



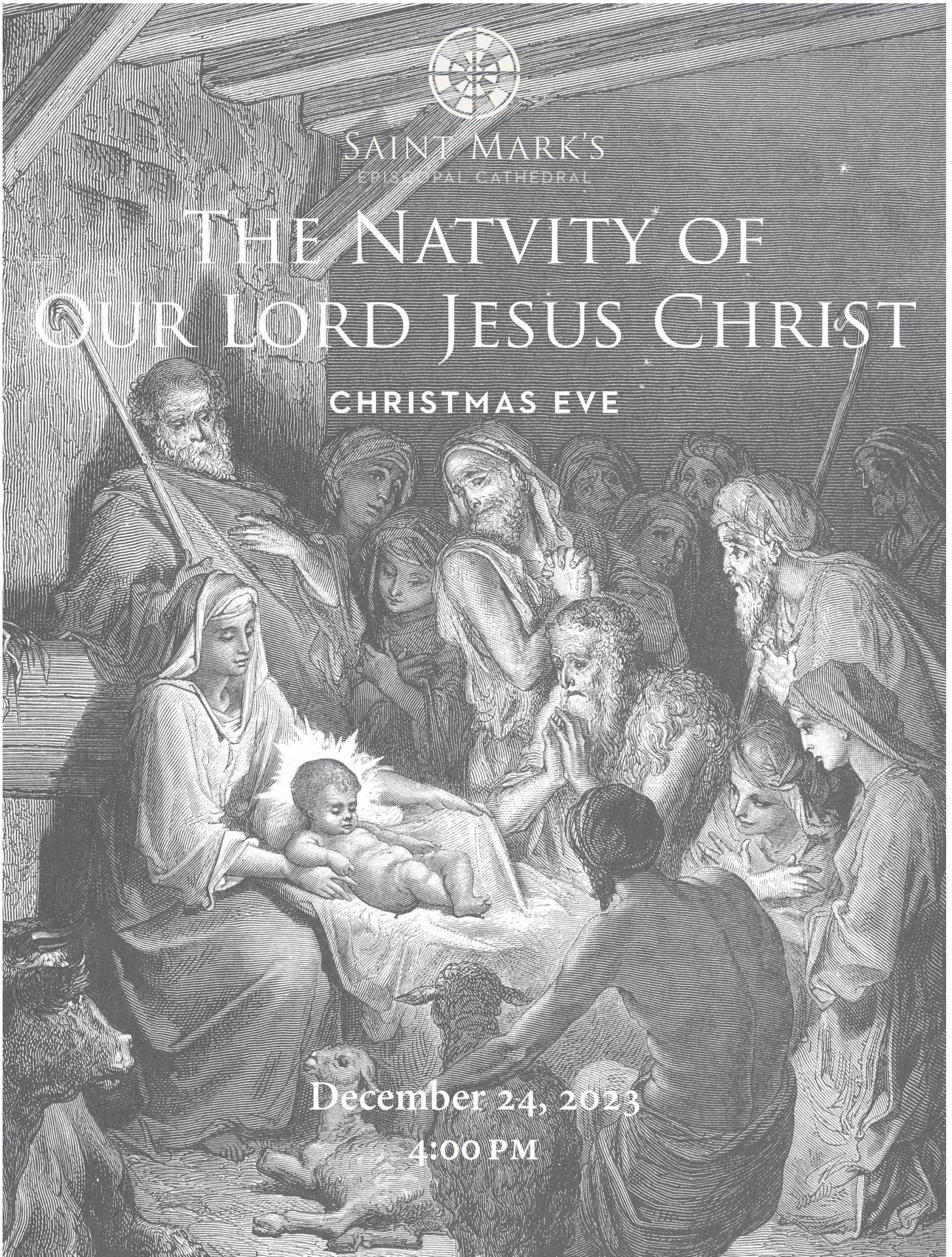
SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2023

4:00 PM





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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of all the Coast Salish tribes.

WELCOME

On this happy feast of Christmas, we welcome you to Saint Mark's Cathedral. We are glad you have joined us to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. Thank you for sharing your Christmas hopes and joy with us. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and whether you are joining in the nave or via the livestream, you are welcome here!

QUESTIONS?

Ushers (wearing purple Welcome laynards) are available during the liturgy should you have any questions or concerns, or if you need a hearing assist device.

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THE PRELUDE

3:45 PM

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT & DEAN'S WELCOME

Dean Thomason

CAROL

The first Nowell

TUNE: *The First Nowell*



1. The first No - well the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay;
2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the east be - yond them far,
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prais - es to our heaven - ly Lord;



1. in fields as they lay, keep-ing their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
2. and to the earth it gave great light, and so it con-tin-ued both day and night.
6. that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the King of Is - ra - el!

Please be seated.

CHOIR

Donkey Carol

WORDS & MUSIC: John Rutter

Donkey riding over the bumpy road,
carry Mary, all with her heavy load;
follow Joseph, leading you on your way
until you find a stable, somewhere to rest and stay.

Donkey resting all in a manger stall,
with the oxen worship the Lord of all.
Hush, he lies asleep on his bed of hay
while Mary sings so sweetly 'Lul-la, Lul-la-lay.'

Donkey watching over the Jesus child,
see the baby, all with his mother mild;
hear the angels singing their song on high:
'Nowell, nowell, nowell', their caroling fills the sky.

Donkey waking all at the break of day,
see, a new light shining with brightest ray.
long the weary journey you soon must start,
but you will travel gladly; God will make brave your heart.

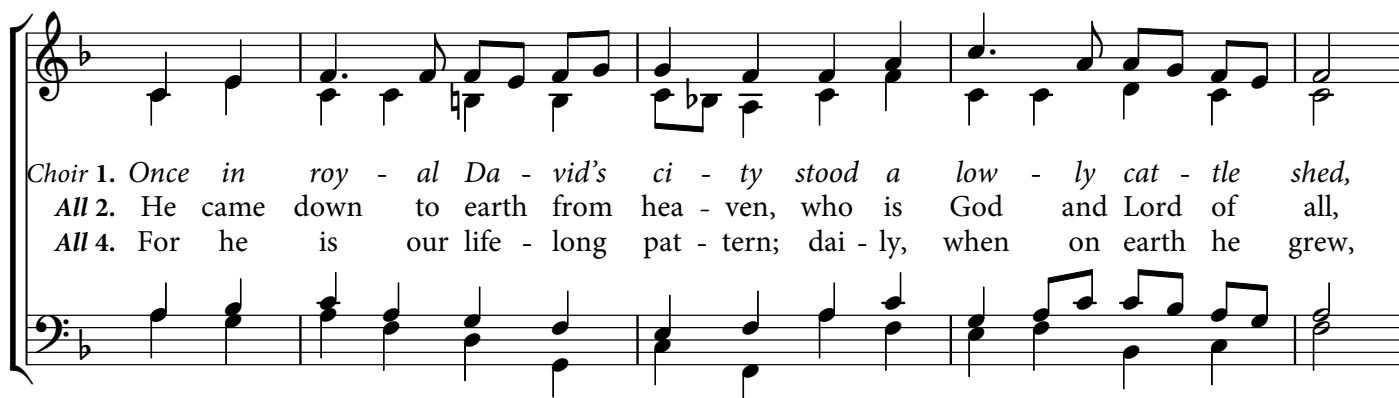
Donkey skip for joy as you go your way;
Alleluia! Jesus is born today.
Hark, the bells ring out with their message clear:
Rejoice and sing that Christ our Savior divine is here.

Please remain seated.

CAROL

Once in royal David's city

TUNE: *Irby*



Choir 1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
All 2. He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is God and Lord of all,
All 4. For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly, when on earth he grew,



1. where a mo - ther laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
2. and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
4. he was tempt - ed, scorned, re - ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew.



1. Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
2. with the poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
4. Thus he feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.

Please remain standing, as able.

CAROL

Go tell it on the mountain

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 the 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.____

Please be seated.

ORGAN

Prelude on Go tell it on the mountain

A. D. Miller

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

4:00 PM

A bell is rung, bidding all to stand, as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION *O come, all ye faithful*

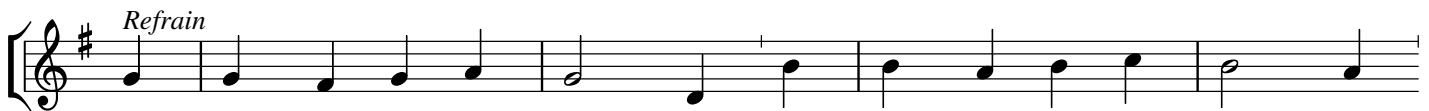
TUNE: *Adeste fideles*



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
4. ♪ Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, ♪ Je - sus, to thee be



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;
glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



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



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

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 50

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

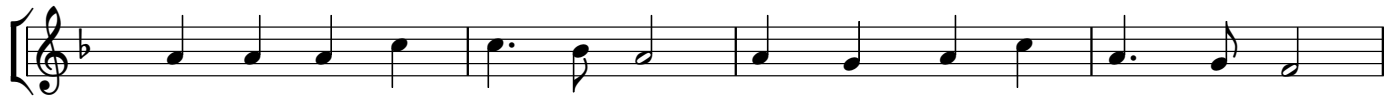
COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider **A**Lmighty 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.

All Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *Angels we have heard on high* (stanzas 1 & 3)

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!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Common Worship (Church of England), adapt.

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

GRACIOUS GOD,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake.

All Amen.

Please be seated.

READING*Isaiah 9:2-7*

THE people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

When the Presider stands, all rise, as able.

GRADUAL *Hark! the herald angels sing (stanza 1)*

TUNE: Mendelssohn

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!

Please remain standing, as able, for the proclamation of the Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:1-20 (King James Version)*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

AND 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.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

For the homily, children are invited to gather on the front steps of the altar platform.

HOMILY

The Reverend Linzi Stahlecker

All stand, as able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Gracious God, on this holy night your Son our Savior was born in human flesh.
Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

Holy God,

***People* hear our prayer.**

Intercessor On this holy night, there was no room for Mary and Joseph in the inn.
Protect with your love all who have no home and all who live in poverty.

Holy God,

***People* hear our prayer.**

Intercessor On this holy night, your Christ came as a beacon of hope in troubled times.
We pray for your healing and comfort for all who suffer in the sadness of our world,
especially those we now name.

Holy God,

***People* hear our prayer.**

Intercessor On this holy night, the angels sang, "Peace to God's people on earth."
Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in this country and in all the world.

Holy God,

***People* hear our prayer.**

Intercessor On this holy night, shepherds in the field heard good tidings of great joy.
Give us grace to embody your love to everyone we meet.

Holy God,

***People* hear our prayer.**

Intercessor On this holy night, strangers came to see the baby lying in the manger and became one family in wonder. Bless our gathering, and bless all whom we love.

Holy God,

***People* hear our prayer.**

Intercessor On this holy night heaven, is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven.
We pray for all who have passed through death and all who mourn, especially those we now name.

Holy God,

***People* hear our prayer.**

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

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be with you always.

***People* And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY

An offering of money is received. Everyone participating in worship is invited to make an offering in gratitude for God's generosity. Together, these gifts make possible this community of welcome, reconciliation and service. Those worshiping in person may place their offering in baskets as they are passed through the rows.

Visit saintmarks.org/give, or use the Venmo mobile app (@SaintMarksCathedralSeattle, or scan the code at right). If Venmo asks you for a four-digit code, enter **2076**.



ANTHEM

On this day earth shall ring WORDS: Piae Cantiones, 1582, translated by Jane M. Joseph, ca. 1900;
MUSIC: *Personent hodie*, melody from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582

On this day earth shall ring
with the song children sing
to the Lord, Christ our King,
born on earth to save us;
him the Father gave us.
Ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo! [Therefore, glory to God in the highest!]

His the doom, ours the mirth;
when he came down to Earth
Bethlehem saw his birth;
ox and ass beside him
from the cold would hide him.
Ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!

God's bright star, o'er his head,
wise men three to him led;
kneel they low by his bed,
lay their gifts before him,
praise him and adore him.
Ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!

On this day angels sing;
with their song earth shall ring,
praising Christ, heaven's King,
born on earth to save us;
peace and love he gave us.
Ideo, gloria in excelsis Deo!

All stand, as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B, adapt.*

The Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 360

Presider The Lord be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

Assembly **We lift them to the Lord.**

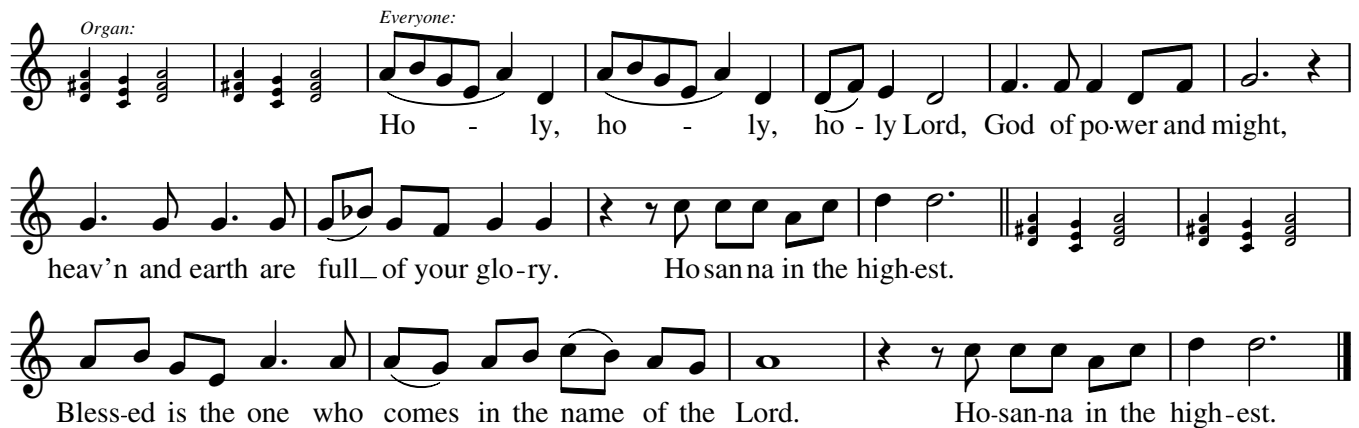
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, the Maker 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 in 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 *sung by all*

William Mathias



Organ: *Everyone:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
heav'n and earth are full_ of your glo-ry. Ho san na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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. Through Mary's Holy Child, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. 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, Jesus 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, Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God:

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, Dear One; 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, gather all things into the circle of Christ's love, and bring us to that heavenly country where with Mary, Mark, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Most Blessed One, now and forever.

All AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

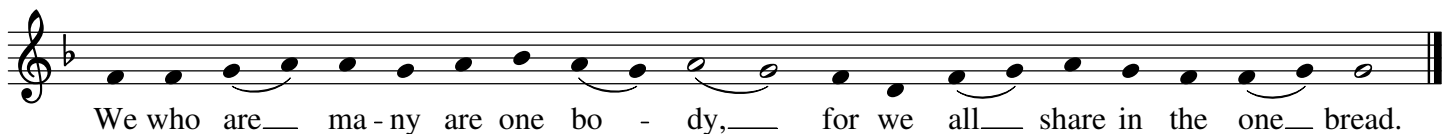
All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *We who are many*

Plainsong, Mode 6

The cantor introduces the antiphon, all repeat. The cantor sings the verses; all repeat the antiphon as indicated.



Verse: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ. **ANTIPHON**

Verse: Happy are they who come to the Supper of the Lamb. **ANTIPHON**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All may be seated for the time of Communion. All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.

Please follow the directions of the Liturgical Ministers. Bread and wine are distributed at standing stations at the head of three aisles. The bread will be placed into your outstretched palm. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, simply ask for one at the time of Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms in front of your chest.

Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not available at this time. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of your chest as you pass by the chalice. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread.

ANTHEM

Manger Carol

13th century French Carol, WORDS: translated by Winfred Douglas;

MUSIC: arranged by Leo Sowerby

Here betwixt ass and oxen mild,
Sleep, sleep, sleep my little child.

*Angels from on high
hover in the sky
keeping watch above
the incarnate God of Love.*

Here in the crib, secure from harms,
Sleep, sleep in your mother's arms. *Refrain*

Here betwixt rose and lily white,
Sleep, sleep, sleep my son tonight. *Refrain*

On this fair night of holy joy,
Sleep, sleep, sleep my little boy. *Refrain*

HYMN DURING COMMUNION *What child is this?*

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.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

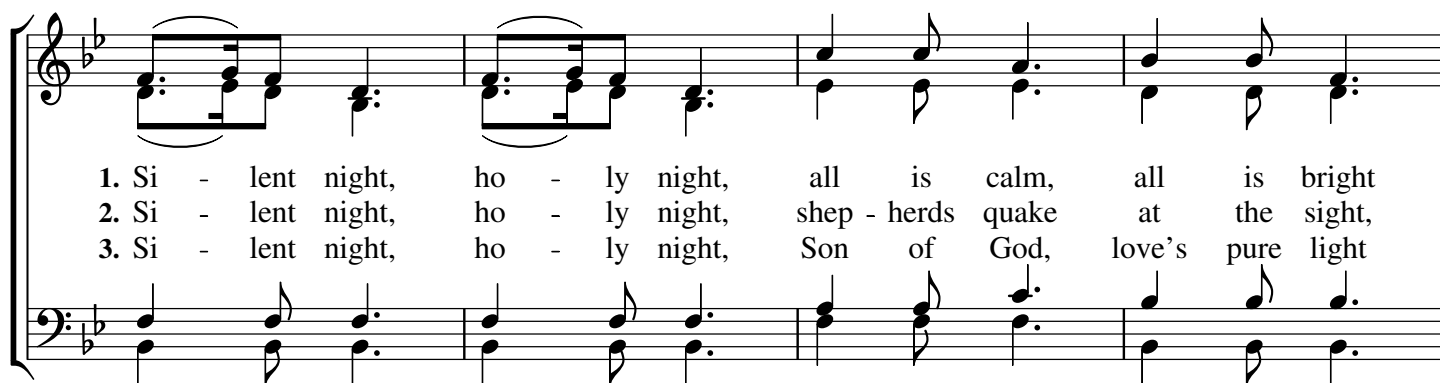


haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

VOLUNTARY *Organ improvisation*

As communion distribution comes to a close, the nave lights will be dimmed and liturgical ministers will bring candle light to the congregation.

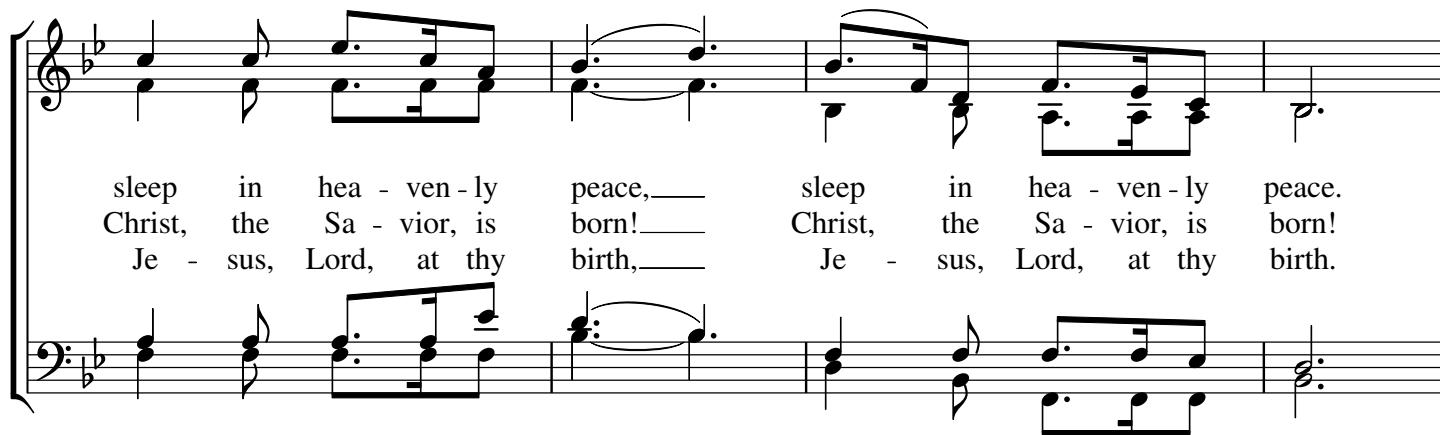
When the time comes to light your candle, angle your unlit candle towards your neighbor's lit candle. Once your candle is burning, keep it as upright as possible at all times to avoid dripping wax.



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, heaven - 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.

All stand, as able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt

Presider Let us pray.

All We thank you, gracious God,
that we are fed by and find our rest in Christ,
the one who comes to give new life to a waiting world.
Strengthen us to proclaim this good news
to the ends of the earth,
that all people might come to know
that you dwell in our midst,
eager to greet your creation
with abundant love and mercy;
we ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

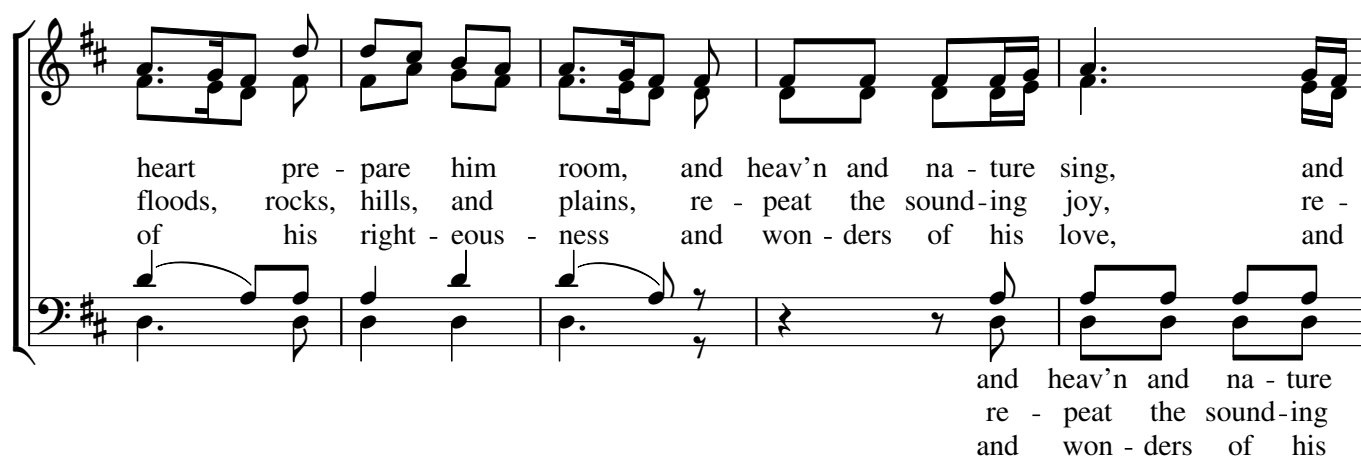
BLESSING

Presider May we, who humbly welcome the Christ-child this night,
rejoice that the Word has become flesh and dwells among us;
May our hearts burn with the fire of God's love,
so that we become Christ's body for the world,
and the blessing, mercy and grace of God
be upon you this night and for evermore.

All Amen.



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



heart pre - pare him room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and
 floods, rocks, hills, and plains, re - peat the sound-ing joy, re -
 of his right - eous - ness and won - ders of his love, and
 and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound-ing
 and won - ders of his



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

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

VOLUNTARY *Toccata Antioch*

Craig Phillips

As you are leaving, please place your extinguished candles in the baskets at the back of the church.

Merry Christmas!



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