

10 P.M. SERVICE



# The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

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The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2022

# Welcome to St. John's!

- **Face Masks are required indoors for worship.** (The music director does not wear a mask, but tests for COVID before every service. The clergy also test before services.) Masks are optional for outdoor worship and indoor small group meetings, but encouraged when in close proximity with others.
- **Restrooms** are located on both ends of the building.

## Announcements

### Upcoming Events & Services

- Sun., Dec. 25, 10:45 Organ Prelude - 11 a.m. Christmas Lessons and Carols w/Communion
- Sun., Dec. 25, 12:30 p.m. Christmas Lunch Potluck
- Mon, Dec. 26 - Fri., Dec. 30 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- Sun., Jan. 1, ONE SERVICE at 10:30 (no 8:00), Feast of the Holy Name
- Sun., Jan. 15 - Mikkelsen Preaching Scholarship Recipient Preaches (Both Services)
- Sun., Jan. 15, 11:45 a.m. - parish-wide meeting with consultant Linda Buskirk to discuss results of "Lift Every Voice" survey regarding future campus development
- Fri., Jan. 20 - Sun., Jan. 22 - Vestry Retreat, St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista
- Sun., Feb. 5, 2023 Annual Parish Meeting, Part 2: Election of Delegates to Diocesan Convention

### **Clergy On-Call Line: 831-531-7187**

(answered 24/7)

### **For prayer requests, email [prayer@st-john-aptos.org](mailto:prayer@st-john-aptos.org)**

(routes to a group of 40+ parishioners who will pray for your request immediately upon receipt of the message.)

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer (1979)

## † The Liturgy of the Word †

### Prelude: Good King Wenceslas

*arr. Richard McKee*

Performed by St. John's Hand Chime Choir: Anne Baker, Jane Dawson, Sherrie DeWitt, Janet Duncan, John Duncan, Dee Roe, Leslieanne Rowen, Debra Spencer

### Opening Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful

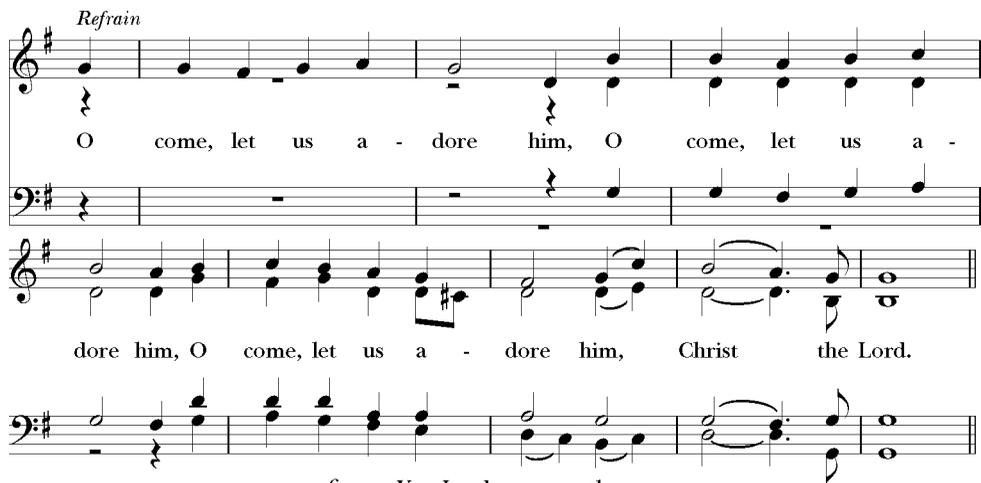
*Hymnal 1982 #83*

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, 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,  
\*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,  
\*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

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;  
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

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;  
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;

## Opening Acclamation

BCP 351

*Presider* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People* You come to your people and set them free. Amen.

## The Collect for Purity

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

## The Gloria

*The St. James Christmas Service*

*Sung to the tune of "Angels We Have Heard on High."*



Glo - ry be to God onhigh,  
Je - sus Christ, we now de - clare  
Prai - ses to the Ho - ly One,



To all peo - ple, peace on earth, An - gels, shep - herds  
Lamb of God and Lord of Love. Grant us mer - cy,  
Prai - ses sing in high - est heav'n; To the Fath - er



draw - ing nigh, Join to ce - le - brate His birth.  
hear our prayer, Give us grace from heav'en a - bove.  
and the Son and the Ho - ly Spi - rit giv'n.



## Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray. (Silence.) 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.**

## First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

*New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing before continuing.

# Psalm 96

Glory to God #639

The congregation sings the refrain; the cantor sings the verses.



**Refrain:** O sing a new song to the Lord;



sing to the Lord; sing all the earth.

- 1 O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth!  
Sing to God and praise God's name.
- 2 Proclaim God's salvation day by day;  
tell of God's glory among the nations.  
And God's marvels to all the people. *Refrain*
- 3 The Lord is great and worthy of all praise,  
to be feared more than all gods;  
all other gods are merely idols.
- 4 For the Lord made the heavens!  
O the splendor and majesty of God's presence!  
O the power and beauty of God's temple! *Refrain*
- 5 Let the heavens be glad; let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all its creatures;  
be glad, you fields, and all your fruit.
- 6 Shout for joy, all trees of the woods,  
at the presence of God, who now comes,  
who comes to judge the earth with right and the people with truth. *Refrain*

## Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

*New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

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.

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the bell ringing before continuing.

**Gospel Anthem: Good News, Everybody Listen!** *Michael Barrett, Lyrics: J. Paul*  
Sung by the St. John's Choir: Rick Becton, Andrew Carter, Mary Jane Chambers, Bob Chapman, Camille Couture-Carter, Leonard Cowan, Jane Dawson, Sherrie DeWitt, Janet Duncan, John Duncan, Andrew Pudan and Debra Spencer.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20** *New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

*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.**

## Sermon: Mother Tracy Wells Miller, Rector

### Anthem: Pat-a-Pan

Played by St. John's Hand Chime Choir.

*arr. Barbara B. Kinyon*

### The Nicene Creed

*English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC), EOW 53*

*All* 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the People for Christmas

*Feasting on the Word Advent Companion*

*Deacon:* Let us pray for the world in which the Prince of Peace took flesh and form, saying, “Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.”

*Intercessor:* We give you thanks, Holy One, for the light that has come into the darkness of our world, for the truth illuminated, for the pathway that has opened, for the rejoicing of your people.

*People:* **Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor:* We give you thanks for the feet of those who bring good news, friendship, comfort, food, shelter, and medicine for healing.

*People:* **Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor:* We give you thanks for the church of Christ Jesus and for all people of faith whose attention to the way of peace tears down walls that keep us apart.

*People:* **Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor:* We give you thanks for this country and for every nation where wisdom reigns, where leaders work for the well-being of the poor, so that no one is hungry or homeless, and every child is valued and nourished.

*People:* **Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for the knowledge and courage to be good stewards of all that you have given us: ourselves, our neighbors, the strangers among us, the oceans and rivers, the air and soil, creatures large and small, that we may continue to be blessed with health and life.

*People:* **Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for those whose flesh is harmed by poverty, sickness, and cruelty of any kind, that the Word-made-flesh may so fill your world with the power to heal that all people would be made strong and whole.

*People:* **Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.**

*Presider:* We commend all these things to you and offer our thanksgiving, trusting that what we have left unsaid, your holy wisdom can unearth; in the name of the One who came among us in the power of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*Church of England*

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

Silence, to allow time for individuals to silently confess specific sins to God.

*All* **Eternal God, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, and in what we have said and done, through**

ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

## Absolution

*EOW 1*

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

## The Peace

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

*People* And also with you.

Because the sharing of the peace symbolizes being reconciled with one another before receiving communion, it is particularly appropriate to seek out anyone with whom you may have had a conflict recently and offer a sign of peace at this time.

## Welcome to Visitors

# † The Holy Communion †

## The Offertory

During the offertory portion of the service, we offer our gifts to God. At St. John's, that takes the form of both financial gifts and gifts of our time. Time donated is documented on a form and put in the offering plate along with financial offerings. If you're participating online, you can find links to donate on the Virtual Worship page of our website: [www.st-john-aptos.org/virtual-worship.html](http://www.st-john-aptos.org/virtual-worship.html)

## Offertory Anthm: The Wexford Carol

*Ruth Elaine Schram*

Sung by the St. John's Choir.

## Presentation Hymn: In the Bleak Midwinter, v. 4

*Hymnal 1982 #112 vs. 4*

The Presentation Hymn is sung as the usher brings the offerings up to the altar.

4 What can I give him, poor as I am?

The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The lyrics are: "If I were a shep - herd, 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 piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. There are some decorative flourishes in the piano part, such as grace notes and slurs.

### Eucharistic Prayer 3

EOW #3

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Presider* All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

# Sanctus

arr. Andrew Carter

Sung to the tune of “Angels from the Realms of Glory.”

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lo - rd God of Pow - er God of might

Hea'vn and earth are fu - ll of your Glo - - - ry

Ho - sa - na Ho - sa - na, Ho sa - na in the High - est

Blessed is he who com - es in the name of the, of the Lord

Ho - sa - na Ho - sa - na, Ho sa - na in the High - est

*Presider* Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

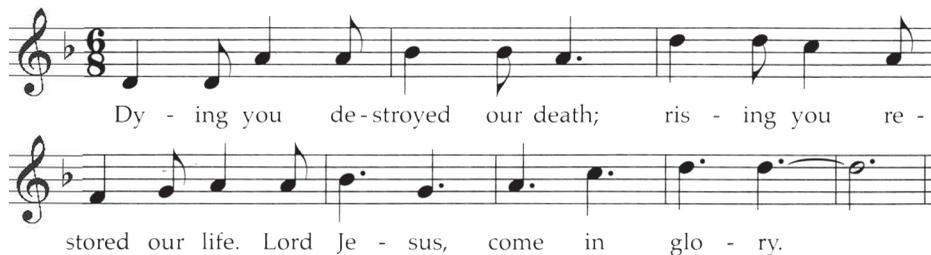
We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

## Memorial Acclamation

GtG #570



Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death; ris - ing you re -  
stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

*Presider* Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

## Great Amen

*arr. Andrew Carter*



Bless ed are you now and for - ev - er A - - men



# The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal 1982 S-149

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing,

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in  
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who  
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

# The Fraction Anthem

*St. James Christmas Service*

*Sung to the tune of "What Child is This"*

Gently [In One]

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly  
Child, who takes the sin of the world a - way; Have

mer - cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the  
 son of Ma - ry. This, this is your bo - dy  
 giv'n, Your pre - cious blood, the gift of heav'n.  
 Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the  
 son of Ma - ry.

## Invitation to Communion

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

Receiving communion is an act of renewing one's commitment to Christ and receiving grace to continue to follow him. Please join us in the circle, even if you choose not to receive communion, which you can indicate by crossing your arms over your chest as the servers come by. If you choose not to receive, the priest will say a blessing over you instead.

## Distribution of Communion

The bread is distributed first. Please hold out your hands to indicate your desire to receive; the priest will place the bread in your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available if needed; they are in a separate gold container on the paten (plate) with the bread.

The wine will be served in the common cup (chalice) and from a flagon (pitcher) that is not shared with others. To receive from the non-shared flagon, you must have brought a cup from home; hold out that cup as the servers come around so they can see that you would like to receive from the flagon instead of the chalice. If you would like to abstain from the wine entirely, cross your arms over your chest when the wine comes by.

## For Online Participants: Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Those not physically present to receive communion can say this prayer while communion is being distributed: "In union, O Lord, with the faithful of St. John's, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and

body, with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.”

If you live in Santa Cruz County and would like someone to bring you communion at home, please contact the church office at 831-708-2278 or email LEVs@st-john-aptos.org.

## Communion Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Hymnal 1982 #56*



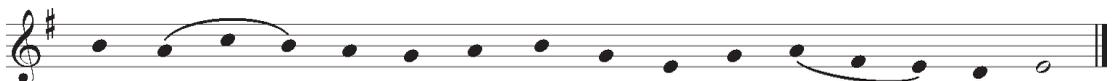
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

# Communion Hymn: What Child is This

Hymnal 1982 #115

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 sin - ners here, the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

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

# Post-Communion Hymn: Silent Night

Hymnal 1982 #111

Hand-held candles will be distributed after communion. Please remain in the communion circle to sing Silent Night by candlelight.

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 - dian 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.

## Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

*All* 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.

## 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 his 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

## Closing Hymn: Joy to the World

Hymnal 1982 #100

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
\*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 3 far as the curse is found, far  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Serving Today at 10:00 p.m.

*Presider & Preacher:*

The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller, Rector

*Deacon:*

The Rev. Joan Anderson, Deacon

*Music:*

Andrew Carter, Director of Music Ministries

*Acolyte:*

Chris Rowen

*Hebrew Scripture:*

Richard Becton

*Epistle:*

John Melvin

*Chalice Bearer/ Psalm Leader:*

Charles Greenleaf

*Intercessor:*

Sherrie DeWitt

*Altar Guild:*

Eileen Fernald, Tina Grubbe, Cindy Phillips,  
 Wilma Staver