

CHRISTMAS EVE

24 DECEMBER 2023 | 5PM & 8PM

HOLY COMMUNION IN CONTEMPORARY LANGUAGE



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*.

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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.**

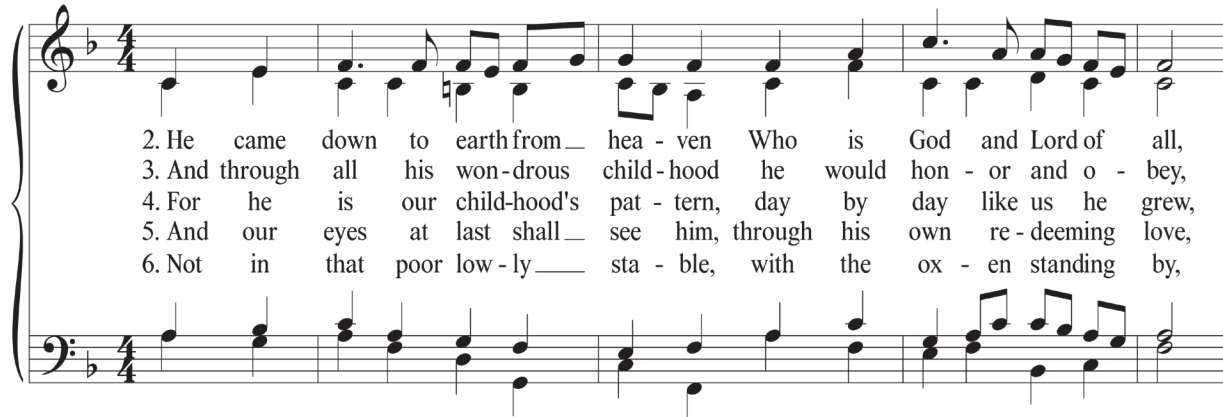
The Entrance Rite

Pealing of the Bells *Please stand.*

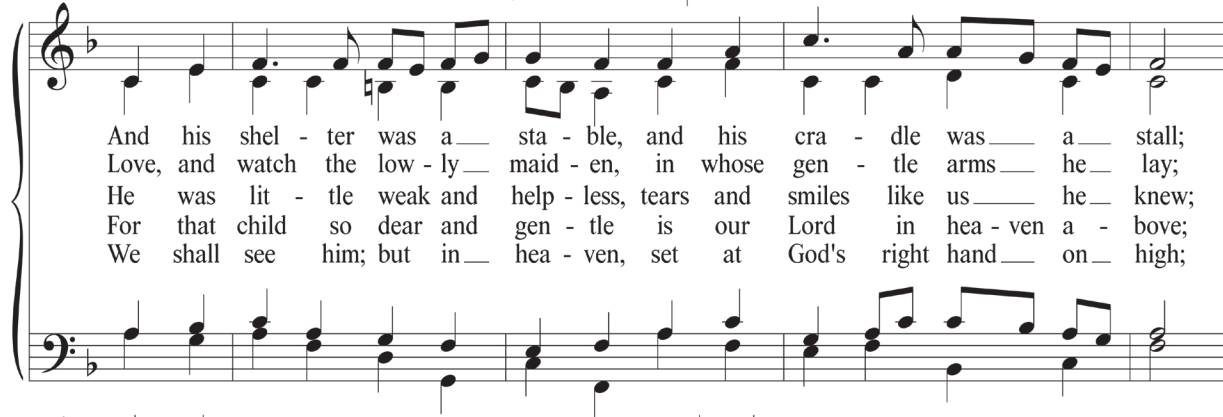
Entrance Hymn

First Verse, Youth Chorister soloist

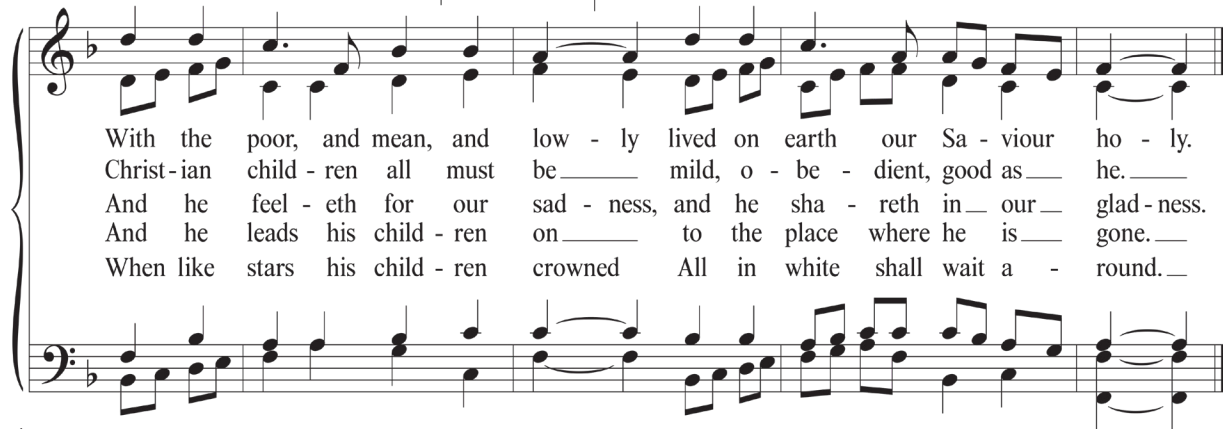
Once In Royal David's City



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

The Summary of the Law

Celebrant:

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend 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 Hymn 96

Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 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 brave de - light.
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

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

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson *All are seated.*

Isaiah 9:1-7

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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.*

- ¹ *O sing unto the Lord a new song;
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.*
- ² *Sing unto the Lord and praise his Name; *
tell of his salvation from day to day.*
- ³ *Declare his honor to the nations, *
and his wonders to all peoples.*
- ⁴ *For the Lord is great, and highly 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 *Glory and majesty are before him; *
power and honor are in his sanctuary.*
- ⁷ *Ascribe unto the Lord, O you families of the peoples, *
ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.*
- ⁸ *Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.*
- ⁹ *O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.*
- ¹⁰ *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."*
- ¹¹ *Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; *
let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein.*
- ¹² *Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; *
then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.*
- ¹³ *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

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ 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.**

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!

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 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, —

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 Gospel *Remain standing.*

Luke 2:1-20

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

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

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ 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, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ 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. ⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the LORD. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ 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 to you, Lord Christ.**

The Children's Sermon

Amy Stewart (5:00pm only)

The Sermon

The Very Rev'd Marcus Kaiser, Sr.

The Nicene Creed *All stand.*

**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 your mercy" the People prayerfully respond with "Hear our prayer."

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to 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 the Word of God to all who truly turn to Him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 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 your spirit.**

The Holy Communion

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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,

Refrain

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.

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, so that we might be cleansed from sin and be given the right to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S130

F. Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, 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.

All kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved.

By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your 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

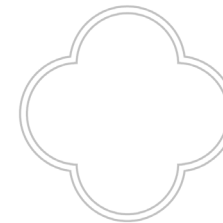
All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in this Holy Communion. Anyone may come forward for a blessing in lieu of Communion.

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.

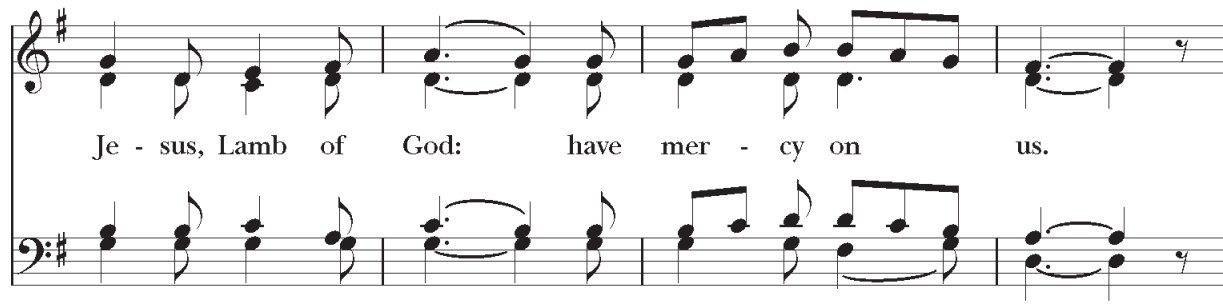
Gluten-free wafers are available from the acolytes in front of the pulpit or the lectern. Once you have obtained your wafer, come to the priest for the words of administration.

Prayer Ministry: *If you would like to be prayed for by a team of prayer ministers, after receiving communion, please proceed to the prayer ministry teams in either transept. You may form a line along the wall of the transept if necessary.*



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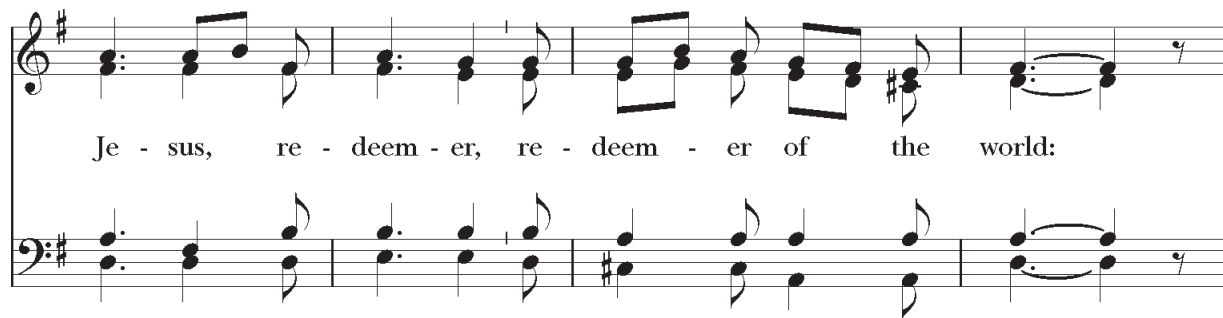




Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your 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

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 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:

Heavenly Father, 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 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,

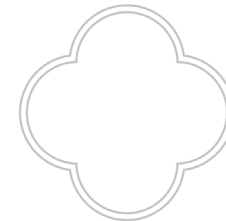
all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

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.*



Turn page for closing hymn.



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

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

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