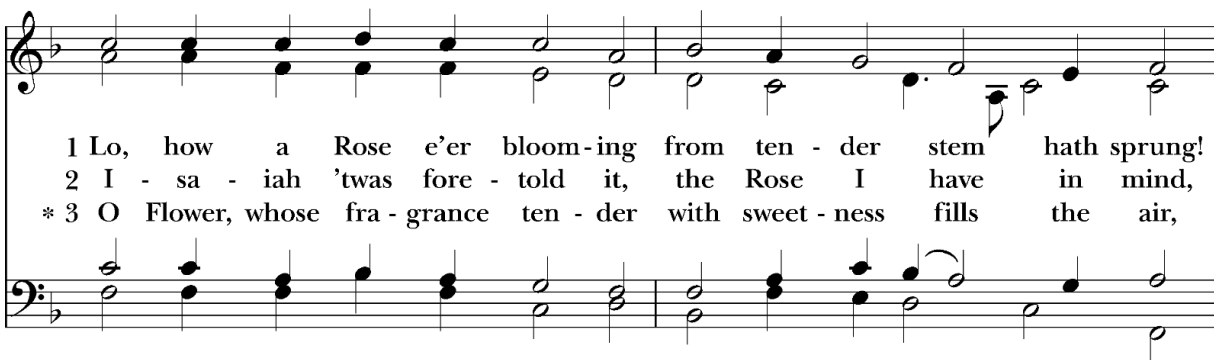
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Invitation to Communion

Communion

Communion Hymns

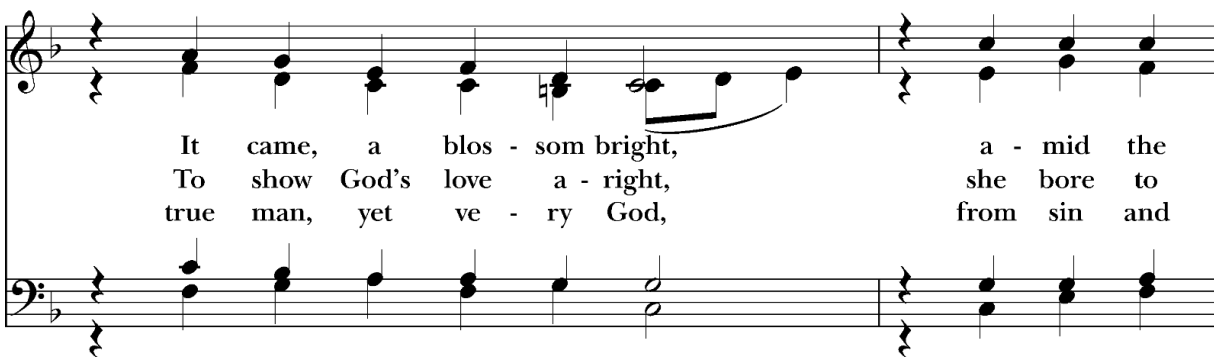
Hymnal 81 - *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*



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.

Hymnal 112 - *In the bleak midwinter*



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor — earth sus - tain;
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
 4 What — can I give him, poor — as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim throng - ed the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow — on — snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a wise — man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord — God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

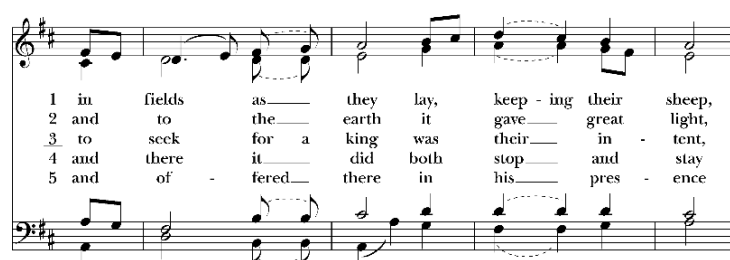
Hymnal 109 - *The first Nowell the angel did say*



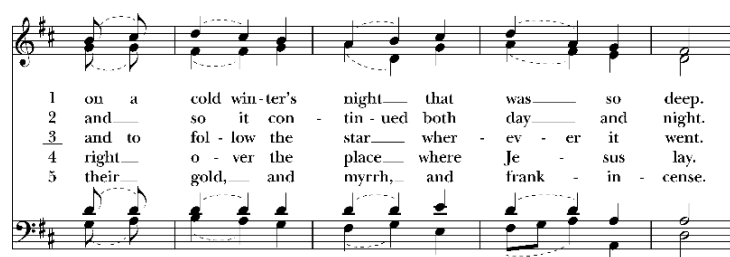
1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star
 3 And by the light of that same star
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three



1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far;
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
 5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,



1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 4 and there it did both stop and stay
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence



1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

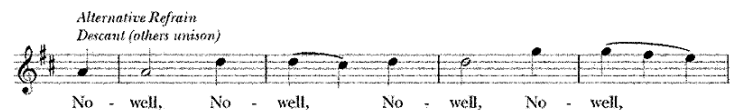


born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

Alternative Refrain
Descant (others unison)



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

**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.**

Sending out Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. With whom will you share this communion?

Eucharistic Visitors: (they say the names of those they will visit.)

Congregation: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread one cup.**

Final Blessing

Announcements

Hymn at the Retiring Procession

Hymnal 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!

Dismissal

One: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Many: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ Voluntary

Go Tell It- Setting by Paul Manz

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Parish Prayer list

If you would like to add or reinstate a name or concern for our parish prayer list, please contact the church office or prayers@stjohnsbangor.org.

For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed, and for those who have requested prayer:

Donald H., Susan J., Judy S., and Frank S. **Continued prayers for** – Kelly M., Katie B., Ross M., Claude K., Esther R., Everett M., MarLynne M., Russell M., Kyra H., Persis S., Duane P., Donald K., Jane Z., Steve S., Margaret C., Elena B., Jay B., Susan S., Loretta, Kent C., David B., and Jane P.

For our Homebound Members: Lilly P., Earlene B., and Eileen H.

For the World: for Peace and Goodwill among Nations and for peoples in places of violence or oppression, and for the many places in our world where there is danger and desperation. We continue to pray for the people in Ukraine and the Holy Land, especially for the people in Gaza in this time of great suffering, and for the innocent people of Sudan caught in a brutal civil war. For an end to war and all forms of violence. For all who suffer for conscience's sake. For our enemies and those who wish us harm. For all suffering effects of climate change and of natural disasters. For refugees, immigrants, and those who are displaced.

For our Nation: For the healing of divisions and the celebration of diversity; for the recognition that no single viewpoint on any issue, no matter how important, is without human error; and for all who struggle to change our world and its systems of oppression and exploitation.

For the Leaders of our Country, State and Community: Donald J. Trump, President; Members of Congress, especially, Susan Collins, Angus King, Chellie Pingree, Jared Golden of Maine; Janet Mills our Governor; and Susan Hawes our Mayor; for those who administer justice in the courts of this land, that they all may serve our nation and the world with wisdom, civility, and compassion.

For our Military Personnel, especially those of this Parish: Sarah M., Dillan L., and Joshua M. and we also give Thanksgiving for all veterans and their willingness to lay down their lives for our country.

With Thanksgiving for the lives of those celebrating birthdays during the coming week including: David S., Kristin W., Faith E., Robert F., Harper K. and Nancy M.

For the Departed: Chris Royal

Serving on Sunday December 28th:

Lectors – David F., Nancy D. and Kelsi H.
Acolytes – Eric G., Ruth G. and Edmund H.
Chalice Bearers – Robert F. and Grant P.
Ushers – Ken H. and Jeff P.
Counters – Rex B., Marsha C. and Delores L.
Streaming - Barbara C.

Serving on Sunday January 4th:

Lectors – Robert F., Scott B. and Michele V.
Acolytes – Grant P., Isaac P. and Obi O.
Chalice Bearers – TBD
Ushers – Andy and Patty H.
Counters – Mary W. and Paul J.
Streaming - Jim B.

This Week at St. John's

2026 Stewardship update

Thank you to everyone who has generously made a pledge in our 2026 campaign. We are off to a great start. 66 households handed in cards totaling \$224,701 for our 2026 budget. WOW! Thank you so much. If you have not yet made a pledge and would like to, pledge cards can be found in the pews and at the back of the church. You may place them in the collection plate or mail them to the office at 225 French St. Bangor ME 04401. Thank you so much for your continued support of St. John's.

Vestry Nominations

Seeking Leaders for the Vestry: The St. John's Vestry is accepting nominations to serve on the Vestry for a three year term beginning in February 2026. A member in good standing (someone who attends worship regularly, is active in at least one ministry, and is giver of record through a pledge or other identifiable financial gift) may nominate themselves or someone else in the congregation for Vestry. In the latter case we recommend that you consult with the person you wish to nominate. The names of nominees may be submitted to the Wardens Robert Ford and Jeff Perry or the Rector, Jarrett Kerbel. A nominating committee will create a slate of candidates who will be elected at the Annual Meeting in January 2026. The elections are not competitive, i.e. we nominate only enough people for the leadership positions available.

Christian Theology Class

Our next class will be held on Tuesday, January 6th, on [Zoom](#) at 6:30pm, covering Chapter Fourteen "Human Nature, Sin, and Grace" from the book Christian Theology: An Introduction. Please review the following video prior to the class -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGosdENjpW4&t=40s>. If you have any questions or would like more information about joining the class, please contact Pat S.

Considering Baptism?

The next opportunity for Baptism will be Sunday, January 11th, which is "Baptism of Our Lord Sunday." Please reach out to Rev. Kerbel if you are interested in Baptism on that day or on another day in January or the first week of February. We take a break from Baptism during Lent and resume on the Sunday after Easter.

Together Place Warming Center Seeking Volunteers

The Together Place Peer-Run Recovery Center (Across from the YMCA) is currently operating a much needed warming center for our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness. Volunteers are needed for two volunteer shifts, 7:00 PM–12:00 AM and 12:00 AM–7:00 AM. In total, there are 56 shifts that need to be covered each week. Volunteers assist with security check-ins, running totes, monitoring bathrooms, and helping maintain a safe and respectful environment. I will be volunteering for a shift so please join me if that will make you more comfortable responding to this opportunity to serve God's beloved. Potential volunteers can reach out directly to Nicole Demont at 207-852-6157. - Jarrett

Great Wednesday returns January 14th

5:30pm - Holy Eucharist in the Church

6:00pm - Dinner in the Undercroft, Suggested donation \$5.00.

7:00pm - Bible Study Class in the Bethlehem Chapel

Acts of the Apostles, beginning with the Conversion of St. Paul (also available on Zoom)

Those attending from home should have their Bible handy. Those attending in person will have Bibles provided

Announcements and Prayer Requests

Please be sure to submit all announcements and prayer requests to the office by noon on Thursday for them to be included in the weekly announcements and bulletins.

Thank you!

What's Happening

- **TODAY, 10:00am:** Wear your “Ugly Christmas Sweater” to worship, in-person and online followed by coffee hour in the Undercroft. Nursery and Sunday School are available during the service.
- **TODAY, 7:00pm:** AA meeting in the Undercroft.
- **Monday, December 29th - Friday, January 2nd:** The Parish Office will be closed
- **Wednesday, December 31st, 5:00pm:** Contemplative Worship in the Style of Taize
- **Saturday, January 3rd, 10:00am:** Epiphany Pageant rehearsal
- **Sunday, January 4th, 10:00am:** Worship, in-person and online followed by coffee hour in the Undercroft. Nursery and Sunday School are available during the service.
- **Sunday, January 4th, 7:00pm:** AA meeting in the Undercroft.

For more information about these and future events, as well as ways to get involved, check out stjohnsbangor.org.

Opportunities to pray together:

Sunday Eucharist 10:00am in person and on YouTube

New Year's Eve - 5:00pm

Morning Prayer, Mon-Fri, 9:00 am on Zoom and Facebook, Tuesday - Friday in person in the Chapel**

Evening Prayer, Mon-Fri, 5:15pm on Zoom**

****Morning and Evening Prayer will take a holiday pause following the Morning Prayer on Christmas Eve, both will return on January 2nd.****

The Ministers: *All the members of this church because
we believe in the "priesthood of all believers"
(1 Peter 2:5).*

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