



# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

906 South Orleans Avenue ♦ Tampa, Florida 33606-2941

## Christmas Eve

*Wednesday, December 24, 2025*

*5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II*



### SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.*

*Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you;*

*After the service speak to one another.*



## THE RECTOR'S WELCOME

There are so many amazing Christmas traditions. Many of them are cultural, many are specific to our families, and some are specific to our church home. I am so glad each of you has found your way to St. John's this Christmas season. I hope you find this place to be a warm, welcoming church where you can celebrate and contemplate the Incarnation of the Word of God, the birth of Our Savior Jesus Christ.

The birth of Jesus is one of the most significant events in world history. The creator of us all has come into his creation so that he might redeem it. He not only sets out to redeem us, but he also lives as one of us, so that he knows intimately what it is to be human—the ups and downs, the fears and celebrations.

Whatever your family's Christmas traditions are, always remember to make room for the Holy Spirit to help you reflect on how much God loves you, your family, your friends, your neighbors, and even those you would prefer not to see this holiday season. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us for all of us, so that whosoever believes in Jesus should not perish but have eternal life!

Kate and I had a wonderful tradition at bedtime when our children were very young: one of us would always sing the famous Christmas Carol "*Away in a Manger*" to each of our children as we put them to bed. The last verse of that carol speaks to an incarnational way of living and reminds us to invite Jesus into our hearts this time of year.

“Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.”

Merry Christmas to you all, and may the Incarnate Son of God, Jesus Christ our Lord, bless and keep you now and always.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "The Rev. Christian M. Wood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small cross symbol at the end.

The Rev. Christian M. Wood  
*Rector*

# VOLUNTARY *The Holy Boy* — John Ireland

*The people stand as the Ministers enter*

## Processional Hymn 83 *Stanzas 1-3*

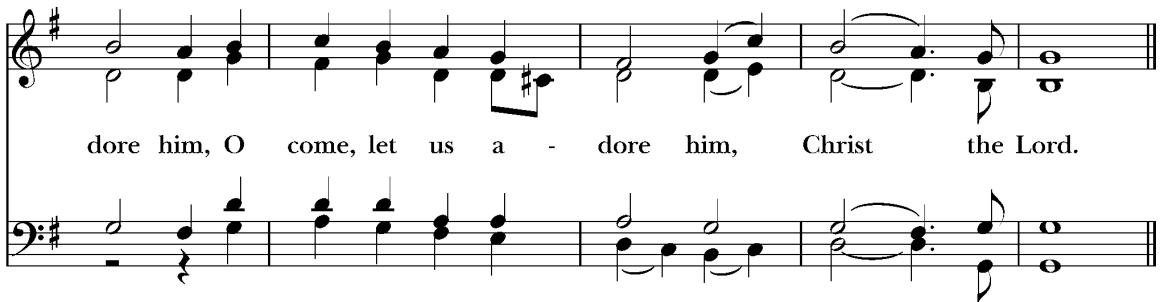
*Adeste fideles*

1 O come, all ye faithful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son - of the Fa - ther;  
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;

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



## STATION AT THE CRÈCHE

*The Celebrant and other ministers make a station at the crèche. The figure of the Christ Child carried in procession is placed in the crèche and the Celebrant says*

V. The word was made flesh and dwelt among us;  
R. **And we beheld his glory.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

Most merciful and loving God, you have made this night holy by the incarnation of your son Jesus Christ, and by the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary: grant that we your people may enter with joy into the celebration of this night, and may also rejoice for ever as your adopted sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The Celebrant then censes the crèche, after which the procession continues*

Processional Hymn 83 *Stanzas 4-6*

*Adeste fideles*

\*4 See how the shep-herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,  
 \*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man-ger,  
  
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;  
  
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?  
  
*Refrain*  
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

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

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing;

## PROPER ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

And bless - ed be his king - dom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant*

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

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO 96 Stanzas 1 & 4

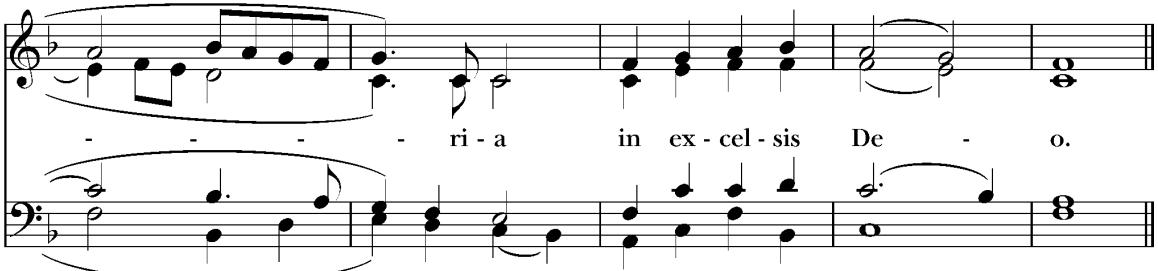
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit*

## THE LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

*Reader* A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before thee as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## GRADUAL MOTET *Sung by the choir* *In the bleak mid-winter* — Harold Darke

*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, hear'n cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain—hear'n 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.*

## THE EPISTLE

Titus 2:11-14

*Lector* A Reading from the letter of Paul to Titus.

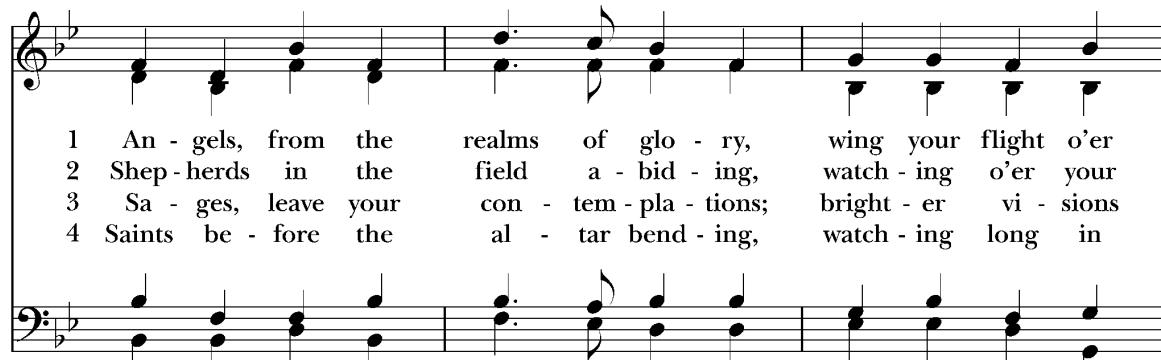
For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Sequence Hymn 93

*Regent Square*



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;  
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;  
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scand - ing,

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,  
 ye have seen his na - tal star:  
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14

*Gospeller*    Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him

in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths 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, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

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

*The people sit*

## THE SERMON

Father Christian M. Wood, *Rector*

*All stand*

## THE NICENE CREED

*Celebrant and people*

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 (*Form IV*)

*The people kneel*

*Deacon* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Leader*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,  
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;  
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its  
resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially those in hospital and those in hospice; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, and all for whom the altar flowers are dedicated today; that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds this concluding Collect*

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONFESSON OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon*      Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*All stand*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*The people sit for the announcements*

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Offertory Sentence

### Offertory Anthem

*A Child is born in Bethlehem* — Philip Stopford

*A child is born in Bethlehem, Alleluia. And joy is in Jerusalem, Alleluia. Rejoice, rejoice, sing high, sing low, Alleluia. Benedicamus Domino, Alleluia. To thee, O Lord, be glory paid, Alleluia. Thou son of Mary, Mother maid, Alleluia. To Holy Trinity give praise, Alleluia. With Deo Gracias always, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*The people stand*

Hymn 94 Stanza 6

*Descant*

*Winchester Old*

6 "All glo - ry be to God on high and on the earth be peace;"

6 "All glory be to God on high and on the earth be peace;"

6 good will hence-forth from heaven to men be - gin and nev - er cease."

good will henceforth from heaven to men  
begin and never cease."

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

*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.**

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said*

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

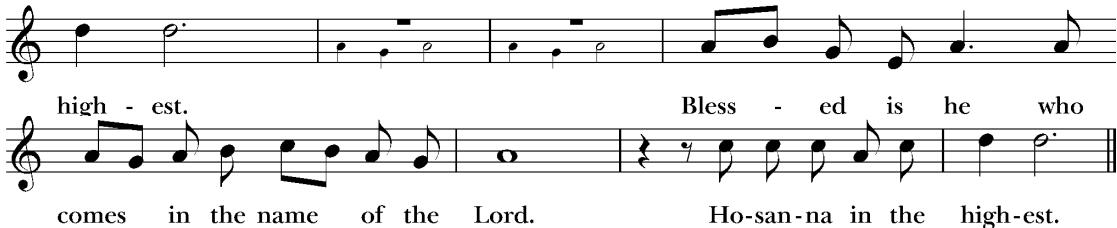
**Sanctus and Benedictus S-128**

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the



*The people kneel*

*Celebrant*

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and people*

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

*Celebrant*

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

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us

to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed John, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and people*

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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread after which the following is sung*

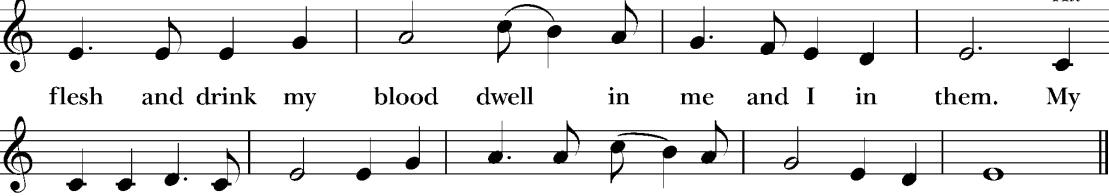
### Fraction Anthem S-169

Ray Urwin

*Cantor or Choir*

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -  
deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

All



flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My  
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.



**Please fill in the kneelers at the altar during Communion from the middle out.**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.*

*If you are not baptized or choose not to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. Please follow the direction of the ushers, and inform them if you need communion brought to you. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.*

*Communion is offered in both kinds (bread and wine). You may receive the host and then sip from the chalice, receive the host only, or receive by intinction. For intinction, a member of the clergy or a chalice bearer will dip the host into the chalice and place it directly on your tongue. Even if receiving in one kind, please remain at the altar rail until the chalice has passed.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

*or with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

## Communion Motets

### Sing Lullaby — Basque Carol

*Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now reclining, Sing lullaby! Hush, do not wake the Infant King. Angels are watching, stars are shining Over the place where he is lying. Sing lullaby! Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now a-sleeping, Sing lullaby! Hush, do not wake the Infant King. Soon will come sorrow with the morning, Soon will come bitter grief and weeping: Sing lullaby! Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now a-dozing, Sing lullaby! Hush, do not wake the Infant King. Soon comes the cross, the nails, the piercing, Then in the grave at last reposing: Sing lullaby! Sing lullaby! Lullaby! Is the babe a-waking? Sing lullaby! Hush, do not stir the Infant King. Dreaming of Easter, gladsome morning, Conquering Death, its bondage breaking: Sing lullaby!*

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming* — Michael Praetorius

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung. It came, a flow'ret 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 men a Savior, when half-spent was the night. O flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispel in glorious splendour the darkness everywhere; true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.*

**Communion Hymn 78**

*Forest Green*

*Unison or harmony*

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

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

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

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

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The people kneel*

*Celebrant and People*

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

Hymn 111 *Sung by all, kneeling*

Stille Nacht Arr. Simon Morley

Si - - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
Si - - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
Si - - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,  
  
all is bright round yon vir - - gin mo - ther and child.  
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,  
  
Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy  
  
peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

## THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant gives the Blessing*

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the ~~the~~ blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon gives the Dismissal.*

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

*The people stand*

Processional Hymn 87

Mendelssohn

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!  
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir-gin's womb.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in-car - nate De - i - ty.  
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

**VOLUNTARY** *Festival Toccata* — Percy Fletcher

**Assisting in Today's Service**

**Altar Guild:** Ruby McCowan, Heddy Brown, Chris McAdams, Laura Silva, Gwyn Schabacker, Perry Soash, Trish McKay, Nancy Watkins, Jeannie Kenyon, Lelia Clewis, Patty Hickey, Francie Brooks, Jan Kelley, Miriam Faircloth

**Acolytes:** Allison Decelles, Trenten Decelles, John Lawson, Adelaide Lawson, Sadie Lawson

**Chalice:** Jan Elliott, Paul Brokaw

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## **Christmas Flower Dedications**

*The Christmas flowers are given to the Glory of God*

by Charlene G. Whittlesey & Patrick Whittlesey in loving memory of Mary Louise Griffith & Claude Fleetwood Griffith.

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in loving memory of Blanche Stubbs, and Ethel & Walter Kurg.

by Janis Elliot in loving memory of the Rev. Robert J. Elliot, John & Ethyl Boucher, Glenrose & Lester Ford and in thanksgiving for the dear friends in my life.

by Meaghan Conlee in thanksgiving for Thomas, Matthew & Emily Conlee.

by Ron & Mary Hulse in loving memory of Pat Wilson.

by John & Irene Few in loving memory and in thanksgiving for our parents.

by Kari Power in loving memory of Martha Bartlett & Marie Power and in thanksgiving for Thomas, Matthew & Emily Conlee.

by Chris McAdams in loving memory of Pat Wilson and Helen Gilbart.

by John Reffue and Jacqueline Saums in loving memory of Mary-Teresa Reffue, Lyle and Ruth Reffue and Louis and Julia Tropia and in thanksgiving for Thomas and Jessie Reffue and Caitlyn and Tyler Barkley.

by Alvie & Lee Casey in loving memory of Richard Lee Casey, Jr., Alvin Casey, Charles Martin, Wilma Martin.

by Susan Lang in loving memory of Mary Alma Lang.

by Jim, Lindsey, Jimmy, John and George Robbins in loving memory of Mary Ellen and John Germany and Mary Baker and Jimmie Robbins.

by Thomas and Denise Cassedy in loving memory of Marshall & Donna Cassedy and Denis & Kathleen Duggan.

by Pam Scruggs in loving memory of Charles and in thanksgiving for the blessed gift of Shailee. by Lynn Fluharty & Family in loving memory of Stephen Parker Fluharty.

by Heddy and Andy Brown in loving memory of William Walker Humphries and in thanksgiving for family and friends.

by Betsy and Drew Graham in loving memory of Paul and Adaire Graham and in thanksgiving for our children.

by Lanny & Nora Russel in thanksgiving for Rebecca, Mark, Eleanor & Charles.

by John and MC Jenkins in loving memory of Wallace & Patty Jenkins and Walt & Noel Tatum and in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren.

by Mike & Patty Hickey in loving memory of Al and Laura Vinje.

by Suzanne, Doug, Caroline and Kate in thanksgiving for Beth and Jim Arthur and Lucy & Richard Emery.

by James and Julie Martin in loving memory of Frank and Marge Norton & Macey Martin and in thanksgiving for Ryan, Walker & Turner Martin.

by Lois Smith in loving memory of my parents Doris & Nick DeMeo and my brother Robert DeMeo and in thanksgiving for my sons Kyle & Kevin and their families.

by Pat Ferguson in loving memory of my parents, Macy and Lamar Bailey, and my sister, Libby Garabedian.

**Christmas Eve**

*Wednesday, December 24*

**Midnight Mass**

(Holy Eucharist, Rite I)

**10:30 p.m.—Pre-Service Music**

**11:00 p.m.—Liturgy begins**

**Christmas Day**

*Thursday, December 25*

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

*With Congregational Carols*

**10:00 a.m.**

**Christmastide**

*December 26—January 6*

*The Parish Office will be closed 12/24 and reopen 12/29 and will close again 12/31 and reopen 1/2. Weekday Masses continue in the Rev. John R Peterson Chapel on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.*

**The Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist (Patronal Feast)**

*Saturday, December 27*

**10:00 a.m.**—Holy Eucharist (Rite II) in the Rev. John R. Peterson Chapel

**The Feast of the Holy Innocents**

*Monday, December 29*

**12:15 p.m.**—Holy Eucharist (Rite II) in the Rev. John R. Peterson Chapel

*Please Note: There will be no 12:15 p.m. Healing Mass on New Year's Day, 1/1.*

**The Feast of the Epiphany**

*Tuesday, January 6*

**6:00 p.m.**—Solemn High Mass (Rite I) in the Church



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