

SAIN'T PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021
SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

Whatever brings you here, and whoever you are,
we are glad you are here.

FIRST TIME WORSHIPPING AT ST. PAUL'S?

Are you new to St. Paul's or the surrounding area? Let us know by filling out a Welcome Card located in the pew rack, and we will connect with you. We also have a Welcome Table you can visit following the service in the Memorial Garden.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located in the Parish House.

COVID SAFETY

St. Paul's is committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for everyone who enters our building and grounds. You can read more about our safety protocol, including for children and our response if there is a COVID exposure at St. Paul's, on our website at www.stpaulsrva.org/covidsafety.

CONTACT THE CLERGY

The St. Paul's clergy are eager to hear from you if you have questions, concerns, or a pastoral emergency. Contact can be made by phoning the church at 804.643.3589. The church office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

FAMILY SPACE IN THE SANCTUARY & CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Young ones need to be able to see and feel the worship experience. We have a space at the front right hand side of the church for young children and their parents (3 families can comfortably distance in this space). Feel free to bring quiet items from home specifically for your child and not to be shared. If your child would like to participate in Children's Chapel (children three years old and above) during the sermon, they will be prompted to meet Linda Willis at the brass doors next to the Family Space. We will leave and return in time for Holy Communion. Worship activity bags are available in the Narthex (entrance to the church). Please return following the service.

SUNDAYS AT ST. PAUL'S

Nursery is open from 8:50 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

Children's Sunday School (3yrs – 5th grade) in Scott Hall

Family Group for parents and care-givers in the Family Room on the second floor

Youth Faith Formation (6th – 12th grade) in Youth Room on the second floor

10:00 a.m.

Service of Holy Eucharist in the church

11:15 a.m. (following service)

Social Hour with Ministry Spotlight in the Memorial Garden

(learn more about the different ministries at St. Paul's and visit our Welcome Table)

HOLY EUCHARIST

THE PRELUDE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

ANTHEM

music: Joel Martinson (b. 1960)

text: Thomas H. Troeger (b. 1945)

LIONS AND OXEN will feed in the hay,
leopards will join with the lambs as they play,
wolves will be pastured with cows in the glade--
blood will not darken the earth that God made.

Little child whose bed is straw,
take new lodgings in my heart.
Bring the dream Isaiah saw:
life redeemed from fang and claw.

Peace will pervade more than forest and field:
God will transfigure the violence concealed
deep in the heart and in systems of gain,
ripe for the judgement the Lord will ordain.

Little child whose bed is straw,
take new lodgings in my heart.
Bring the dream Isaiah saw:
justice purifying law.

Nature reordered to match God's intent,
nations obeying the call to repent,
all of creation completely restored,
filled with the knowledge and love of the Lord.

Little child whose bed is straw,
take new lodgings in my heart.
Bring the dream Isaiah saw:
knowledge, wisdom, worship, awe.

INSTRUMENTAL VOLUNTARY

Siciliana from Sonata in A Minor

Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

ANTHEM

music: Adolphe Adam (1803-1856), arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

text: Placide Cappeau (1808-1877)

HOLY NIGHT! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night Divine.

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother;
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! Then ever, praise we,
His power and glory evermore proclaim.
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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Carillon on a Ukrainian Carol

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

ENTRANCE RITE

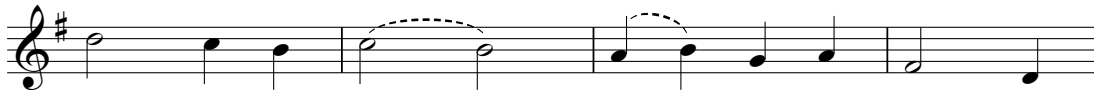
HYMN



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. See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
4. Child, for us sin - ners poor and in a man - ger,
5. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born that hap - py morn - ing;



1. come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2. lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
3. leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
4. we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;
5. sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
6. Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given;



1. come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2. on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
3. we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
4. who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
5. glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est.
6. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

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.

music: Adeste fideles, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786);

harm. The English Hymnal, 1906; desc. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

text: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

All say together the Collect for Purity.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

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

music: Gloria, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958); desc. Richard R. Webster (b. 1952)
text: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O GOD, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

— THE LITURGY OF THE WORD —

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

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

Silence follows

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Refrain is sung by all, the verses are sung by the choir.

Let the earth be glad, let the
hea'vns re - jice the Lord has come!

SING TO THE LORD a new song; *
Sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. **Refrain**

Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods. **Refrain**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary! **Refrain**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him. **Refrain**

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."
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. **Refrain**

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth. **Refrain**

music: Charles Dupree (b. 1969); Chant mode V

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

Silence follows

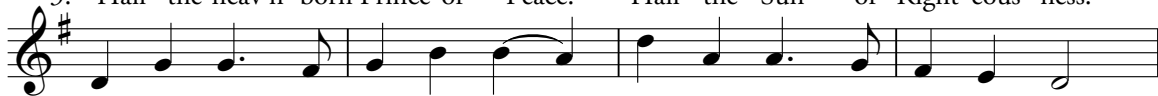
Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN



1. Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing Glo - ry to the new-born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled;
 Late in time be - hold him come Off-spring of a vir - gin's womb:
 Light and life to all he brings, Risen with heal - ing in his wings;



joy - ful all ye na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies,
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.
 Pleased as man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - ma - nu - el.
 Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us se - cond birth.



Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing Glo - ry to the new-born King.

music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915);

desc. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Gospeler 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.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Charles Dupree, D.Min., *Rector*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh,
 let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us to the end of time.

Intercessor With all our heart and all our mind, we pray to you, O Lord:
People **Make us instruments of your peace.**

Intercessor For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations
 and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Where there is hatred, let us sow love.**

Intercessor For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended,
 we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Where there is injury, let us sow pardon.**

Intercessor For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease
 and all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord;

People **Where there is discord, let us sow union.**

Intercessor For those who do not yet believe, for those who have lost their faith, and those in despair
 and darkness that they may receive the light of faith, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Where there is doubt, let us sow faith.**

Intercessor We pray for the poor, the persecuted, the sick, especially those who have asked for our prayers. *(During the silence, add your petitions)*. We pray for all who suffer and those in danger. *(During the silence, add your petitions)*. We pray for those who are far away from family and friends. *(During the silence, add your petitions)*. We pray for comfort and protection, O Lord:

People **Where there is despair, let us sow hope.**

Intercessor For the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church; for Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Susan, Jennifer, and Porter, our Bishops; and for this parish family, that in faithful witness we may spread God's love near and far, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Where there is darkness, let us sow light.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially those we name now. *(During the silence, add your petitions)*. We also remember those who have died as a result of addiction, disease, conflict, or any manifestation of violence and hatred. For all the departed and those who are grieving, may they find comfort and be at peace, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Where there is sadness, let us sow joy.**

Intercessor Your own intercessions and thanksgivings are now invited silently or aloud.

During the silence, add your petitions and thanksgivings.

People **Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

Presider Living God, source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we come to see the true light who shines throughout the world and may we be the light that reveals truth and love to all of your people. This we ask in the name of the one who sleeps helplessly in the manger, Jesus Christ, Son of God.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

— THE HOLY COMMUNION —

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

music: Phillip Stopford (b. 1977)

text: 14th Century Latin Hymn

A CHILD IS BORN in Bethlehem, Alleluia.
A child is born in Bethlehem, Alleluia.
And joy is in Jerusalem, Alleluia.
And joy is in Jerusalem, Alleluia.

Rejoice, rejoice, sing high, sing low, Alleluia.
Rejoice, rejoice, sing high, sing low, Alleluia.
Benedicamus Domino, Alleluia.
Benedicamus Domino, Alleluia.

To thee, O Lord, be glory paid, Alleluia.
Thou Son of Mary, Mother maid, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

To Holy Trinity give praise, Alleluia.
To Holy Trinity give praise, Alleluia.
With *Deo gracias* always, Alleluia.
With *Deo gracias* always, Alleluia.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people stand.

Presider People
The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Presider
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Presider continues

IT IS RIGHT, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you,
God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

music: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (1937-2010)
text: Mass Ordinary, Fifth century

The people remain standing as the Presider continues.

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 Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 God,

The people and Presider say together

WE remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O God 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 Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty God, now and for ever.



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


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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread followed by silence.

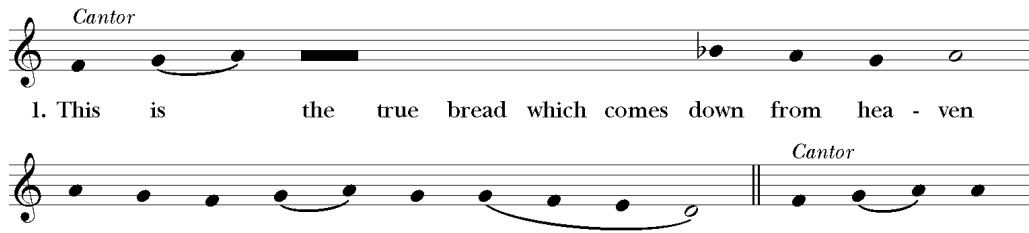
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Antiphon
Cantor; then All



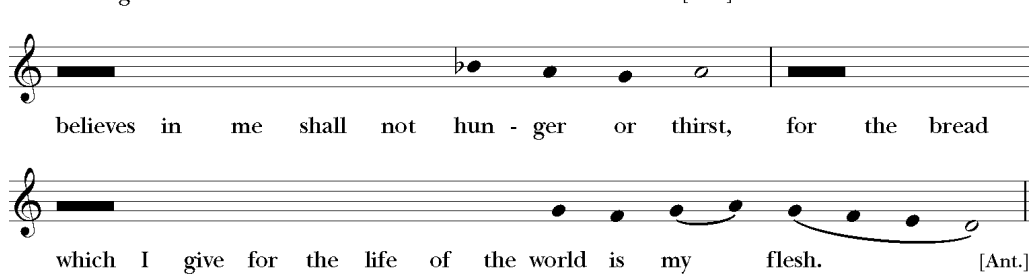
Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

Cantor



1. This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven
and gives life to the world. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. Who - ev - er
believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the bread
which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. [Ant.]

music: Mode 1 melody, adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

text: drawn from John 6:51b, 33, 35, 51c

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND HOLY COMMUNION

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. An usher will signal when you can go forward to receive the bread. If you are unable to come forward, but desire Communion, please notify an usher and Communion will be brought to you in your pew. If, for whatever reason, you do not wish to receive, you are invited to come forward for a prayer; please indicate your desire for this by crossing your arms across your chest.

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

music: John Jacob Niles (1892-1980);
arr. Richard Shephard (1949-2021)
text: Appalachian Carol

I WONDER AS I WANDER out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die,
For po, Or ornery people like you and like I:
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow 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 heaven for to sing:
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

HYMN

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, 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!

music: St. Louis, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

text: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

HYMN

Unison or harmony

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.

music: Greensleeves, English melody; harm. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871
 text: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

HYMN

Once everyone has received communion, the acolytes will process down the aisles to light the tapers. The people on the ends of the aisle then pass the light from one another, tilting the unlit candle. The people are invited during this time to remain in silent prayer.

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.

music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)
text: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

HYMN

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,

*music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759);
 adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872); desc. Daniel J. Fortune (b. 1966)
 text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.*

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the light of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata on "In dulci jubilo"

Kevin Hildebrand (b. 1973)

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