

Glory to God in the highest heaven

BRING YOU
GOOD NEWS
OF GREAT JOY
FOR EVERYONE

THE SAVIOR
has been born tonight
in Bethlehem, the city of David

and peace on earth to all whom God favors

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022 | 10:00 PM

Christmas Eve: Nativity of Our Lord

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On a long winter evening we gather to proclaim the coming of light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Paul reminds us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest." Amid our broken world we proclaim that the Prince of Peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh—in Christ's body and blood—so that we may be bearers of the divine light to all the world.

Everyone is welcome. As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race, or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate. We worship every Sunday and hope you will join us again soon.

Children are welcome. We encourage them to attend worship with their parents—even their noise and restlessness are surely a delight to God. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers and busy bags are near the entry doors of the sanctuary.

Assistance during communion: If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and the pastor will be happy to commune you at your pew.

Assisted Listening: To access assisted listening, Connect to the StJohnsALS WiFi network. Download the free WaveCast app to your phone. Tap ST_JOHNS_ALS to connect. Please use your own headphones to listen. Individual wired devices coming soon!



In this season of giving, please honor your 2022 pledge. This, along with your special Christmas offering, ensures we are able to fulfill our commitments to the many people and organizations that depend upon us. If you have not submitted your pledge card for 2023, please do so now.

Musicians participating in this service: St. John's Choir, St. John's Brass Ensemble: Mark Lagatic—trumpet, Ryan Krewer, trumpet, Alex Mastrando—French horn, Dave DeMair—trombone, Billy Hughes—tuba, and Travis Salim—timpani.



Christmas Day

10:30 AM

We celebrate Christmas Day as we gather to sing favorite Christmas carols and hear the Good News of the coming of Christ from John's Gospel.

We're delighted you're worshiping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.

BRASS PRELUDE

Saint John's Brass Ensemble

Ricercar del Duodecimo Tuono
 Ricercar del Sesto Tuono
 Canzone in G minor
 Canzone no. 2 in G minor

Andrea Gabrielli
 Gabrielli
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 Gabrielli

CHORAL PRELUDE

Saint John's Choir

Up! Good Christen Folk and Listen

Piae Cantinones, 1582, harm. G.R. Woodward

Ding-dong, ding: Ding-a-dong-a-ding: Ding-dong, ding-dong: Ding-a-dong-ding

Up! good Christen folk, and listen how the merry church bells ring and from steeple
 Bid good people come adore the new-born King:

Tell the story how from glory God came down at Christmastide
 Bringing gladness chasing sadness show'ring blessings far and wide

Born of mother, blest o'er other *Ex Maria Virgine* in a stable ('tis no fable) *Christus natus hodie*
 G.R. Woodward

All My Heart Again Rejoices

Johann G. Ebeling, arr. John Rutter

1 All my heart again rejoices
 as I hear, far and near,
 sweetest angel voices;
 "Christ is born," their choirs are singing,
 till the air ev'rywhere
 now with joy is ringing.

3 Come, then, let us hasten yonder;
 here let all, great and small,
 kneel in awe and wonder;
 love him who with love is yearning;
 hail the star that from far
 bright with hope is burning.

2 Jesus' voice from lowly manger
 softly thus calls to us:
 "You are safe from danger;
 come and see; from all that grieves you
 you are freed; all you need
 I will surely give you."

4 You, dear Lord, I'll ever cherish;
 though my breath fail in death,
 I will never perish:
 by your side in light eternal
 I shall be endlessly
 filled with joy supernal.

Paul Gerhardt, tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.

Mary's Magnificat

Andrew Carter

Softly a light is stealing, sweetly a maiden sings,
 ever wakeful, ever wistful, watching faithfully, thankfully, tenderly her King of kings.

My soul doth magnify, doth magnify the Lord:
 and my spirit hath rejoiced, rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Mary her song to Jesus softly serenely sings: "I will love you, I will serve you, may my lullaby
 glorify, magnify my King of kings." Lullaby, lullaby.

En Natus Est Emanuel

Michael Praetorius

*En natus est Emanuel, Dominus,
 quem praedixit Gabriel, Dominus,
 Dominus Salvator noster est.*

Lo! Emmanuel, the Lord, is born,
 whom Gabriel foretold, the Lord,
 The Lord is our Savior.

*Hic jacet in praesepio, Dominus,
 puer admirabilis, Dominus.
 Dominus Salvator noster est.*

Here he lies in a manger, the Lord,
 wondrous boy, the Lord.
 The Lord is our Savior.

*Laudetur Pater, Filius, Dominus,
 et Sacratu Spiritus, Dominus,
 Dominus, Salvator noster est.*

Praise the Father, the Son,
 and the Holy Spirit.
 The Lord is our Savior.

WELCOME

Please stand.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 283 O Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

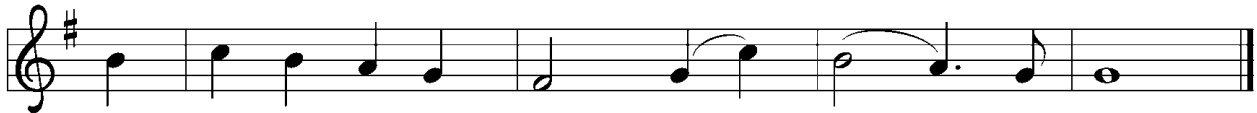


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Today, Christ is born. Alleluia, alleluia! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

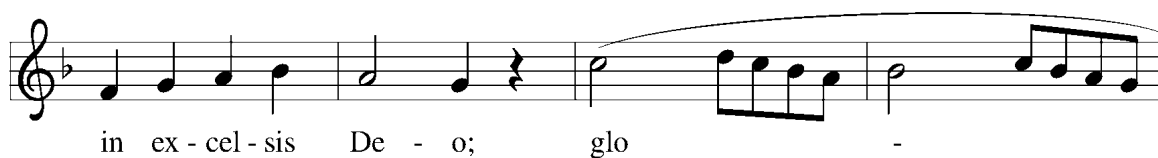
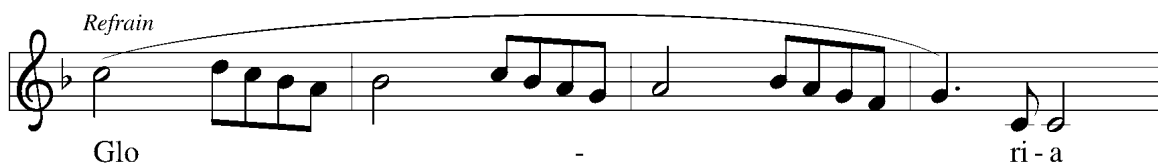
HYMN OF PRAISE ELW 289 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
Music: GLORIA, French carol



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



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.

Isaiah 9:2

Please be seated.

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:2–7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You 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. ⁴For 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. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For 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. ⁷His 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 reader concludes: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM Let Our Gladness Know No End

Hermann Schroeder

Saint John's Choir

Let our gladness have no end, Alleluia! For to earth did Christ descend. Alleluia!
On this day God gave us Christ, his Son, to save us; Christ, his Son, to save us.

See, the loveliest blooming rose, Alleluia! From the branch of Jesse grows. Alleluia!
On this day God gave us Christ, his Son, to save us; Christ, his Son, to save us.

Into flesh is made the Word, Alleluia! he, our refuge and our Lord. Alleluia!
On this day God gave us Christ, his Son, to save us; Christ, his Son, to save us.

G. Kucharik (15th C. Bohemian)

SECOND READING Titus 2:11–14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He 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 reader concludes: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL HYMN ACS 913 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Before the Gospel: Verses 1–4

After the Gospel: Verses 5 & 6

1 While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all
2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had
3 "To you, in Da - vid's town this day, is
4 "The heav'n - ly babe you there shall find to

seat - ed on the ground, the an - gel of the
seized their trou - bled mind: "Glad tid - ings of great
born of Da - vid's line the Sav - ior, who is
hu - man view dis - played, all hum - bly wrapped in

Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
joy I bring to you and hu - man - kind.
Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign:
swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."

- 5 Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:
- 6 "All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will to all from highest heav'n
begin and never cease!"

Text: Nahum Tate, 1652–1715

Music: WINCHESTER OLD, Este's *Psalmes*, 1592; arr. George Kirbye, 1560–1634

GOSPEL Luke 2:1–20

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” ¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The reader concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL HYMN ACS 913 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Verses 5 & 6 (previous page)

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Blake A. Scalet

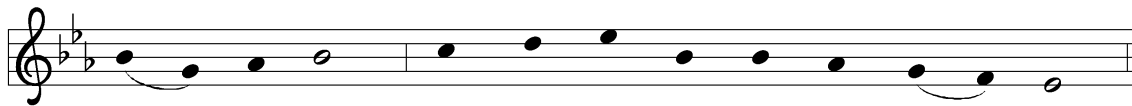


Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 295 Of the Father's Love Begotten



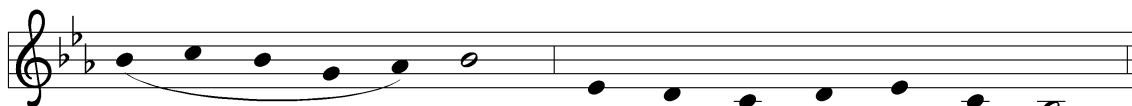
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; tr. composite
Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

NICENE CREED

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith:

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Wonderful counselor, on this holy night your church throughout the world celebrates the Word of God being born among us. Endow your church with a zeal for sharing your love with all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, the heavens are glad, the earth rejoices, and the trees sing for joy at your coming. Grant us wisdom and strength to care for your whole creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Prince of peace, your grace has appeared and brings salvation to all the world. Bring healing to people and nations divided by violence. Direct the leaders of the nations, so that in self-controlled, upright, and godly living, they may work toward peace on earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God of mercy, you come among us as a vulnerable infant. Comfort and protect all in need: the homeless and the hungry, the widow and the orphan, the sick and suffering, the prisoner and the refugee, the lonely and the dejected, the dying and those that mourn. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, in this holy night Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, your steadfast love never ends. We remember before you all who have died trusting in the hope of everlasting life. Hold us all in your love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your gracious hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,
and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

Please be seated.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We present offerings for God's mission in the world through this congregation. Both visitors and members alike may use the pew envelope to make a contribution. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org or scan this code.



OFFERING MUSIC Ding Dong! Merrily on High
Saint John's Choir

Arr. David Willcocks

Ding, dong! Merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing
Ding, dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing *Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.*

E'en so here below, below let steeple bells be swungen and i-o, i-o, i-o
By priest and people sungen *Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.*

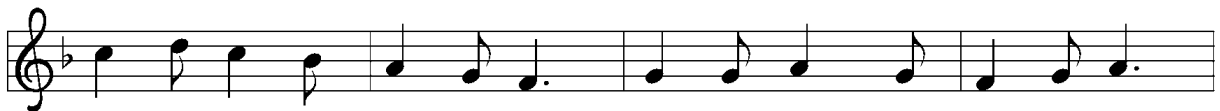
Pray ye dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers
May ye beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers. *Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.*
Anonymous Traditional

Please stand.

OFFERING HYMN ELW 288 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



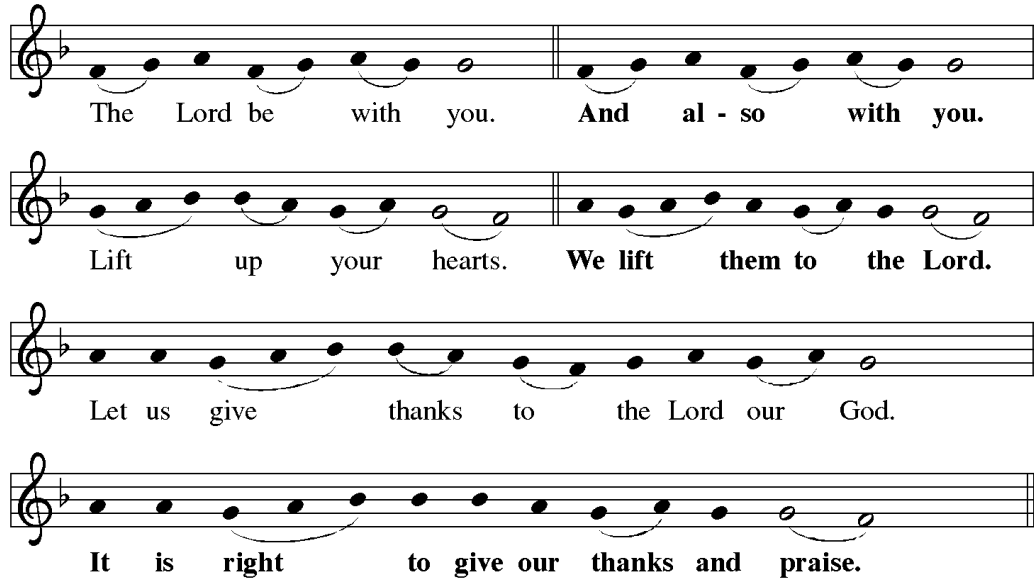
Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866
Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. **God of eternity, born into our humanity, and lying in the manger, all that we have are gifts of your grace. As the angels sang of your glory, accept what we bring as offerings of praise and thanksgiving. Use us and what we have gathered in feeding the world with your love, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life . . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.



COMMUNION HYMN ELW 274 On Christmas Night



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the
 2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our re-deem-er
 3 When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then life and health come
 4 All out of dark-ness we have light, which made the an-gels



an-gels bring. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to
 made us glad? Then why should we on earth be sad, since
 in its place. When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then
 sing this night. All out of dark-ness we have light, which



hear the news the an-gels bring: news of great joy, news of great
 our re-deem-er made us glad, when from our sin he set us
 life and health come in its place. An-gels re-joice with us and
 made the an-gels sing this night: "Glo-ry to God in high-est



mirth, news of our mer-ci-ful king's birth.
 free, all for to gain our lib-er-ty?
 sing, all for to see the new-born king.
 heav'n; peace on earth, and good-will. A-men."

Text: Luke Wadding, d. 1686, alt.
 Music: SUSSEX CAROL, English traditional

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 272 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who

seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4
 Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

Rachel Clark, soprano

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope—the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Placide Cappeau (1847); tr. John S. Dwight

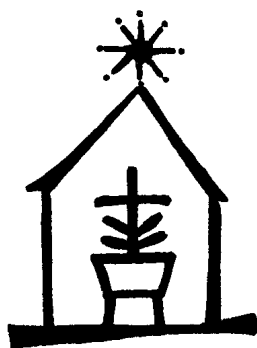
Please stand.

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **Great and saving God, your Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of Christ's grace illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds, through that same Lord Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel. Amen.**



*A light will shine on
us this day:
The Lord is born for us*

During the hymn, congregational candles will be lighted from the aisles. Never tip a lighted candle!

HYMN ELW 281 Silent Night, Holy Night

1 *Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,*
 2 *Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,*
 3 *Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake*
 4 *Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,*

ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885
 Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

PROLOGUE TO THE GOSPEL OF JOHN John 1:1–14

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you everlasting peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW 270 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 heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Refrain
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Word is made flesh and dwells among us. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Final (*Symphony No. 1*)

Louis Vierne

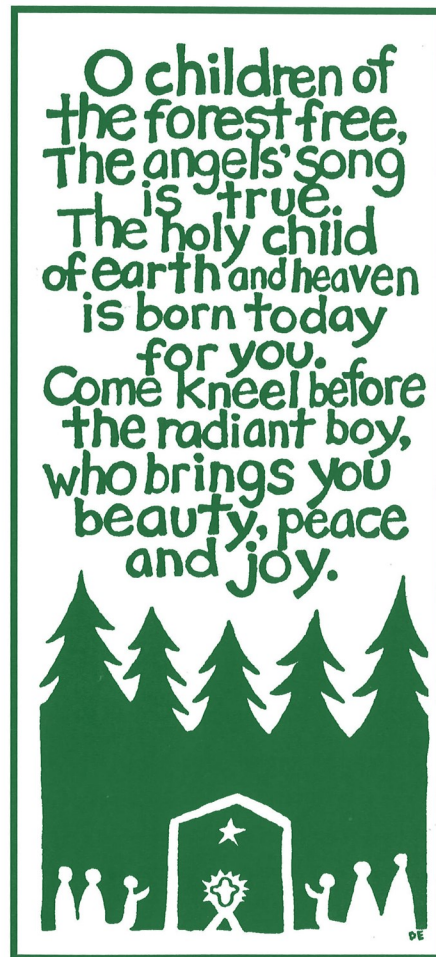
Gifts for the chancel decorations this Christmas Season are given to the glory of God by:

- The Bresnahan Family in memory of Raymond Reed
- The Coble Family in memory of loved ones, especially David, John, and Nancy Ann
- The Cristino Family in memory of Jean Grabinsky and Shirley Paulson
- Susan Fieseler in thanksgiving for Summit Warm Hearts
- The Gahan Family praying for peace on Earth and in memory of family members
- Pattie Gould and Hasan Karslioglu to the glory of God in memory of the Flohr family
- Wendy Hart in memory of George and Virginia Eberhardt
- Bev and Michael Kaczmariski in honor of our worship volunteers
- The Lagatic Family in memory of Barbara McClure
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- Susan, Chris, and John Leelike in loving memory of George Leelike and Susan and John Lose
- Linda Liebiedz in memory of Gladys and George Biederman, and Catherine Biederman Burkitt
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- Lucile, Jim, and Susan Nering in memory of Margaret and Edward Nering, Lucile and George Schmidt, and Gerald Schmidt
- Ian Noble and Kirsten Russler in honor of our parents
- Harvey and RuthAnn Peters in honor of our family
- Joy Petzinger with thanksgiving
- Helen and Steve Sanders with thanksgiving
- The Sharpe and Bowler families in memory of Roy and Marie Patterson and Kay and Ray Sharpe
- Linda and Bill Walker in memory of our parents and brother, Don
- Helga Welte and Janet Rusyniak in memory of Opa and Marlene

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- Karen and Bill Feezer
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