

# CHRISTMAS EVE

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ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

*Reaching One Another, Tallahassee, and the World with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ*

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S! Whether this is your first worship service here, or you've lost count, we're so glad you're here. We are an Anglican Church and the Cathedral of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese of the Anglican Church in North America. As such, we are rooted in the theology and worship of the English Reformation and our service consists of a regular pattern of prayers, music/songs, and readings that fall into two movements. In the **LITURGY OF THE WORD**, we listen to God's word read, sung, prayed, and taught. In the **LITURGY OF THE TABLE**, we are nourished by God through the sacrament of his body and blood. The liturgy, which follows the ACNA *Book of Common Prayer 2019*, is all here in this service bulletin for you to easily follow along. Old & New Testament passages are taken from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*; Psalms are taken from the *New Coverdale Psalter*.

*Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation.  
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*Heavenly Father, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit.*

## Holy Communion

### Prelude

Brass Ensemble

### Brass Selections

### Voluntary

### Sir Christemas

W. Mathias

*Nowell, nowell.  
Who is there that singeth so,  
I am here, Sir Christemas.  
Welcome, my lord Sir Christemas!  
Welcome to all, both more and less!  
Come near, come near, come near,  
Nowell, nowell.  
Dieu vous garde, beaux sieurs,  
Tidings I you bring:  
A maid hath borne a child full young,  
Which causeth you to sing:  
Nowell, nowell.  
Christ is now born of a pure maid,  
Born of a pure maid;  
In an ox-stall he is laid,  
Wherefore sing we at a brayde:  
Nowell, nowell.  
Buvez bien, buvez bien  
Par toute la compagnie.  
Make good cheer and be right merry,  
And sing with us now joyfully  
Nowell, nowell*

### The Lighting of the Advent Candle

*The fifth candle in the Advent wreath is the Christ Candle. It stands for Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Those lighting the candle say this prayer:*

O, Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell, O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel. Dear God in heaven, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, and pray that every present we give or receive may remind us of His love. **Amen.**

## The Entrance Rite

Pealing of the Bells *Please stand.*

### Entrance Hymn

*First Verse, Youth Chorister soloist*

### Once In Royal David's City

2. He came down to earth from hea - ven Who is God and Lord of all,  
3. And through all his won-drous child-hood he would hon - or and o - bey,  
4. For he is our child-hood's pat - tern, day by day like us he grew,  
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deeming love,  
6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en standing by,

And his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;  
Love, and watch the low - ly maid - en, in whose gen - tle arms he lay;  
He was lit - tle weak and help - less, tears and smiles like us he knew;  
For that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in hea - ven a - bove;  
We shall see him; but in hea - ven, set at God's right hand on high;

With the poor, and mean, and low - ly lived on earth our Sa - viour ho - ly.  
Christ - ian child - ren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.  
And he feel - eth for our sad - ness, and he sha - reth in our glad - ness.  
And he leads his child - ren on to the place where he is gone.  
When like stars his child - ren crowned All in white shall wait a - round.

## The Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* For unto us a child is born,

*People:* **Unto us a son is given.**

ISAIAH 9:6

## The Collect for Purity

*Celebrant and People:*

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

## The Summary of the Law

*Celebrant:*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

MATTHEW 22: 37-40

## Kyrie

*Celebrant:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Song of Praise

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. Hail the Heaven - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

5  
 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;

9  
 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. —  
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, — born that man no more may die, —

13  
 With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 Pleased as man with men to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to — give them sec - ond birth.

17  
 Hark! The her - ald - an - gels sing, "Glo - ry — to the new - born king!"

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Ghost he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The First Lesson *All are seated.*

Isaiah 9:1-7

<sup>1</sup> But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 96** *Chanted by the choir.*

- <sup>1</sup> *O sing unto the Lord a new song;  
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.*
- <sup>2</sup> *Sing unto the Lord and praise his Name; \*  
tell of his salvation from day to day.*
- <sup>3</sup> *Declare his honor to the nations, \*  
and his wonders to all peoples.*
- <sup>4</sup> *For the Lord is great, and highly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.*
- <sup>5</sup> *As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.*
- <sup>6</sup> *Glory and majesty are before him; \*  
power and honor are in his sanctuary.*
- <sup>7</sup> *Ascribe unto the Lord, O you families of the peoples, \*  
ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.*
- <sup>8</sup> *Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.*
- <sup>9</sup> *O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.*
- <sup>10</sup> *Tell it out among the nations, "The Lord is King; \*  
it is he who has made the world so firm that it cannot  
be moved; he shall judge the peoples righteously."*
- <sup>11</sup> *Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; \*  
let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein.*
- <sup>12</sup> *Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; \*  
then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.*
- <sup>13</sup> *For he comes, for he comes to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.*

**The Second Lesson**

**Titus 2: 11–14**

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**





Sequence Hymn *All stand.*

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
 \*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

The Gospel *Remain standing.*

Luke 2:1-20

*Gospeler:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

*People:* **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the LORD appeared to them, and the glory of the LORD shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the LORD. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" <sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the LORD has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Gospeler:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Most Rev'd Robert W. Duncan, D.D.

**The Nicene Creed** *All stand. Chanted by all.*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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,  
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.

**The Prayers of the People** *All kneel.*

*After each bidding of "Lord, in thy mercy" the People prayerfully respond with "Hear our prayer."*

## The Confession of Sin

*Celebrant and People:*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Comfortable Words** *Remain kneeling.*

*The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying:*

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.  
Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. MATTHEW 11:28

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. JOHN 3:16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 TIMOTHY 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 JOHN 2:1-2

**The Peace** *All stand and greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Celebrant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

## The Holy Communion

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e.g. SPAC \$50.

### At the Offertory

#### *Masters in this Hall*

*Traditional French carol*  
arr. D. Willcocks

*Masters in this hall, hear ye news today,  
Brought from over sea, and ever I you pray:*

*Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell sing we clear!  
Holpen are all folk on earth, born is God's Son so dear:  
Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell sing we loud!  
God today hath poor folk raised and cast adown the proud.*

*Going o'er the hills, through the milk-white snow,  
Heard I ewes bleat while the wind did blow:*

*Shepherds many a one sat among the sheep,  
No man spake more word than they had been asleep:*

*Quoth I, "Fellows mine, why this guise sit ye?  
Making but dull cheer, shepherds though ye be?"*

*"Shepherd should of right leap and dance and sing,  
Thus to see ye sit, is a right strange thing":*

*Quoth these fellows then, "To Bethlem town we go,  
To see a mighty lord lie in manger low":*

*"How name ye this lord, Shepherds?" then said I,  
"Very God," they said, "Come from heaven high":*

*This is Christ the Lord, Masters, be ye glad!  
Christmas is come in, and no folk should be sad.*

### Presentation Hymn 93 *All stand.*

#### *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in  
all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;  
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,  
now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,  
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:  
come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.





Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty with these, thy holy gifts, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ and through faith in his Blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant:* And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

*People:* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Fraction

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

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### The Prayer of Humble Access

*Celebrant and People:*

**We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table; but thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

### Invitation to Communion

#### Communion Instructions

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*All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in this Holy Communion. Anyone may come forward for a blessing in lieu of Communion.*

*Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms on your chest.*

*An usher will release the aisles to come forward for Communion. A vergier will direct you to the altar rail where a priest will place a wafer in your hands. If you would like to dip the wafer into the wine, hold it so it is visible and the first chalice bearer will offer you the intinction chalice for you to do so. If you would like to drink from the common cup, consume the bread and drink from the chalice offered by the second chalice bearer.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available from the acolytes in front of the pulpit or the lectern. Once you have obtained your wafer, come to the priest for the words of administration.*

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Turn page for Agnus Dei.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

*What sweeter music can we bring  
Than a carol, for to sing  
The birth of this our heavenly King?  
Awake the voice! Awake the string!*

*Dark and dull night, fly hence away,  
And give the honor to this day,  
That sees December turned to May.*

*Why does the chilling winter's morn  
Smile, like a field beset with corn?  
Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn,  
Thus, on the sudden? Come and see  
The cause, why things thus fragrant be:  
'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth  
Gives life and luster, public mirth,  
To heaven, and the under-earth.*

*We see him come, and know him ours,  
Who, with his sunshine and his showers,  
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.  
The darling of the world is come,  
And fit it is, we find a room  
To welcome him. The nobler part  
Of all the house here, is the heart.*

*Which we will give him; and bequeath  
This holly, and this ivy wreath,  
To do him honour, who's our King,  
And Lord of all this revelling.*

*What sweeter music can we bring,  
Than a carol for to sing  
The birth of this our heavenly King?*

Communion Hymn 89

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt. Music: *Carol*, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900)

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

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

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

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds  
 guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to  
 bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.



Communion Hymn 101

*Away in a Manger*

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
 \* 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.  
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

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Communion Music

*Still, Still, Still*

Still, — still, — still one can hear the — fall - ing — snow. For  
 Sleep, — sleep, — sleep. 'Tis the eve of our Sav - iour's birth. The  
 Dream, — dream, — dream of the joy - ous — day to — come, while

5  
 all is — hushed, the world is — sleep - ing, Ho - ly — Star its vig - il — keep - ing.  
 night is — peace - ful all a - round you. Close your eyes; let sleep sur - round you.  
 guard - ian — an - gels with - out num - ber watch you as you sweet - ly — slum - ber.

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 Still, — still, — still, one can hear the — fall - ing — snow.  
 Sleep, — sleep, — sleep. 'Tis the eve of our Sav - iour's birth.  
 Dream, — dream, — dream of the joy - ous — day to — come.

**The Post Communion Prayer** *All kneel.*

*Celebrant and People:*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us, thereby, of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works that thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

**The Lighting of the Candles** *Remain kneeling.*

*Acolytes will assist the congregation in the lighting of the candles.*

PLEASE TAKE CARE TO AVOID PEELING OR DRIPPING WAX ON THE FLOOR, KNEELERS, OR PEWS.

**Hymn 111** *Remain kneeling.*

**Silent Night**

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

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

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

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

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)

**The Blessing** *Remain kneeling.*

*Bishop* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
*People* Who hath made heaven and earth.

*Bishop* Blessed be the Name of the Lord;  
*People* From this time forth for ever-more.

*Bishop* The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Al-migh-ty, the Fa-ther,  
 the Son, and the Ho-ly Ghost, be upon you, and remain with  
 you for ev-er. **A-men.**

Closing Hymn 100 *All stand and sing.*

*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**

*The People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude**

*I Saw Three Ships*

R. Elliott

**PLEASE PLACE CANDLES IN THE BASKETS AT THE EXITS.**



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## SERVICES

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**9AM SUNDAY\*** | HOLY COMMUNION IN CONTEMPORARY LANGUAGE

**11:15AM SUNDAY\*** | HOLY COMMUNION IN TRADITIONAL LANGUAGE

**5PM SUNDAY** | HOLY COMMUNION IN CONTEMPORARY LANGUAGE | ST. MARY'S CHAPEL

**12:10PM WEDNESDAY** | HOLY COMMUNION & PRAYERS OF HEALING | CHANCEL

**5:30PM WEDNESDAY (DURING CLASS SEMESTER)** | CHORAL EVENSONG | CHANCEL

**9AM MONDAY-FRIDAY** | MORNING PRAYER | CHANCEL

**4:30PM MONDAY | TUESDAY | THURSDAY** | EVENING PRAYER | CHANCEL

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