

The Eve of the Nativity  
Sunday, December 24, 2024, 7:00 p.m.  
The Holy Eucharist  
Renewed Ancient Text

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Preludes

Processional Hymn

*O come, all ye faithful*

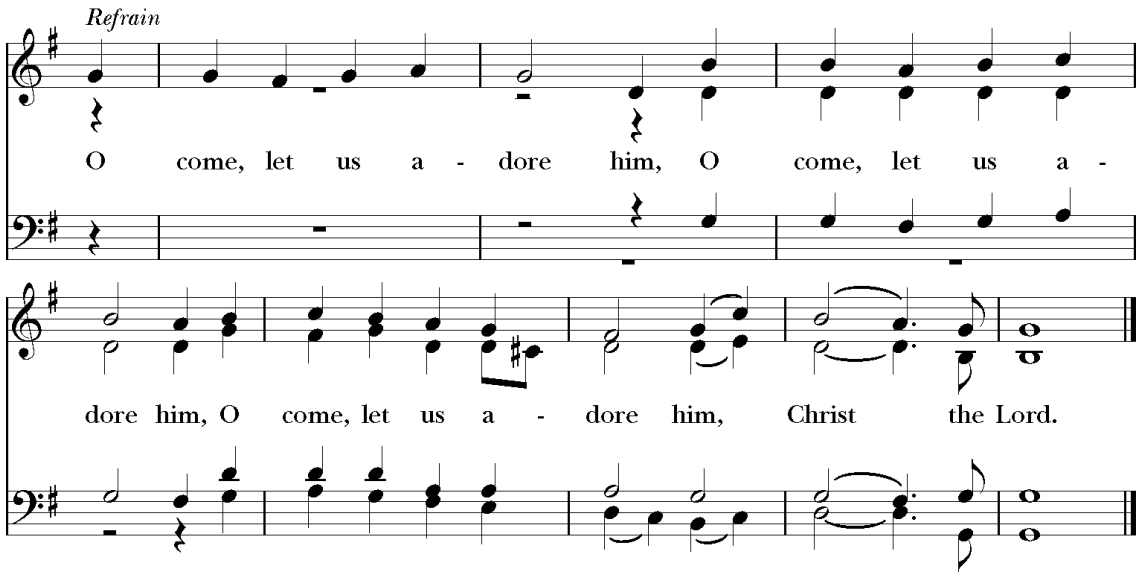
Hymnal 83

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;

*Refrain*

*Celebrant:* For unto us a child is born,  
*People:* **Unto us a son is given.**

### **Collect for Purity** *(in unison)*

**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 Summary of the Law**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

### **Kyrie**

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.** Lord, have mercy upon us.

# Gloria

## Angels we have heard on high

Hymnal 96

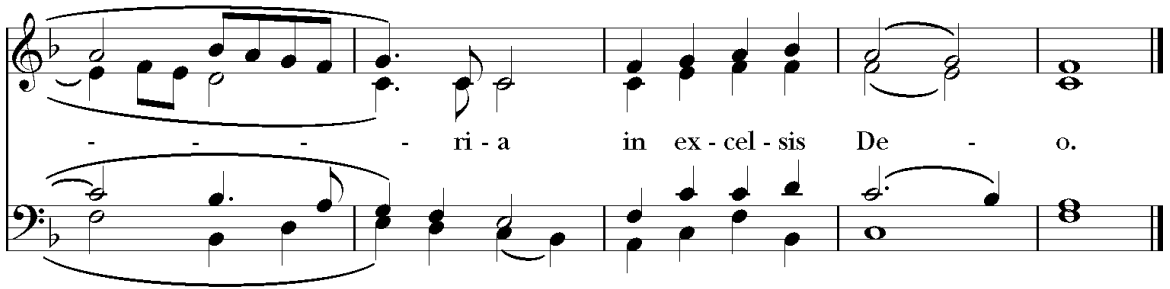
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King,  
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 - - - - -



### Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.** 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.**

### First Reading *(all be seated)*

Isaiah 9:1-7

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 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.**

## The Gradual *(all remain seated)*

Psalm 96

Response: *(Cantor sings once, then all sing)*



Verses: *(Cantor sings Verse, then all sing Response)*

O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.  
Sing unto the Lord and praise his Name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honor to the nations, and his wonders to all peoples.  
For the Lord is great, and highly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.  
*(Response)*

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens. Glory and majesty are before him; power and honor are in his sanctuary.  
Ascribe unto the Lord, O you families of the peoples, ascribe unto the Lord worship and power. Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.  
*(Response)*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him. Tell it out among the nations, "The Lord is King; it is he who has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he shall judge the peoples righteously." Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein.  
For he comes, for he comes to judge the earth, and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.  
*(Response)*

## Second Reading *(all be seated)*

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.**

Sequence (all stand)

Joy to the world! (v. 1-2)

Hymnal 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  
 repeat 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,

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

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

## Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town 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 registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn 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 the same 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 great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto 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 baby 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 those with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them

concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And 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.**

**Sequence**

*Joy to the world! (v. 3-4)*

Hymnal 100

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed** (*all stand and recite in unison*)

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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], 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** (*please kneel*)

*The Deacon says:*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer."

Please offer your prayers this evening, either out loud or silently.

*The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer:*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



## **Confession** (*in unison*)

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**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.**

## **Absolution**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Comfortable Words**

Hear the Word of God to all who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

*Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

*John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

*1 John 2:1-2*

## **Peace** (*all stand*)

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with your spirit.**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offertory**

*Candlelight Carol*

arr. John Rutter

### **Presentation Hymn** (*all stand*)

Old One Hundredth

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, so that we might be cleansed from sin and be given the right 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 et Benedictus

Hymnal S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, — hea - ven and earth are  
full, — full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**The Prayer of Consecration** *(all kneel)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,\* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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 Fraction**

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

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

### **Prayer of Humble Access** (*in unison*)

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

Hymnal S161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

### *Celebrant says:*

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **Communion**

All baptized Christians who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to receive Holy Communion in this church. All who do not wish to receive are still welcome to come forward to the altar rail. You may cross your arms across your chest as an indication you do not wish to receive, and a prayer of blessing will be offered for you instead. We offer a separate chalice (cup) for intinction only (dipping) to the side near the piano.

Gluten-free wafers are available. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer, simply ask the priest.

# Communion Music

## *O little town of Bethlehem*

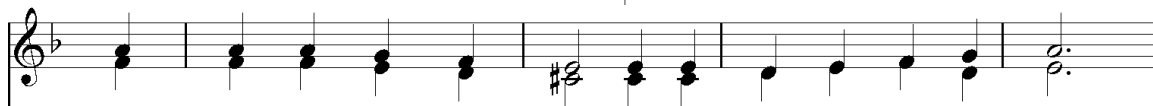
Hymnal 79



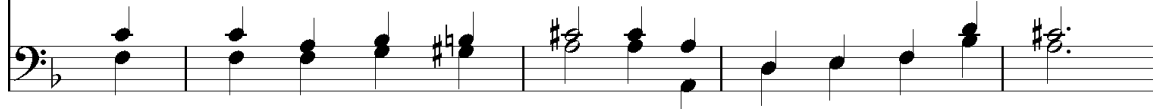
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
\*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
5 O ho - ly Child of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

*In the bleak midwinter*

Hymnal 112

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor — earth sus - tain;  
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,  
 4 What — can I give him, poor — as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:  
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim throng - ed the air;  
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;



snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed  
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,  
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 the Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.  
 wor - shipped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.  
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.



*It came upon the midnight clear*

Hymnal 89



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that  
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with  
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the  
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by



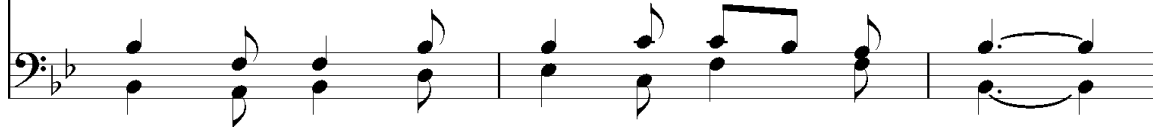
glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing  
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly  
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly  
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -







near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;  
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



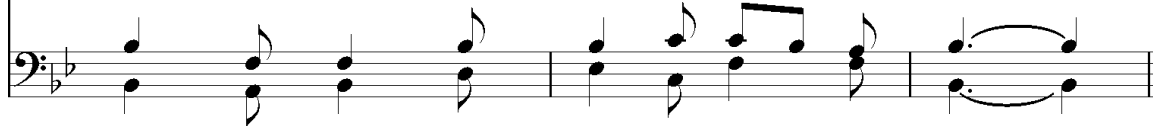
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from  
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they  
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its



heaven's all - gra - cious King.” The world in sol - emn  
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its  
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and  
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give



still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!  
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.



Silent night

Hymnal 111

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.

## Post Communion Prayer *(in unison)*

Let us pray.

**Heavenly Father, 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 Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

*Hark! the herald angels sing*

Hymnal 87

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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature.

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,

with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

## Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## Postlude

*(Please return candles to the basket on your way out)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***The church office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's Day.***

### ***Year-End Giving***

All donations made on Sunday, December 29, by law must be credited toward 2024 donations unless the check is dated with a January 2025 date. If you intend to give towards your 2025 pledge on that day, please be certain to date your check as of January 1, 2025. All checks that are postmarked by December 31 with a December 2024 date on the check will be applied to the 2024 year. The church office will not be open for the regular hours between Christmas and New Year's so please be sure to get your check in the mail or your online donation completed by December 31 if you want it to apply to your 2024 donations. Thank you!

***No Adult Education, Youth or Children's Sunday School on December 29. We will resume on January 12.***

### ***Spring Program Guides***

Spring Program Guides showcasing all the discipleship and serving opportunities at CCA this Spring are available in the Narthex and Parish Office. Please take one guide per household, or take an extra to share with a friend!

### ***Toddler Storytime***

**Fridays | 10:00 am | Room 8**

Toddler Storytime **will resume on January 17<sup>th</sup>!** Children 4 and under and their guardians are invited to join us for stories, songs, crafts, and snacks!

### ***Children's Sunday School room assignments are as follows:***

PreK-1st Grade | Room 8

2nd – 3rd Grades | Room 13

4th – 5th Grades | Room 11

### ***Adult Formation***

**Sundays | 9:15am**

Adult Formation will begin on Sunday, January 12, from 9:15 - 10:15.

**First Steps | Room 4** | In First Steps, the name speaks for itself. First Steps is the first step of our connection process here at CCA. Join Fr. Chase as you explore Christianity, Anglicanism, and life at Christ Church. This class covers: Nuts and Bolts of Liturgy, Anglicanism 101, and asks the question, "What is the Gospel?"

**Via Catechesis | Room 7** | Via Catechesis is our journey through the Christian faith. This Spring, those who attended Via in Spring 2024 will complete the course, culminating in their confirmation or reception as members of Christ Church Anglican and the Anglican Church in North America.

## ***Courageous Men of Friday Mornings***

**Fridays | 6:15 AM | Parish Hall | On break until January 10, 2025**

Every week, we will explore twelve facets of Christian spirituality and delve into what it means to have a genuine relationship with God. We will take a comprehensive approach to deepening our faith by His grace. Each morning will start with Morning Prayer, followed by a teaching session and formation groups.

## ***Wednesday Nights at CCA – Resumes January 15<sup>th</sup>!***

**Schedule of the Evening – drop-ins are always welcome:**

**5:00-5:30 Choristers (ages 4 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**5:15-6:15 Dinner in the Parish Hall**

**6:15-7:30 Classes, Kid's Club and Youth Group**

***Register once for the semester!***

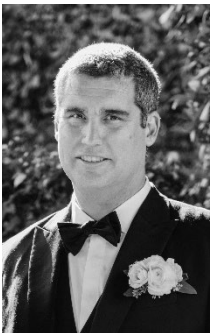


## ***Vestry Nominees – Adrienne Hott & John Zemaitis***



**Adrienne** and her family have been part of CCA since it was founded. She is a second-generation member of our congregation. Adrienne and, her husband, Chris were both confirmed into the Anglican Church by Bishop Guernsey, both of their children (Addie and CJ) were baptized at CCA, and their dogs have been blessed MANY times (and needed it!). Over the last 17 years, Adrienne has served in many roles, her favorite being singing in the choir. She served in the first youth ministry when the church started, helped organize the kids choir several years ago, and is currently a lay reader and helps with the Ministry Partners.

She graduated from Wheaton College with a degree in History and has a Masters focused on management of non-profit organizations from the University of Denver. As a lifelong follower of Christ, and Anglican since joining CCA, Adrienne is very excited to have been nominated for the Vestry and would be honored to serve the congregation in this way.



**John** has been attending Christ Church Anglican since January 2009 and was confirmed at CCA. He is a Sunday school teacher in Children's Ministry, serving in the 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class for the past two years. He also serves on the Hospitality team, often cooking for the big events.

He is a graduate of ASU's School of Engineering and was employed in Nigeria between 2009-2020. John currently works in construction management. His parents, John and Helen Zemaitis attend CCA and so do his siblings Amy and Joe and their families. John loves the community of CCA, especially the Wednesday night dinners and classes. John appreciates that CCA is grounded in God's Word and the commitment to worship Jesus Christ as the one and only Lord and Savior. He would be honored to serve on the Vestry as a representative of the congregation.

## ***Annual Meeting***

***Sunday, January 26, 2025 | 9:15 am | Parish Hall***

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025, between services, at 9:15 am. At the meeting, members will vote on the Vestry candidates.

If you have any questions about vestry nominations or the annual meeting, please contact the Parish Office at [office@christchurchphoenix.org](mailto:office@christchurchphoenix.org) or 602.955.2040.

## ***Ephiphany Celebration***

***Saturday, January 4 | 4-7 PM | Lawn***

Join us as we celebrate the culmination of the Christmas season with an action-packed Nerf Battle. This is sure to be fun for all ages! Nerf darts and goggles will be provided. Stay after the battle for dinner and the Epiphany Bonfire! All ages are welcome to join in on the fun!

***Nerf Battle | 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM***

***Dinner | 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM***

***Bonfire | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM***

## ***Livestreaming***

Our 10:30 a.m. service is now livestreamed. Subscribe to our YouTube channel @christchurchanglican8173 and you will receive notifications when the service is live or you can access the recorded sermon later.

## **DONATION OPTIONS**

### ***Flower Donations***

If you would like to donate flowers in celebration or thanksgiving of a birthday, anniversary, or in memory of a loved one, etc., contact the church office at [office@christchurchphoenix.org](mailto:office@christchurchphoenix.org). A suggested donation for flowers is \$50. All donations are tax deductible.

### ***Zelle Donations through Your Bank***

Christ Church Anglican accepts online donations made via Zelle. If your bank uses **Zelle** (other bank versions of this type of payment are not yet available to us) as an online bill payment option you may send a donation to Christ Church Anglican by entering the following email [giving@christchurchphoenix.org](mailto:giving@christchurchphoenix.org) and the donation will be made directly to CCA's account with no extra fees. This is our favorite method of accepting online donations.

### ***Online Giving through our Website***

Credit Cards and PayPal donations are accepted through our website. Go to [www.christchurchphoenix.org](http://www.christchurchphoenix.org), select the "Giving" option at the top, and click on the Donate Online box. Note that donations made this way are subject to a 2.2% credit card fee and we do not receive the full amount.

***US Mail***

If you prefer to send a check via US Mail, please use the following address:

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