

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL
& AFRICAN PALMS USA

christmas eve

DECEMBER 24, 2025

7:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST



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~ CALLED BY CHRIST IN LOVE. TO LIVE IN TRUTH AND ACTION ~

Welcome to St. John's Church

We are a diverse faith community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us.

We love the beauty of worship, and live into the faithful and constant commitment towards seeking social and economic justice and reconciliation among all peoples.

We come from across the globe, with varied family configurations, educational backgrounds, occupations, interests, and talents and invite you to join us.

If you are visiting our church for the first time, please introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the Clergy. We have a small gift for you from the parish.

If you are seeking a spiritual home, please speak with the Clergy.



Children are welcome at all services

If you have little worshipers with you today who might enjoy coloring, Play-Do, or a Rubik's cube, these can be found at either entrance.

SUNDAY @ ST. JOHN'S

8am	<i>Worship with Eucharist, no music, in the Sanctuary</i>
9am	<i>Adult Forum: Book & discussion group in the undercroft Meeting Room</i>
9:45am	<i>Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall</i>
10:30am	<i>Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary</i>
12-1pm	<i>Middle & High School Youth Group</i>

~ We Welcome our Guest Musician ~

Nicole Boguslaw on cello

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Patapan

A Babe is Born, All of a Maid

I Saw Three Ships

Rise Up Shepherd and Foller

Tu Scendi Alla Stelle

Alleluia

arr. Reit

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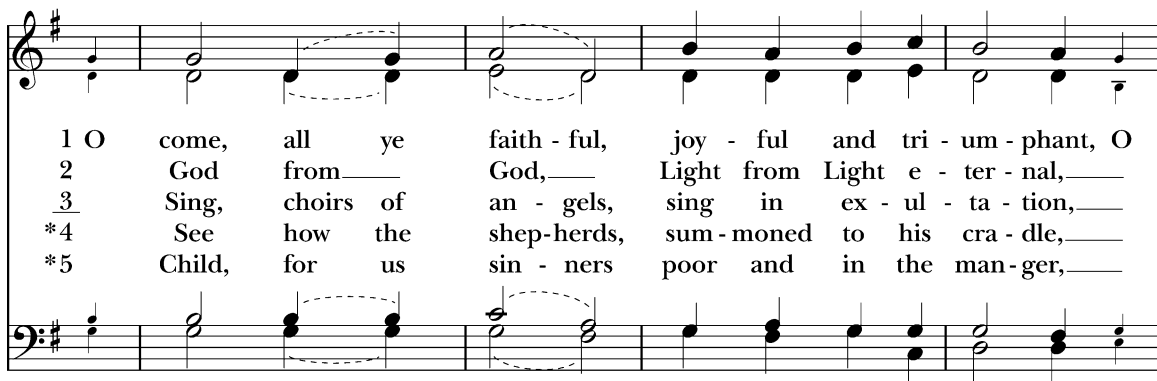
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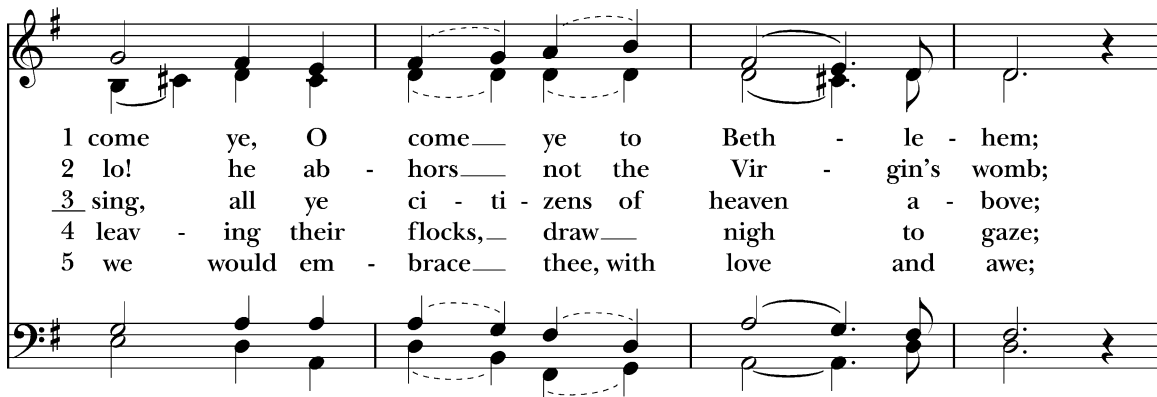
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Hymn #83 (Stanzas vs. 1, 2, 3 and 6)

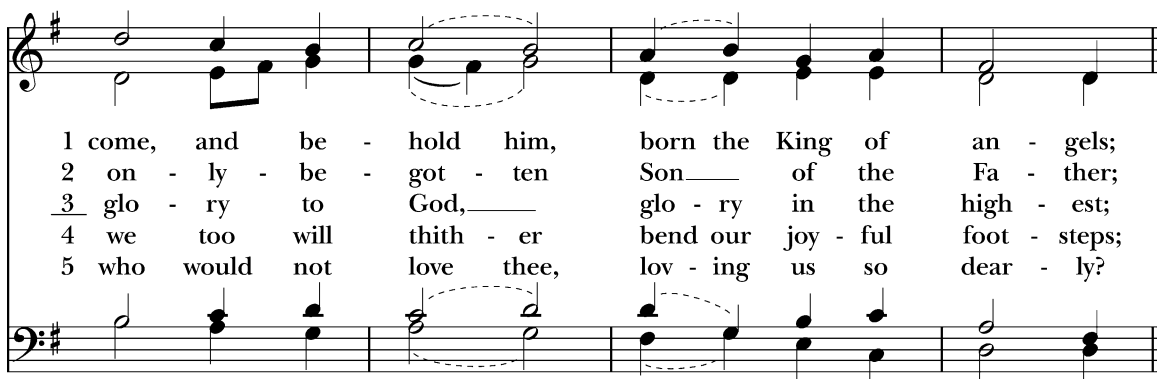
O Come, all ye faithful



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.

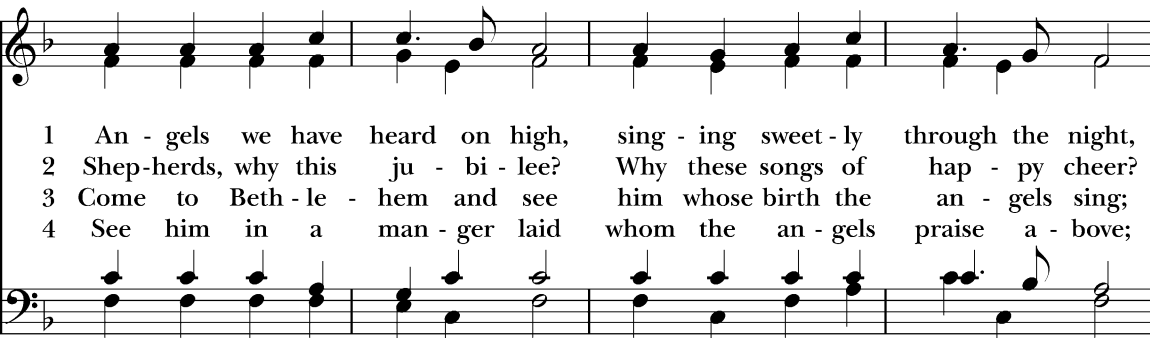
6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

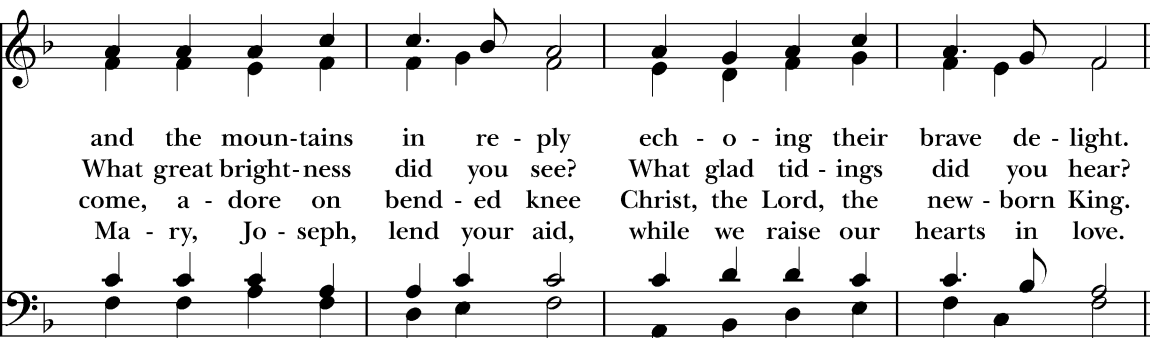
Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others. Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The *English Hymnal*, 1906.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed are you, Holy and Loving One.
<i>People</i>	You come to your people and set them free.



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;

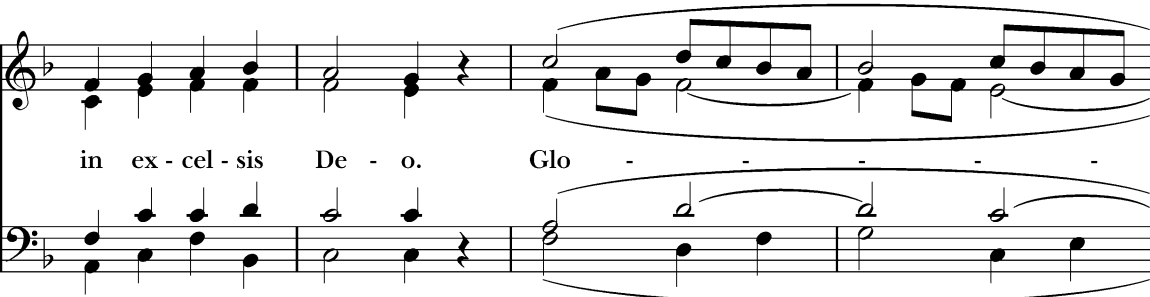


and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

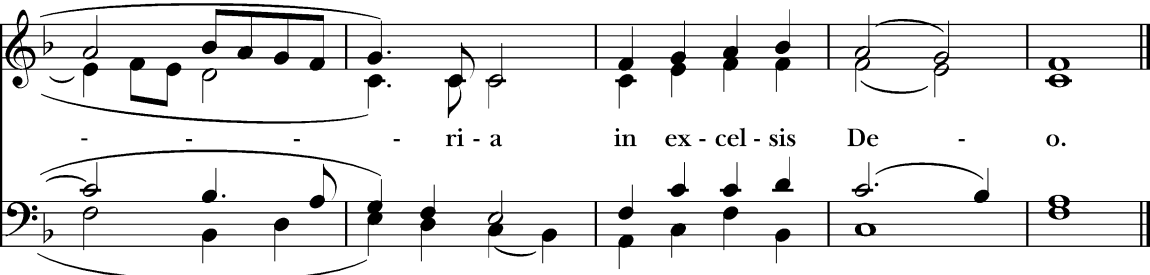
Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a



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



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

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96

- 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.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.


People



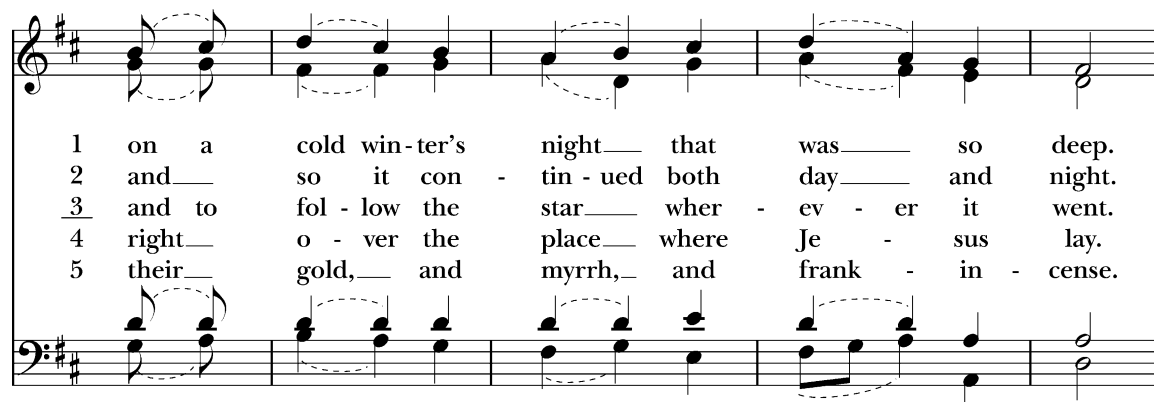
1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star
 3 And by the light of that same star
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three



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

Words: English Carol, 18th cent. Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901); alt. refrain harm. and desc. Healey Willan (1880-1968). Alternative setting with descant, Copyright © 1926, by Oxford University Press, Inc.

Luke 2:1-20

People

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Shivaun Wilkinson

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

My sisters and brothers in the peace of God, all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days are but small tokens of the gift that shines forth in God's word made flesh this night. From grateful hearts let us intercede for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field might be realized on every field of war and on every street of violence, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the child born to us might find in our hearts warm welcome by our openness to the needs of the homeless and the hungry, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That in this time of gift-giving we might become more responsive to the abandoned, the despairing, and the mourning, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the rejoicing of this day might be a bond leading us to true communion of life and worship, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the joy and consolation of the Wonderful Counselor might enliven all who are struck down by disease and illness especially in our prayer today, we pray for: **Anne, Sara, Aurora, Katie, Carole, Ivy, Steve, Celeste, and Mary**, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the blessed hope we celebrate this night might be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this night by the utterance of your word in our flesh. May our words of praise and petition be strong echoes of your Christmas word, so that all might come to the peace you promise in Jesus, who is Lord and God this night and forever. **Amen**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The People greet one another with a sign of God's peace. After the peace, the People are seated.

Anthem: Hodie

Narverud

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

People Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

Hymn #S125

Richard Proulx

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.

Music: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1971, 1977 GIA Publications, Inc.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **Amen**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, in the language closest to our hearts, 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Padre nuestro,
que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre;
venga a nosotros tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad en la tierra
como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;
no nos dejes caer en la tentación,
y líbranos del mal. Amén.**

The Breaking of the Bread

WLP #866

The musical score is written for three parts: Cantor, Choir, and Congregation & Choir. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff shows the Cantor part in 3/4 time, followed by the Choir part in 4/4 time, and then the Congregation & Choir part in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -". The second staff continues the lyrics: "ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;". The third staff continues: "There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.". The fourth staff concludes with: "Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.".

Cantor Choir Congregation & Choir

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -

ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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The Gifts of God for the People of God

This is God's table; communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. You can receive in both kinds, bread, and wine, or in just one. To receive communion, or a blessing, please come forward to the priest at the front of the altar. To receive bread put your hands out, to receive wine, please drink from the chalice. For health reasons, we do not intinct (dip) the bread. To receive a blessing cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest.

Communion Music: What Child is This?

arr. Larter

After Communion

Hymn #111

Silent night, holy 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.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885). Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910).

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

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.

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

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Dismissal

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Il est Ne

arr. Bish



Christmas Flowers & Music

GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Al Barth

*Christmas Altar Flowers in memory of Edith Barth;
and Christmas Music in memory of June Thompson.*

Elaine Bentley

*Christmas Altar Flowers in memory of Louise Lincoln; and
Christmas Music in memory of Ron Bernier.*

MaryAnn Britton

*Christmas Altar Flowers in memory of Richard Lee Britton,
Mary Patton, and Gladys Seegers; and Christmas Music in
thanksgiving of my children, grandchildren, and great
grandchildren.*

Bree Bruemmer

*Christmas Music given with thanksgiving to the Community
of St. John's.*

Garnett & Virginia Bryant

*Christmas Music in memory of the life of
Joseph Allen Bryant, III.*

Maureen Cook

Christmas Music in memory of Peter John Cheung.

Andy & Mathy Downing

*Christmas Altar Flowers in thanksgiving of our beloved
daughter, Caroline Suzanne, and in memory of our loving
angel child, Candace Leigh.*

Glen & Kay Drew

*Christmas Altar Flowers in thanksgiving of Elizabeth, Amy,
Sarah & Mel; and Christmas Music in thanksgiving of
Sarah & Mel.*

Patrick & Ellen Dunn

*Christmas Altar Flowers in memory of Elizabeth and John
Vodges.*

Roberta & Hans Feldhausen

*Christmas Altar Flowers in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony
Stepnek, and Mr. Soren Arn-Velschugel; and Christmas Music
in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ashton Locke Worrall, Jr.*

Pam & Bill Fleming

*Christmas Music in memory of Col. & Mrs. W.H. Fleming,
and Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Wandell.*

Kay & John Flickinger

*Christmas Altar Flowers in honor of our children,
grandchildren & great grandchildren.*

Sheri Hall

*Christmas Altar Flowers in thanksgiving of the Hall and Foley
families.*

Ken & Meredith Hambright	<i>Christmas Music given to the Glory of God.</i>
The Headen Family	<i>Christmas Altar Flowers given to the glory of God.</i>
Dawn & Bruce Hohl	<i>Christmas Music is given in thanks for our daughters, Selina, Maua, Brenna, their partners, Chris, David, and Turner; and our wonderful grandchildren, Seraphina, Harlan and Everett. We are blessed!</i>
Alexis & David Huey	<i>Christmas Altar Flowers and Music in honor of Loved Ones.</i>
David & Mary Kerr	<i>Christmas Altar Flowers in memory of Bruce, Jane, Betsy & Mary Lou; and Christmas Music in thanksgiving of our families and many blessings.</i>
Jenny & Will Lederer	<i>Christmas Music in thanksgiving of our children and grandchildren.</i>
Jay Lozier & Mary Lou McMaster	<i>Christmas Music in memory of Mr. James B. Calvert, Mr. Samuel Rhinesmith, Mr. Harvey Woodruff, and Ms. Lois Strother.</i>
Tina Madison	<i>Christmas Altar Flowers and Music in thanksgiving of my children and grandchildren and in memory of Glen William Madison, beloved husband.</i>
Charles & Mary McQueen	<i>Christmas Altar Flowers in memory of our parents, Dr. Kent & Priscilla McQueen, and Elliott & Amelia Swanson; and Christmas Music in honor of our children and grandchildren.</i>
Lee & Julie Metcalf	<i>Christmas Altar Flowers & Music in memory of our beloved parents - Edward and Julia Metcalf.</i>
Richard Mitchell, Laura Lucs, and Fiona Mitchell	<i>Christmas Altar Flowers in memory of Christine Mitchell.</i>
Christina & Haruhiko Murata	<i>Christmas Altar Flowers in gratitude for life's blessings.</i>
Becca Roberson	<i>Christmas flowers are given by Becca Roberson in honor of her children Bryson and Camden Turett who brighten up her life; and Christmas Music is given by Bryson and Camden Turett and Becca Roberson in memory on Rev. Whitney Wherrett Roberson who loved everything about Christmas but especially the music.</i>
Jere & Dar Rowland	<i>Christmas Music in thanksgiving of St. John's Episcopal Church, our spiritual home.</i>

Amibeth Salvatore	<i>Christmas Altar Flowers and Music in memory of Michael Sheridan.</i>
Robert & Victoria Schellhase	<i>Christmas Music given to the Glory of God.</i>
Selva & Rosabel Selvarajah	<i>Christmas Music in memory of Rosabel's dad – Vincent, who loved music.</i>
Katherine Shapiro	<i>Christmas Altar Flowers in loving memory of my family and friends.</i>
Shelley Spencer	<i>Christmas Music in memory of my mother, Judith Spencer, who brought music to my life.</i>
Nancy Stockbridge	<i>Christmas Music in memory of Julie Collins and Torry Thomas.</i>
Lois Taylor & Stephen Simpson	<i>Christmas Music in memory of our parents.</i>
The Tust Family	<i>Christmas Altar Flowers in thanksgiving of our family and friends.</i>

The Church Office will be CLOSED
December 24 through January 2

In case of pastoral emergency please call the office and leave a message
or email pastoralcare@stjec.org.





Epiphany a service of light

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 @ 5PM

Pageant . Chalk Blessing . Spaghetti Dinner

- **EPIPHANY SERVICE**

Please join us as we celebrate the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ on Saturday, January 10th at 5pm. The evening begins with a wonderful evening Epiphany prayer service, Christmas/Epiphany pageant, followed by a casual spaghetti dinner in the Parish Hall. We invite you to worship and stay for fellowship with the all-parish Spaghetti Dinner immediately following the service.

- **AUDIOLOGY SCREENING**

Join us on Sunday, January 18th from 12-2pm in the Prayer Room for FREE hearing screenings. Specialists from Olney Family Hearing will be providing the free screenings. Results will be available immediately.

- **DAY OF SERVICE**

In observance of Martin Luther King Day, St. John's will host a Parish Day of Service on Monday, January 19. In support of our ongoing partnership with San Mateo of Hyattsville and their expanding food ministry, parishioners will help assemble food for community distribution.



WHAT AN AMAZING OUTPOURING OF CHRISTMAS LOVE!

St. John's amazingly demonstrated our generosity through the Christmas gifts gathered for those near and far!

- We distributed \$2,300 worth of grocery gift cards to a local elementary school, Montgomery County families, and families at San Mateo in Hyattsville. The true gift was to give families the opportunity to choose what groceries they need and want with dignity.
- We filled to overflowing a box of new toys for children in Olney thanks to our partnership with St. John's Episcopal School and the Lions.
- We collected over 1,050 bars of Dove soap for the women at the Maryland Correction Institution for Women!

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Will Lederer, 2026 - *Formation*
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Andrew Hamill - *Treasurer*
Aparna Williams - *Asst. Treasurer*
Julie Metcalf - *Registrar*

Bree Bruemmer, 2027 - *Stewardship*
Carmen Jones, 2027 - *Evangelism*
Becca Roberson, 2027 - *Jr. Warden, Outreach*
Becky Hast, 2028 - *STJES*
Mary Lou McMaster, 2028 - *Worship*
Rob Schellhase, 2028 - *Parish Life*



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