



Saint Philip's in the Hills 2017

Christmas Eve

— IN MEMORIAM —

Anonymous	<i>George G. and Etta B. Andrews, and Robert E. and Mary M. Koons</i>
Sue Agnew	<i>my parents and other loved ones</i>
Nina Bell Allen	<i>Wilmot Kennedy Bell, Gloria Bell Overholt</i>
Altar Guild	<i>past Altar Guild members</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Natalie Reed</i>
Mariette Spence Ambri	<i>Doris Hayman, Edward Graham Spence</i>
Kurt Anderson and Dale LaFleur	<i>Karl C. Anderson</i>
Michael and Kay Anderson	<i>Gerald and Aldoris Anderson, Philip and Margaret Howard</i>
Peg Anderson	<i>Karl Anderson</i>
Gary and Geri Ashworth	<i>Natalie Reed</i>
Joe and Shirely Baca	<i>Stanley and Winifred Sims</i>
Barbara Beydler	<i>Fred and Dorothy Beydler</i>
Bonnie Bird	<i>my brother, Dillard E. Bird, Jr.</i>
Breckenridge Family	<i>the Durhams and Breckenridges Srs.</i>
John and Paulette Bremond	<i>our dear sons, John Jr. and Robert</i>
Mary K. Butler	<i>John L. Butler</i>
Judy Cavallon	<i>James F. Tullis, Catherine B. Damon, Gregory Wyes</i>
Jane Chilcott	<i>Jack C., Jack D., Tracy, Jessica, and Natalie</i>
Lynne and Jeff Chrisenberry	<i>Sally Deniz</i>
Kimberly Clements	<i>William M. Clements, Melody Luyties</i>
Renée and Richard Clift	<i>Florrie, Florry, Billie, Graydon, and Val</i>
Marianne and Allan Cooley	<i>Anne and Souren Hanoian, Ruth Cooley</i>
Anne Boyer Cotten	<i>Robert R. Cotten, John and Rachel Boyer</i>
Elaine Damgaard	<i>Ken, Ron and Sara, Mary and Evelyn, Levy and Frances</i>
Marie Darmer	<i>Roman E. Darmer</i>
Randy and Laurel Decker	<i>Loved ones</i>
Claude Deniz	<i>Sally Deniz</i>
The Ed Desteiguer Family	<i>our parents and grandparents, John Desteiguer, Joe Desteiguer</i>
Diane Dittimore	<i>Richard and Betty Ann Dittimore</i>
Mary Jo Diviti	<i>Charlie Diviti</i>
John and Dottie Driskill	<i>our parents and Kyle Driskill</i>
David and Barbara Earnest	<i>our parents</i>
Susan Erickson	<i>Svea and Manley Erickson, Kyle Erickson</i>

Don and Polly Essinger	<i>our parents</i>
Robert and Jean Ferguson	<i>sons Richard and Daniel</i>
Corky Gabbert	<i>Andrea Gabbert</i>
Ray and Mary Gamache	<i>Don and Jean Heldenbrand, brother-in-law/sister</i>
Julie Gibson	<i>Jane and Jim Fryatt</i>
Elizabeth G. Giles	<i>Maurice and Margaret Gaus</i>
Betty and Doyle Golden	<i>Barry Childers, Judy Golden</i>
The Hawley family	<i>Phyllis Hawley</i>
Emily Hilliard	<i>Beloved daughter</i>
Kenneth Hinkle and Winifred Williams	<i>Harold Hinkle; Mildred, James, Jerry Williams</i>
Janet Holt	<i>Roger Simonsen; the Joinette family</i>
Gary and Yvonne Huckleberry	<i>Patricia Thompson</i>
Gaye Izzard	<i>Dick and Elizabeth Garrett, Margaret and Alex Izzard, Gertrude and Ken Arnold, Mimi Izzard Kolman, Roberta and Gaines Neale</i>
Debbie Johnson	<i>Fredric L. Johnson</i>
John Kain	<i>Loved ones</i>
Janeth Rouzer Kammeyer	<i>Peter C. Kammeyer</i>
Virginia Kat	<i>Katherine Lisk, Toby Greene</i>
James Kautz and family	<i>Carol Miller Kautz</i>
John Kneale	<i>Cheryl Kneale</i>
Susan Kornhaber	<i>Bernard Kornhaber, parents, family, and friends, Bette Jones, Linda Markus</i>
Judy, Joe, and Rachel Koyiol	<i>Rick Koyiol</i>
Tom and Marilyn Lindell	<i>Loved ones</i>
Marjorie Jane Lindsay and family	<i>Alexander J. Lindsay, Jr.</i>
Judith MacArthur	<i>Earle T. MacArthur</i>
Ottilie Rose Matchett	<i>my twin brother, Graeme Huycke</i>
Patricia Mathes	<i>Bailey family</i>
Don and Donna McArthur	<i>Donald Behler, Sr.</i>
Chris McCooey	<i>Edna and Richard Sack</i>
Carolyn McKeeman	<i>Natalie Reed</i>
Virginia Mead	<i>Helen Baxter Potter</i>
Vicki Meredith	<i>Maxine Tullos, Lillian Smith, Fay Sanford</i>
The Messenger family	<i>Dorothy (Gram) Messenger</i>
Barbara and Russ Miller	<i>Olwyn, John, Eleanor</i>
Cyndi Miller	<i>Max Miller</i>
Bonnie Mitchell	<i>Wm. "Bill" Mitchell</i>

Meredith Mullins	<i>Jeff Mullins</i>
Andrew Norell Family	<i>Loved ones</i>
Harry Nungesser	<i>Helen Tonkin, Harry Fonseca</i>
Dave and Liz Ogilvy	<i>Melinda Carrell</i>
Dr. Sherwood B. Owens	<i>Jody Owens</i>
Candyce Pierre	<i>Max, Fern, and Gabe Pierre</i>
Jim and Jane Prescott-Smith	<i>Jim and Betty Smith, Matt and Nancy Prescott</i>
Glenn and David Randall	<i>Rosemary Randall</i>
Dennis Ray and Margaret Briebl	<i>Loved ones</i>
April Richards	<i>Robert Walling</i>
Hal Robson	<i>Julie Robson</i>
Nancy and Clifford Rowley	<i>Elmer and Bunny Rowley</i>
Camille Salisbury	<i>Steve Salisbury, Joanne Bennett</i>
Susan Q. Shetter	<i>Dorothy and George Shetter, Elsie and William Quade</i>
Rita Smalling	<i>my husband, Craig Powers Perkins</i>
Jeanette Smith	<i>Francis C. Smith</i>
Cynthia and Paul Stevens	<i>Loved ones</i>
Jan Stewart	<i>Emil and Nelle Lenzner</i>
Dottie Sundt	<i>Lindy and Tommy Sundt</i>
Patricia Sweeney	<i>Hartwell Sweeney</i>
Jen Tellman	<i>Norman and Olive Weed</i>
Connie Thullen	<i>Ed Thullen</i>
Constance Turner	<i>William "Bill" Mitchell</i>
Richard and Jane Ulmer	<i>deceased of the Synar and Ulmer families</i>
John Underwood	<i>Mary J. Underwood</i>
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Volz	<i>Mathias and Zella Volz</i>
James and Sally Voss	<i>Rossie and Herb Voss, Ian and Betty Rutter</i>
Anna and Steve Wafler	<i>Family and friends</i>
Sandi Wagelie	
Noreen and Jon Wang	<i>Ryan Hils Wang</i>
Marjorie Wallendorf	<i>Don, Kim, and Alisa</i>
Elizabeth Weber	<i>Everett and Lena Weber</i>
Bonnie Winn	<i>James Winn</i>
Ted Woelke	<i>Frances Woelke</i>
Mark and Helene Woodhams	<i>our grandparents</i>
Karl Yordy	<i>Joyce Yordy</i>

— HOLY EUCHARIST AND PAGEANT —

3:00

VOLUNTARY

Noel “Grand Jeu et Duo”

L.C. Daquin

— THE WORD OF GOD —

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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. **Amen.**

CAROL *(Please join in singing)*

Hymnal 83
Adeste fideles

“O come, all ye faithful”

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin’s womb;
only-begotten Son of the Father;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Please be seated

THE FIRST READING

Luke 1:26-31

And in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God, unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David: And the Virgin’s name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, “Hail thou art highly favored, the Lord is with thee, blessed are thou among women.” And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, “Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.”

CAROL *(Please join in singing)*

Hymnal 81
Es ist ein Ros

“Lo, How a Rose e’er Blooming”

Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse’s lineage coming
as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah ‘twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it,
the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God’s love aright,
she bore to us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.

Please remain seated

THE SECOND READING

Luke 1:39-44

And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste into a city of Judah, and entered into the house of Zechariah, and saluted Elizabeth. And it came to pass, that, when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of the Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

CAROL *(Please join in singing)*

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Hymnal 79
Forest Green

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth!
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

Please remain seated

THE THIRD READING

Luke 2:1-5

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, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, 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.

CAROL

“The first Nowell”

Hymnal 109
The First Nowell

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

They look-ed up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

THE FOURTH READING

Luke 2:8-12

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over the flocks by night. And, lo the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, “Fear not: for 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 savior, 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.”

CAROL

“Angels we have heard on high”

Hymnal 96
Gloria

Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight:
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

THE FIFTH READING

Luke 2:13-14

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.”

CAROL

“We three kings of Orient are”

Hymnal 128
Three Kings of Orient

We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings
alleluia:
alleluia the earth replies. [*Refrain*]

Refrain:

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!*

THE SIXTH READING

Matthew 2:1-9

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold there came three wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship Him.”

When Herod the King had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, “In Bethlehem, of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet. And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, art not the least among the princes of Judah, for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people, Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, “Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found Him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship Him also.” When they had heard the king, they departed. And, lo, the star, which they saw in the East, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

CAROL

“Away in a manger”

Hymnal 101
Cradle Song

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay;
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

THE SEVENTH READING

Luke 2:6-7

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 at the inn.

CAROL

“Angels, from the realms of glory”

Hymnal 93
Regent Square

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o’er all the earth;
ye, who sang creation’s story,
now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
yonder shines the infant Light:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

CAROL

“Silent night, holy night”

Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child,
holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth! Jesus, Lord at thy birth!

— HOLY COMMUNION —

OFFERTORY

CAROL

Today salvation has come

The Cherub Choir and Saint Cecilia Choir

Today salvation has come here into this house, for the God of all came to seek us, and to save the lost—to save us All. Today salvation has come here into this house, because this man is a son of Abraham, and he comes to seek and to save the lost—to save us All. (Text: Luke 19:9-10; music: Sam Sierra Feldman)

Please stand

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. 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, With Shepherds and Magi, With the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saints of every time and place, Who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, With the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, With Joseph, With Elizabeth and Zachariah, With Caspar, Balthazar and Melchior, With Philip and with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

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

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

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Hodie Christus natus est

The Cherub Choir and Saint Cecilia Choir

Today Christ is born, today the Savior appears, today the angels sing on earth, and the Archangels rejoice. Today the just exult, saying: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia. (Text: c. 12th Century; music: Sam Sierra Feldman)

COMMUNION CAROL *(Please join in singing)*

"In the bleak midwinter"

Hymnal 112

Cranham

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the beloved with a kiss.

Our God, heav'n cannot hold him, nor earth sustain,
heav'n and earth shall flee away, when he comes
to reign:
in the bleak midwinter a stableplace sufficed
the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(said together, standing)*

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Almighty and everliving God, 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 CHRISTMAS BLESSING

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

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

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

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

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and join in singing

HYMN IN PROCESSION

"Hark! the herald angels sing"

Hymnal 87
Mendelssohn

Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings;

mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King.

VOLUNTARY

"In dulci jubilo"

J.S. Bach



— PRE-SERVICE MUSIC —

4:50

Please remain seated and join in singing

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

“While shepherds watched their flocks by night”

Hymnal 94
Winchester Old

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

“The heavenly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid.”

“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind;
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.”

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

“To you, in David’s town, this day
is born of David’s line
the Savior, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:”

“All glory be to God on high
and on the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heav’n to men
begin and never cease.”

CHOIR CAROL

Adam lay ybounden
The Saint Nicholas Choir

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond: four thousand winter thought he not too long. And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkes finden written in their book. Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been, ne had never our lady a been heavenè queen. Blessed be the time that apple taken was. Therefore we moun singen: Deo gracias! (Text: 15th century; music: Boris Ord, English, 1897–1961, arr. Barry Rose.)

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

“Joy to the World”

Hymnal 100
Antioch

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow,
far as the curse is found.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love.

HANDBELL CAROL

Ding Dong, Merrily on High
The Saint Philip’s Ringers

— HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II —

5:00

THE TOWER BELLS

After soloist Cecilia Appel and the choir sing verses 1-2, please stand and join in singing verses 3-6

HYMN IN PROCESSION

“Once in royal David’s city”

Irby

And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honor and obey,
Love, and watch the lowly maiden,
in whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as he.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and helpless
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

For he is our childhood’s pattern,
day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God’s right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

GLORIA

Hymnal S-278

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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. **Amen.**

— THE CHRISTMAS STORY —

Please remain seated during the following storytelling and carols.

SCENE 1: THIS NIGHT IS LIKE NO OTHER NIGHT.

This night is like no other night. It is a time to dream and sing our way to Bethlehem. The children will show us how to go. The little town we seek sits in the hill country some ten miles south of Jerusalem. For thousands of years the houses there have gathered together on the hilltop like a family breaking bread. “Bethlehem” means “House of Bread.” In the center of the village is a small inn. On this night it is overflowing with people seeking sleep and a place to eat. Behind the Inn is a dark stable. A gray donkey chews his barley and broken straw while a weary steer leans and rests after the day’s plowing in the valley. A sheep nearby is nearly asleep. All is still and quiet in the little town.

Please join in singing. During the hymn, children bring forward the donkey, the steer, and the sheep.

CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Hymnal 79

St. Louis

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

SCENE 2: MARY AND JOSEPH COME TO BETHLEHEM

As night gathers, the last few travelers come slowly up the road. Look, there is a young woman about to be a mother. She is walking with her husband. They are Joseph and Mary from Nazareth! They have walked for six days to come to this city where King David was born, so long before. They have come, like so many others, because the Roman Emperor wants to count each one, so he can take their money in a tax. But it is late, and Mary is so weary. Where will they sleep? There is no room in the inn. They decide to sleep with the animals.

Please join in singing. During the hymn, children bring forward figures of Mary and Joseph.

CAROL

“Good Christian friends, rejoice”

Hymnal 107

In dulci jubilo

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss;
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

SCENE 3: JESUS IS BORN

Stars brighten slowly in the sky. All creation holds its breath. Suddenly, from the stable comes the cry of a newborn child! Mary gently wraps the baby in a blanket and lays him in the feed box that Joseph filled with straw.

Please join in singing. During the hymn, children bring forward a figure of baby Jesus in a cradle.

CAROL

“Away in a manger”

Hymnal 101

Cradle Song

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay;
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

SCENE 4: THE ANGELS SING – SHEPHERDS COME

In the hills outside Bethlehem, shepherds watch their shadowy sheep. All at once, the dark is split by light, and in the midst of the light is something even brighter. It is the face of an angel. The fearful shepherds hear sounds in the sky, and a voice says clearly, “Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by all people. Today in the City of David a Savior is born! He is the Christ, the Lord.” Then, more angels appear, a whole heavenly host of them, praising God and singing: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will

to all people, everywhere.” The shepherds run with joy across the fields to Bethlehem to the barn behind the inn. There they find the Holy Family, and creep forward, overwhelmed with mystery, to find Nativity itself in the center of all that love.

Please join in singing. During the hymn, children bring forward figures of shepherds and an angel.

CAROL

“The first Nowell”

Hymnal 109
The First Nowell

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They look-ed up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

SCENE 5: THREE WISE KINGS FOLLOW A STAR

Three camels plod up the road that leads to Bethlehem. They have come from the East, far beyond the Arabian Desert. The camels carry three kings, the wise ones. They are following the wild star, the destiny they had never seen before, and they are following it, wherever it goes, to find the King its shining shows them.

Please join in singing. During the hymn, children bring forward figures of three kings.

CAROL

“We three kings of Orient are”

Hymnal 128
Three Kings of Orient

We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

SCENE 6: WHAT CAN I GIVE HIM?

The kings’ journey ends in a new kind of King. Their restlessness rests at last. They fall to their knees and give Him bright gold, sweet-smelling frankincense, and bitter myrrh, brought so far with such love. So, now we all come, following the star, to find God-with-us. We come, as people have come all through the ages, to bring our own gifts to this Child, God’s gift to us. Come forward, now. Bring your gifts of stars and of yourselves to place around the manger. Show us the way into the Mystery of Christmas, as we sing, for this night is holy.

Please join in singing. During the hymn, children bring forward the stars they received earlier, to place around the Crèche as their gift.

CAROL

“What child is this”

Hymnal 115
Greensleeves

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Please stand

THE BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE

God of Mary and Joseph, of shepherds and animals, bless us whenever we gaze on this manger scene. Through all the days of Christmas may these figures tell the story of how humans, angels and animals found the Christ in this poor place. Fill this place with hospitality, joy, gentleness, and thanksgiving and guide our steps in the way of peace. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

CHRISTMAS WELCOME

— HOLY COMMUNION —

OFFERTORY

CAROL

'Coventry Carol'

The Saint Nicholas Choir

Solos: Abby Alexander (soprano), Justin Appel (tenor), Kellen Holter (bass)

Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child, Bye bye, lully, lullay. Thou little tiny child, Bye bye, lully, lullay. O sisters too, how may we do, For to preserve this day, This poor youngling for whom we sing, "Bye bye, lully, lullay"? Herod the king, in his raging, Chargèd he hath this day His men of might in his own sight All young children to slay. That woe is me, poor child, for thee And ever mourn and may, For thy parting neither say nor sing, "Bye bye, lully, lullay." (Text: 16th century; music: Thomas Mawdyke)

Please stand

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-128

Please remain standing or kneel as is your custom

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B CONTINUES

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Celebrant: ... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory.

Celebrant: ... 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

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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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

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

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

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM

'Myn liking'
The Saint Nicholas Choir

I saw a fair mayden sytten and sing. She lulled a lyttel childe, a swete Lording. Lullay myn lyking, my dere sonne, my sweetling. Lullay my dere herte, myn own dere derling. That same Lord is he that made alle thing; Of alle lordis he is Lord, of alle kynges Kyng. There was mickle melody at that chylde's birth. All that were in heuenly blisse they made mickle mirth. Aungels bright sang their song to that chylde, Blyssid be thou and so be sche so meke and so milde. (Text: 15th century; music: Richard Terry, 1856-1938)

ANTHEM

'There is no rose'
The Saint Nicholas Choir
Solos: Caroline Spurlin (soprano), Justin Appel (tenor)

There is no rose of such vertu As is the rose that bare Jesu; Alleluia. For in this rose contained was Heaven and earth in lytle space; Res miranda. By that rose we may well see That he is God in persons three, Pari forma. The angels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis deo: Gaudeamus. Leave we all this wearldly mirth, And follow we this joyful birth; Transeamus. Alleluia, res miranda, Pares forma, gaudeamus, Transeamus. (Text: 15th century; music: 15th century)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(said together, standing)*

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Almighty and everliving God, 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.

POST-COMMUNION CAROL *(Please join in singing)*

"Silent night, holy night"

Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child,
holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth! Jesus, Lord at thy birth!

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

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

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

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

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

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and join in singing

HYMN IN PROCESSION

"Hark! the herald angels sing"

Hymnal 87
Mendelssohn

Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings;

mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King.

VOLUNTARY

"In dulci jubilo"

J.S. Bach



— PRE-SERVICE MUSIC —

6:50

HARP CAROLS

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
Greensleeves
Angels We Have Heard on High
Interlude

arr. McDonald
arr. Milligan
arr. Voltz
Britten

HANDBELL CAROL

What Child is this
The Saint Philip's Ringers

— CANDLELIGHT EUCHARIST —

7:00

THE TOWER BELLS

— THE WORD OF GOD —

After soloist Belen Urreiztieta and the choir sing verses 1-2, please stand and join in singing verses 3-6

HYMN IN PROCESSION

“Once in royal David’s city”

And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honor and obey,
Love, and watch the lowly maiden,
in whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood’s pattern,
day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and helpless
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God’s right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around

Irby

BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God’s loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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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.**

Please be seated

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 22:5-18

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

CAROL

Adam lay ybounden

The Saint Nicholas Choir and Schola Cantorum

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond: four thousand winter thought he not too long. And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkes finden written in their book. Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been, ne had never our lady a been heavenè queen. Blessed be the time that apple taken was. Therefore we moun singen: Deo gracias! (Text: 15th century; music: Boris Ord, English, 1897–1961, arr. Barry Rose.)

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

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. 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.

Please stand and join in singing

HYMN

“Unto us a boy is born”

Hymnal 98
Puer nobis nascitur

Unto us a boy is born,
King of all creation:
Cradled in a stall was He,
The Lord of every nation.

Herod then with fear was filled:
‘A prince’, he said, ‘In Jewry!’
All little boys be killed
At Beth’em in his fury.

Cradled in a stall was he
With sleepy cows and asses;
But the very beasts could see
That He all men surpasses.

Now may Mary’s Son, who came
So long ago to love us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame
Unto the joys above us.

Omega and Alpha He!
Let the organ thunder,
While the choir with peals of glee
Doth rend the air asunder.

Please be seated

THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-4

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

CAROL

‘Tomorrow shall be my dancing day’

The Saint Nicholas Choir and Schola Cantorum

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance to see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance: Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love. Then I was born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance; thus was I knit to man’s nature, to call my true love to my dance: In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor this was my chance, betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance: Then afterwards baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance, my Father’s voice heard from above, to call my true love to my dance: (Text: traditional English carol; music: John Gardner, 1917-2011)

Please remain seated

THE FOURTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child

to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

CAROL

‘There is no rose’

The Saint Nicholas Choir and Schola Cantorum
Solos: Caroline Spurlin (soprano), Justin Appel (tenor)

There is no rose of such vertu As is the rose that bare Jesu; Alleluia. For in this rose contained was Heaven and earth in lytle space; Res miranda. By that rose we may well see That he is God in persons three, Pari forma. The angels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis deo: Gaudeamus. Leave we all this wearldly mirth, And follow we this joyful birth; Transeamus. Alleluia, res miranda, Pares forma, gaudeamus, Transeamus. (Text: 15th century; music: 15th century)

Please be seated

THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

CAROL

‘Sir Christèmas’

The Saint Nicholas Choir and Schola Cantorum

Nowell, nowell. Who is there that singeth so, Nowell, nowell? I am here, Sir Christèmas. Welcome, my lord Sir Christèmas! Welcome to all, both more and less! 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; In an ox-stall he is laid, Wherefore sing we at abrayde: 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. Nowell. (Text: 15th century; music: William Mathias, 1934-1992)

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Peter Helman

A period of silence for meditation follows the sermon

THE PEACE

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Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

CHRISTMAS WELCOME

— HOLY COMMUNION —

OFFERTORY CAROL

'A boy was born'

The Saint Nicholas Choir and Schola Cantorum

A Boy was born in Bethlehem, Rejoice for that, Jerusalem! Alleluya. He let himself a servant be, That all mankind He might set free: Alleluya. Then praise the Word of God who came to dwell within a human frame: Alleluya. (Text: 16th century; music: Benjamin Britten, 1913-1976)

Please stand

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

SANCTUS

'Communion Service in F'

The Saint Nicholas Choir and Schola Cantorum

Solos: Abby Alexander (soprano), Belen Urreiztieta (alto),
Thomas Alexander (tenor), Jonah Harwood (bass)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. (Music: Harold Darke, 1888-1976)

Please remain standing or kneel as is your custom

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B CONTINUES

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Celebrant: ... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory.

Celebrant: ... 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

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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.

AGNUS DEI

'Communion Service in F'

The Saint Nicholas Choir and Schola Cantorum

Solo: Kellen Holter (bass)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace. (Music: Harold Darke, 1888-1976)

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION

CAROL

'In the bleak midwinter'

The Saint Nicholas Choir and Schola Cantorum

Solos: Belen Urreiztieta (soprano), Kellen Holter (tenor)

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone. Snow had fallen, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter long ago. Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain, heaven and earth shall flee away, when he comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed, the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ. Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day, a heart full of mirth and a manger full of hay. Enough for him, whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel, which adore. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part, yet what I can I give him, give my heart. (Text: Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894; music: Harold Darke, 1888-1976)

CAROL

'Balulalow'

The Saint Nicholas Choir and Schola Cantorum

Solos: Caroline Spurlin (soprano solo); Abby Alexander, Belen Urreiztieta, and Cait Willis (sopranos)

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! (Text: 16th century; music: Benjamin Britten, 1913-1976)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(said together, standing)*

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Almighty and everliving God, 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.

HANDBELL CAROL

Carol of the Bells

The Saint Philip's Ringers

POST-COMMUNION CAROL *(Please join in singing)*

"Silent night, holy night"

Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child,
holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth! Jesus, Lord at thy birth!

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

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

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

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

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

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and join in singing

HYMN IN PROCESSION

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Hymnal 79
Forest Green

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth!
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous Gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him,
still the dear Christ enters in.

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!

VOLUNTARY

Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon



— PRE-SERVICE MUSIC —

8:50

HANDBELL CAROL

Ding Dong, Merrily on High
The Saint Philip's Ringers

CHOIR CAROL

'See amid the winter's snow'
The Saint Philip's Singers

See amid the winter's snow, Born for us on earth below, See, the gentle Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years. *Hail that ever blessed morn, Hail redemption's happy dawn, Sing through all Jerusalem: Christ is born in Bethlehem.* Say, you holy shepherds, say, Tell your joyful news today. Why have you now left your sheep On the lonely mountain steep? "As we watched at dead of night, There appeared a wondrous light; Angels singing 'Peace on earth' Told us of the Savior's birth." (Text: Edward Caswall, 1814-1878; music: John Goss, 1800-1880)

Please remain seated and join in singing

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

"O come, all ye faithful"

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only-begotten Son of the Father;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born on Christmas morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Hymnal 83
Adeste fideles

— HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II —

9:00

THE TOWER BELLS

— THE WORD OF GOD —

After soloist Caroline Spurlin and the choir sing verses 1-2, please stand and join in singing verses 3-5

HYMN IN PROCESSION

"Once in royal David's city"

Irby

And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honor and obey,
Love, and watch the lowly maiden,
in whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern,
day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and helpless
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

STATION AT THE CRÈCHE

BOS p36

Celebrant: The word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

People: **And we beheld his glory.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the Coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please remain standing and sing verse 6

HYMN IN PROCESSION

“Once in royal David’s city”

Irby

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God’s right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

GLORIA

‘Kleine Orgelmesse’
The Saint Philip’s Singers

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. (Music: F. Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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. **Amen.**

Please be seated

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

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: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96 *(sung by the choir)*

1. Sing 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.
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!
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.
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.

Please remain seated

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and sing

SEQUENCE HYMN

“Of the Father’s love begotten”

Divinium mysterium

Of the Father’s love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be;
honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!

O that birth for ever blessed,
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race;
and the Babe, the world’s Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

Sing, ye heights of heav’n, his praises;
Angels and archangels, sing!
Where-so e’er ye be, ye faithful,
Let your joyous anthems ring,
Ev’ry tongue his name confessing,
Countless voices answering
Evermore and evermore.

Please remain standing

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

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

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev’d Robert Hendrickson

A period of silence for meditation follows the sermon

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

CONCLUDING COLLECT

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

CHRISTMAS WELCOME

— HOLY COMMUNION —

OFFERTORY

CAROL

'In the bleak midwinter'

The Saint Philip's Singers

Solos: Cait Willis (soprano), Thomas Alexander (tenor)

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone. Snow had fallen, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter long ago. Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain, heaven and earth shall flee away, when he comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed, the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ. Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day, a heart full of mirth and a manger full of hay. Enough for him, whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel, which adore. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part, yet what I can I give him, give my heart. (Text: Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894; music: Harold Darke, 1888-1976)

Please stand

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

SANCTUS

'Kleine Orgelmesse'

The Saint Philip's Singers

Solos: Mary Paul (soprano)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. (Music: F. Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809)

Please remain standing or kneel as is your custom

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B CONTINUES

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Celebrant: ... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory.

Celebrant: ... 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

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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.

AGNUS DEI

'Kleine Orgelmesse'
The Saint Philip's Singers

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.
(Music: F. Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809)

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION

CAROL

'Ave Maria'
The Saint Philip's Singers

Solos: Mary Paul (soprano), Sam Sierra-Feldman (alto), Brian McNiff (tenor)

The angel of God announced unto Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary, Full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus, Jesus. Mary said: Behold, the servant of the Lord. Be it unto me according to your word. And the Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, Holy Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen. (Text: the Angelus; music: Franz Biebl, 1906-2001)

CAROL

'Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary!'
The Saint Philip's Singers

Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary! For so, when he did meet thee Spake mighty Gabriel, and thus we greet thee. Come weal, come woe, our hymn shall never vary. Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary! Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary!

Ave! Ave Maria! To gladden priest and people, The angelus shall ring from every steeple, To sound his virgin birth. Alleluia! Ave! Ave Maria! Ave! Ave Maria!

Archangels chant, 'Hosanna!' And, 'Holy! Holy! Holy!' Before the Infant born of thee, thou lowly, Aye- maiden child of Joachim and Anna. Archangels chant Hosanna! Archangels chant Hosanna! (Text: George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1848-1934; music: arr. Charles Wood, 1866-1926)

COMMUNION CAROL *(Please join in singing)*

"Good Christian friends, rejoice!"

Hymnal 107
In dulci jubilo

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss;
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

HANDBELL CAROL

Carol of the Bells
The Saint Philip's Ringers

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(said together, standing)*

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Almighty and everliving God, 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.

POST-COMMUNION CAROL *(Please join in singing)*

“Silent night, holy night”

Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child,
holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth! Jesus, Lord at thy birth!

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

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

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

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and join in singing

HYMN IN PROCESSION

“Hark! the herald angels sing”

Hymnal 87
Mendelssohn

Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings;
mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King.

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Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

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— PRE-SERVICE MUSIC —

10:50

HANDBELL CAROL

What Child is this
The Saint Philip's Ringers

CHOIR CAROL

'See amid the winter's snow'
The Canterbury Choir

See amid the winter's snow, Born for us on earth below, See, the gentle Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years. *Hail that ever blessed morn, Hail redemption's happy dawn, Sing through all Jerusalem: Christ is born in Bethlehem.* Say, you holy shepherds, say, Tell your joyful news today. Why have you now left your sheep On the lonely mountain steep? "As we watched at dead of night, There appeared a wondrous light; Angels singing 'Peace on earth' Told us of the Savior's birth." (Text: Edward Caswall, 1814-1878; music: John Goss, 1800-1880)

Please remain seated and join in singing

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

"O come, all ye faithful"

Hymnal 83
Adeste fideles

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only-begotten Son of the Father;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born on Christmas morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

— HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I —

11:00

THE TOWER BELLS

— THE WORD OF GOD —

After soloist Abby Alexander and the choir sing verses 1-2, please stand and join in singing verses 3-5

HYMN IN PROCESSION

"Once in royal David's city"

Irby

And through all his wondrous childhood
he would honor and obey,
Love, and watch the lowly maiden,
in whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern,
day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and helpless is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

STATION AT THE CRÈCHE

BOS p36

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People: **And we beheld his glory.**

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Please remain standing and sing verse 6

HYMN IN PROCESSION


“Once in royal David’s city”


Irby

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God’s right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant

Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

GLORIA

‘Kleine Orgelmesse’
The Saint Philip’s Singers

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen. (Music: F. Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

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: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96 *(sung by the choir)*

1. Sing 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.
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!
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.
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.

Please remain seated

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and sing

SEQUENCE HYMN

“Of the Father’s love begotten”

Divinium mysterium

Of the Father’s love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be;
honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!

O that birth for ever blessed,
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race;
and the Babe, the world’s Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

Sing, ye heights of heav’n, his praises;
Angels and archangels, sing!
Where-so e’er ye be, ye faithful,
Let your joyous anthems ring,
Ev’ry tongue his name confessing,
Countless voices answering
Evermore and evermore.

Please remain standing

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

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

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev’d Robert Hendrickson

A period of silence for meditation follows the sermon

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

CHRISTMAS WELCOME

— HOLY COMMUNION —

OFFERTORY CAROL

'I wonder as I wander'
The Canterbury Choir
Solo: Sam Sierra-Feldman (alto)

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, How Jesus the Savior did come for to die For poor on'ry people like you and like I... I wonder as I wander, out under the sky. When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall, With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all. But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, And the promise of ages it then did recall. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing, Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing He surely could have it, cause he was the King. I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, How Jesus the Savior did come for to die For poor on'ry people like you and like I... I wonder as I wander, out under the sky. (Text: John Jacob Niles, 1892-1980; music: John Jacob Niles, 1892-1980, arr. John Rutter, 1945-)

Please stand

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff shows the Celebrant singing "The Lord be with you." followed by the People singing "And with thy spi - rit." The second staff shows the Celebrant singing "Lift up your hearts." followed by the People singing "We lift them up un - to the Lord." The third staff shows the Celebrant singing "Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God." The fourth staff shows the People singing "It is meet and right so to do."

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

'Kleine Orgelmesse'
The Canterbury Choir
Solo: Abby Alexander (soprano)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts, the heavens and the earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. (Music: F. Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809)

Please remain standing or kneel as is your custom

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II CONTINUES

...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

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Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

AGNUS DEI

'Kleine Orgelmesse'
The Canterbury Choir

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace. (Music: F. Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809)

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION

CAROL

'Hymn to the Virgin'
The Canterbury Choir

Solos: Caroline Spurlin (soprano), Sam Sierra-Feldman (alto), Brian McNiff (tenor), Arizeder Urreiztieta (bass)

Of one that is so fair and bright, Velut maris stella, Brighter than the day is light, Parens et puella: I cry to thee, thou see to me, Lady, pray thy Son for me, Tam pia, That I may come to thee. Maria!

All this world was forlorn, Eva peccatrice, Till our Lord was y-born, De te genetrice. With ave it went away, Darkest night, and comes the day, Salutis, The well springeth out of thee. Virtutis. Lady, flow'r of ev'rything, Rosa sine spina, Thou bare Jesu, Heaven's King, Gratia divina: Of all thou bear'st the prize, Lady, queen of paradise, Electa: Maid mild, mother es Effecta. (Text: 13th century; music: Benjamin Britten, 1913-1976)

CAROL

'A spotless rose'
The Canterbury Choir
Solo: Larry Alexander (baritone)

A spotless rose is blowing, Sprung from a tender root, Of ancient seers foreshowing, Of Jesse promised fruit; Its fairest bud unfolds to light Amid the cold, cold winter, And in the dark midnight.

The rose which I am singing, Whereof Isaiah said, Is from its sweet root springing In Mary purest maid; For through our God's great love and might, The Blessed Babe she bare us In a cold, cold winter's night. (Text: 15th century, trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878; music: Herbert Howells, 1892-1983)

COMMUNION CAROL *(Please join in singing)*

"Good Christian friends, rejoice!"

Hymnal 107
In dulci jubilo

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss;
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

HANDBELL CAROL

Carol of the Bells
The Saint Philip's Ringers

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(said together, standing)*

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Almighty and everliving God, 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.

POST-COMMUNION CAROL *(Please join in singing)*

Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child,
holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth! Jesus, Lord at thy birth!

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

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

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

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

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

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and join in singing

HYMN IN PROCESSION

"Hark! the herald angels sing"

Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!

Hymnal 87
Mendelssohn

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings,

ris'n with healing in his wings;

mild he lays his glory by,

born that man no more may die,

born to raise the sons of earth,

born to give them second birth.

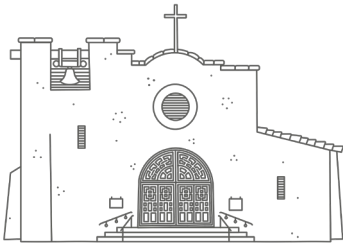
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