



SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

# CHRISTMAS EVE

FESTAL HOLY EUCHARIST



*On this happy feast of Christmas, the Bishop, Dean, Staff and faith community of Saint Mark's welcome you to this livestream service. We are glad you have joined this celebration of the Feast of the Nativity, and we invite you to participate fully from your home—sitting, standing, singing, and praying as the service leaflet provides. Thank you for sharing your Christmas hopes and joy with the community that gathers this night.*

*Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral strives to be a house of prayer for all people, where we worship God and proclaim the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ; a loving, welcoming, inclusive community that nurtures faith, encourages service, and integrates social and environmental justice into our lives; a sacred gathering place for the Diocese of Olympia and the broader community in times of crisis, sorrow, and celebration.*

*During this most challenging year, this cathedral is a place where vibrant community forms, even virtually, around a common purpose, buoyed by God's love for all. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!*

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## **Liturgies during the 12 Days of Christmas**

Livestream and/or Zoom liturgies will be offered every day December 26–31, and on January 3 & 6. See the complete schedule at: [saintmarks.org/christmas](https://saintmarks.org/christmas)

## **Compline**

**EVERY SUNDAY, 9:30 P.M.**

A Seattle tradition since 1956, Compline remains closed to the public, but broadcasts on KING 98.1 FM continue. Listen via radio or [king.org](https://king.org). Please read the full update at: [saintmarks.org/compline](https://saintmarks.org/compline)

## **Christmastide Hymn Sing!**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 4:30 P.M., VIA ZOOM**

Dean Thomason and Canon Kleinschmidt will host. Request your favorite Christmas hymn and find the link to join at: [saintmarks.org/events](https://saintmarks.org/events)

## **New Year's Eve**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31**

While the cathedral's traditional Labyrinth Walk event will not be offered this year, the cathedral's outdoor labyrinth remains open and accessible around the clock, and you are invited to pay a visit anytime.

The annual **Midnight Eucharist for the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus** will be livestreamed from the nave as we welcome the arrival of 2021.

## **Christmastide Evensong**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 4:30 P.M., VIA LIVESTREAM**

With prayers and organ music live from the nave, and choral music selected from the liturgy archive: [saintmarks.org/evensong](https://saintmarks.org/evensong)

## **Theologian-in-Residence 2021**

Saint Mark's is delighted to announce that **The Rev. Canon Walter B.A. Brownridge** will serve as Theologian-in-Residence during 2021, to preach, teach, and consult, with a special focus on confronting systemic racism. More at: [saintmarks.org/theologian](https://saintmarks.org/theologian)

## **January Forums**

**WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 13, 20, & 27, VIA ZOOM**

Wednesday evening offerings begin again in January, including presentations on *The Spirituality of Desire* and *Confronting the Doctrine of Discovery*. Details at: [saintmarks.org/commons](https://saintmarks.org/commons)

## **Organ Recital on the Fritts**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 7:30 P.M., VIA LIVESTREAM**

The cathedral's Associate Organist John Stuntebeck offers a wide-ranging program showing off the beauty of the cathedral's small organ, installed in Thomsen chapel by Tacoma-based organ builder Paul Fritts in 2013. More at: [saintmarks.org/concerts](https://saintmarks.org/concerts)

Much more information about Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral and its many offerings during this time may be found at:

**[saintmarks.org](https://saintmarks.org)**

# THE PRELUDE

**10:30 PM** *We gather with musical offerings this evening, including hymns and carols for all at home to sing. All are heartily encouraged to sing the carols along with the soloist.*

## WELCOME

## ORGAN PRELUDE

Noël X, *Grand Jeu et Duo*

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

(Traditional French Carol with variations for small and large ensembles of organ stops)

*Dieu parmi nous* (God among us),  
from *La Nativité du Seigneur* (1935)

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

“Words of the communicant, of the Blessed Virgin, of the whole Church: My creator has dwelt in my house, the Word is made flesh and dwelt within me. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.” – from *Messiaen’s own writings about the scriptural passages which inspired this composition, quoting from Ecclesiasticus 24:8, John 1:14, and Luke 1:46-47.*

**CAROL SING** *All are heartily encouraged to sing these carols at home.*

*Joy to the world* ♦ *sung by all*

TUNE: *Antioch*



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her King;  
2. Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our songs em - ploy,  
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove



let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room, and heav'n and na - ture  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, re - peat the sound-ing  
the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound-ing joy.  
love, and won - ders of his love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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MUSIC: George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), public domain.

What child is this? ♦ sung by all

TUNE: Greensleeves

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing?  
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant, king, to own him;

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
the King of kings sal - 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;

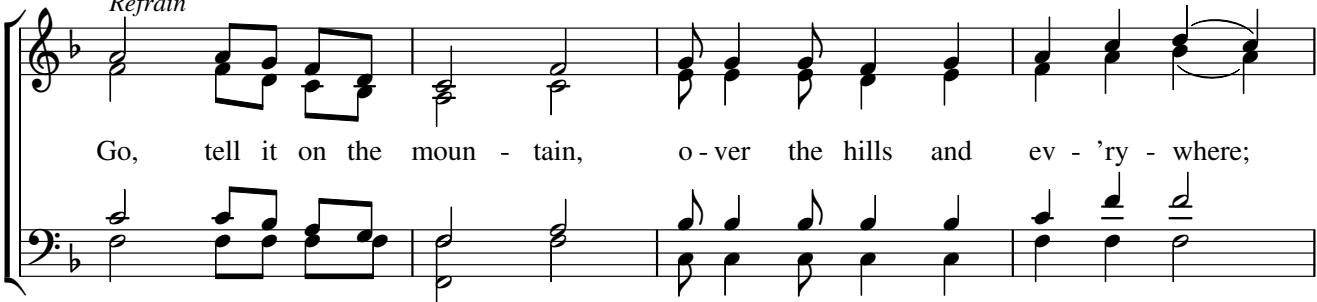
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

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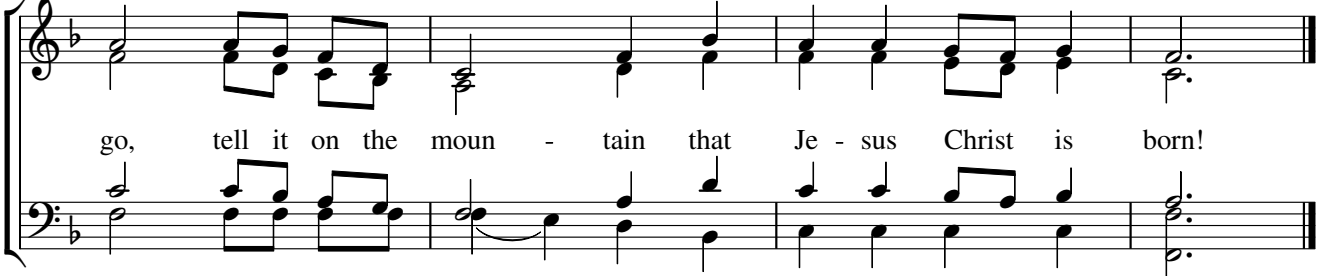
Go tell it on the mountain ♦ sung by all

TUNE: Go Tell It on the Mountain

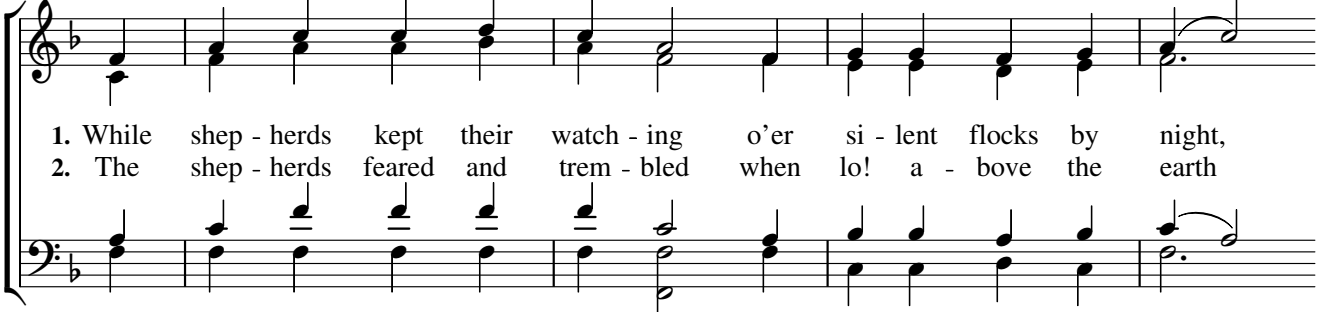
*Refrain*




Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth



be - hold, through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.\_\_\_\_  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.\_\_\_\_

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MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual, 19<sup>th</sup> cent.; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (1935-2009), © 1984, Horace Clarence Boyer.*

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming ♦ sung by all

TUNE: *Es ist ein Ros*

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.  
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the  
To show God's love a - right, she bore to

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.

*The Hymnal 1982* #81 (stanzas 1 & 2), WORDS: German, 15<sup>th</sup> cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934); tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925); ver. *Hymnal 1940*, public domain. MUSIC: melody from *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621), public domain.

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

11:00 PM *A bell bids all to rise, as able.*

## WELCOME

*Those at home are encouraged to join in singing this hymn.*

**HYMN IN PROCESSION** *O come, all ye faithful* ♦ *sung by all*

TUNE: *Adeste fideles*



1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy - ful and tri - um-phant, O come ye, O come ye, to
2. ♪ God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal, ♪ lo! he ab - hors not the
3. ♪ Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; ♪ sing, all ye ci - ti-zens of



Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
Vir - gin's womb; on - ly be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;



*Refrain*  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

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MUSIC: present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786), harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, public domain.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 355

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*Assembly* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Presider* Almighty God,

*All* to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hid:

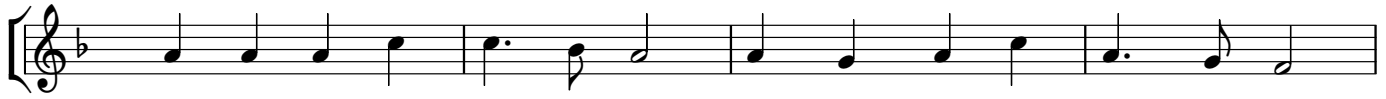
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Angels we have heard on high ♦ sung by all*

TUNE: *Gloria*



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



and the moun - tains in re - ply e - cho - 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!

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MUSIC: French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958), public domain.*

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 212*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**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.

**All Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## READING

*Isaiah 62:6-12*

**U**PON your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels;  
all day and all night  
they shall never be silent.

You who remind the LORD,  
take no rest,

and give him no rest  
until he establishes Jerusalem  
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The LORD has sworn by his right hand  
and by his mighty arm:

I will not again give your grain  
to be food for your enemies,  
and foreigners shall not drink the wine  
for which you have labored;  
but those who garner it shall eat it  
and praise the LORD,  
and those who gather it shall drink it  
in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates,  
prepare the way for the people;  
build up, build up the highway,  
clear it of stones,  
lift up an ensign over the peoples.

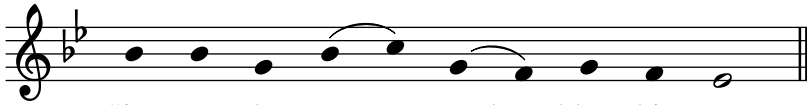
The LORD has proclaimed  
to the end of the earth:

Say to daughter Zion,  
“See, your salvation comes;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.”

They shall be called, “The Holy People,  
The Redeemed of the LORD”;

and you shall be called, “Sought Out,  
A City Not Forsaken.”

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**



Sing to the LORD and bless his Name.

*The soloist introduces the antiphon, then all repeat it.*

*The soloist chants the verses; all repeat the antiphon as indicated.*

*Cantate Domino*

**S**ING to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples. **ANTIPHON**

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary! **ANTIPHON**

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him. **ANTIPHON**

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth. **ANTIPHON**

**READING**

*Titus 3:4-7*

**W**HEN the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Assembly** **Thanks be to God.**

After a brief silence the Presider stands; all rise, as able for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Those at home are encouraged to join in singing this hymn.

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *Hark! the herald angels sing* ♦ sung by all

TUNE: Mendelssohn

1. Hark! the her - ald - an - gels sing— glo - ry to the new - born King!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,— God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise,— join the tri - umph of the skies;—

with th'an - ge - lic host pro - claim: Christ is\_\_born in Beth - le - hem!

*Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing glo - ry\_\_to the new - born King!*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system begins with a vocal line starting on a whole note G4, followed by a piano accompaniment of chords. The second system continues the vocal line with a half note G4, then a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The third system continues with a half note D4, then a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The fourth system continues with a half note A3, then a quarter note G3, and a quarter note F3. The fifth system concludes with a half note E3, then a quarter note D3, and a quarter note C3. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing harmonic support for the vocal line.

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MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915), public domain.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 2:1–20 (KJV)*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*Assembly* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**A**ND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, “Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace, good will toward men!”

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, “Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.” And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Assembly* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY**

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

*All rise, as able.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*Presider* We believe in one God,

*All* the Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary;  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*After each petition:*

*Intercessor* Holy God,

*Assembly* hear our prayer.

*The Presider concludes the prayers with a collect. All respond: Amen.*

## **THE PEACE**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Assembly* And also with you.

*If you would like, you are invited to take a moment at this point in the service to text or email someone with whom you would like to share the peace of Christ.*

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## OFFERTORY

An offering of money is received. Everyone participating in Saint Mark's Cathedral's worship at this time in any way is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. Together, our gifts make possible this community of welcome, reconciliation and service. If you are joining this morning's livestream from another congregation, please consider making a gift to your local church.

Links to donate to Saint Mark's online are located on the livestream page. Visit [saintmarks.org/give](http://saintmarks.org/give), or use the Venmo mobile app (@SaintMarksCathedralSeattle, or scan the code at right), or visit this link on your mobile device: <https://venmo.com/saintmarkscathedralseattle>. If Venmo asks you for a four-digit code, enter **2076**.



You may also mail your gift to the cathedral: 1245 10th Ave. E, Seattle, WA 98102.

## OFFERTORY SOLO Shepherd's Pipe Carol

WORDS & MUSIC: John Rutter (b. 1945)

Going through the hills on a night all starry  
on the way to Bethlehem,  
far away I heard a shepherd boy piping  
on the way to Bethlehem.

Angels in the sky  
came down from on high,  
hovered o'er the manger where the babe was lying  
cradled in the arms of his mother Mary,  
sleeping now at Bethlehem.

### Refrain:

Angels in the sky  
brought this message nigh:

'Where is this new King, shepherd boy piping merrily,  
is he there at Bethlehem?'

'Dance and sing for joy that Christ the newborn King is  
come to bring us peace on earth, and he's lying  
cradled there at Bethlehem.'

'I will find him soon by the star shining brightly  
in the sky o'er Bethlehem.' Refrain

'Tell me, shepherd boy piping tunes so merrily  
on the way to Bethlehem,  
who will hear your tunes on these hills so lonely  
on the way to Bethlehem?' Refrain

'May I come with you, shepherd boy piping merrily,  
come with you to Bethlehem?'

Pay my homage too at the new King's cradle,  
is it far to Bethlehem?'

'None may hear my pipes on these hills so lonely  
on the way to Bethlehem,  
but a King will hear me play sweet lullabies  
when I get to Bethlehem.'

Angels in the sky  
brought this message nigh:  
'Dance and sing for joy that Christ the infant King is  
born this night in lowly stable yonder,  
born for you at Bethlehem.'

All rise, as able.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 367

<i>Presider</i>	<i>Assembly</i>
The Lord be	with you. And al - so with you.

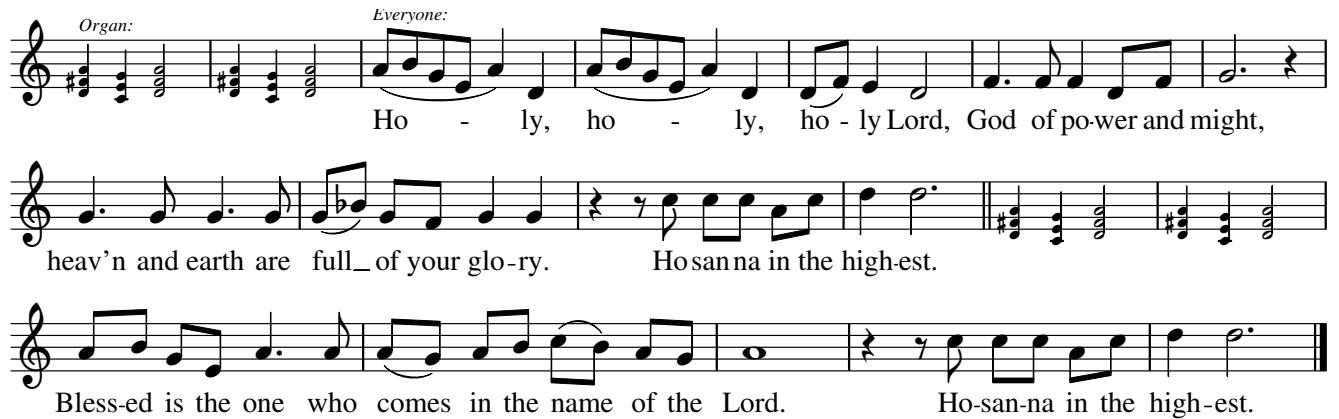
<i>Presider</i>	<i>Assembly</i>
Lift up your hearts.	We lift them to the Lord.

<i>Presider</i>	<i>Assembly</i>
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS**

William Mathias (1934-1992)



*Organ:* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,  
*Everyone:* heav'n and earth are full\_ of your glo-ry. Hosanna in the high-est.  
 Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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*Presider* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

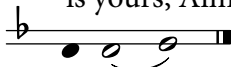
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All** We remember his death,  
 We proclaim his resurrection,  
 We await his coming in glory;

*Presider* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Mark, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.



*All* AMEN.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider* Our Father in heaven,

*All* **hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept. Then may be said:*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*Assembly* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.



*All may be seated for the time of communion.*

**PRAYER AT THE TIME OF COMMUNION**

from *Saint Augustine's Prayer Book* (Forward Movement, 2014)

*During this time of pandemic, we trust that the spiritual grace offered in the sacrament is abundantly offered by God to all who are present in community, wherever you may be. We are nourished by that love.*

O Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,  
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart.  
I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind.  
Let nothing separate me from you;  
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,  
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

**COMMUNION SOLO** *Balulalow (A Cradle-song)*

WORDS: James, John, & Robert Wedderburn (16<sup>th</sup> century)

MUSIC: Peter Warlock (1894-1930)

O my deare hert, young Jesu sweit  
Prepare thy creddil in my spreit,  
And I sall rock thee to my hert,  
And never mair from thee depart.

But I sall praise thee evermoir  
With sanges sweit unto thy gloir;  
The knees of my hert sall I bow  
And sing that richt Balulalow!

*All rise, as able.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 365

*Presider* Eternal God, heavenly Father,

**All you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Those at home are invited to light a candle and are encouraged to join in singing this hymn.

**CLOSING HYMN** *Silent night* ♦ sung by all

TUNE: *Stille Nacht*

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright  
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,  
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light

round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,  
glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;  
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

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

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**BLESSING**

*Bishop* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
*Assembly* **The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Blessed be the Name of the Lord;  
*Assembly* **From this time forth for evermore.**

*Bishop* May God, who sent the angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth,  
fill you with joy and make you heralds of the Gospel;  
and the blessing, mercy and grace of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever.

**All Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**    *The Presider dismisses the Assembly. The Assembly responds: Thanks be to God.*

**VOLUNTARY**    *The Holy Boy (A carol of the nativity)*

John Ireland (1879-1962)

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*\* indicates minister is participating remotely.*

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*Zoom links for special services can be found at [www.saintmarks.org/christmas](http://www.saintmarks.org/christmas).*

### DECEMBER 25

**10:00 AM** Holy Eucharist on Christmas Day *with carols*

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

**6:30 PM** Holy Eucharist on the feast of St. Stephen  
*Join via Zoom, or at [www.saintmarks.org/livestream](http://www.saintmarks.org/livestream)*

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

**11:00 AM** Holy Eucharist on the first Sunday after Christmas

**9:30 PM** The Office of Compline *broadcast on KING-FM 98.1*

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

**6:30 PM** Holy Eucharist observing the Feast of St. John  
*Join via Zoom, or at [www.saintmarks.org/livestream](http://www.saintmarks.org/livestream)*

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

**6:30 PM** Evening Prayer observing the Feast of the Holy Innocents  
*Join via Zoom (this service is not live-streamed)*

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

**6:30 PM** Evening Prayer on the sixth day of Christmas  
*Join via Zoom (this service is not live-streamed)*

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

**7:00 AM** Morning Prayer on the seventh day of Christmas  
*Join via Zoom (this service is not live-streamed)*

**11:59 PM** Holy Eucharist *to ring in the New Year,*  
celebrating the Feast of the Holy Name

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

**11:00 AM** Holy Eucharist on the second Sunday after Christmas

**4:30 PM** Evensong

**9:30 PM** The Office of Compline *broadcast on KING-FM 98.1*



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