



**ST. JAMES'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Christmas Eve:
Holy Eucharist with Candlelight Carols**

~ Part 2 of online Bulletin ~

**December 24, 2022
10:00 pm**

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn: O come, all ye faithful

H 83 (vss. 1,3,5)

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

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others. Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Joy to the world! The Lord is come!

People Let earth receive her King! Amen!

Collect for Purity

All then pray

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.**

Song of Praise: 'Twas in the moon of wintertime

H 114



1 'Twas in the moon of win - ter - time, when all the birds had
 2 (With - in a lodge of) bro - ken bark the ten - der babe was
 3 (The ear - liest moon of) win - ter - time is not so round and
 4 (O chil - dren of the) for - est free, the an - gel song is



fled, that God the Lord of all the earth sent
 found, a rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en -
 fair as was the ring of glo - ry on the
 true; the ho - ly child of earth and heaven is



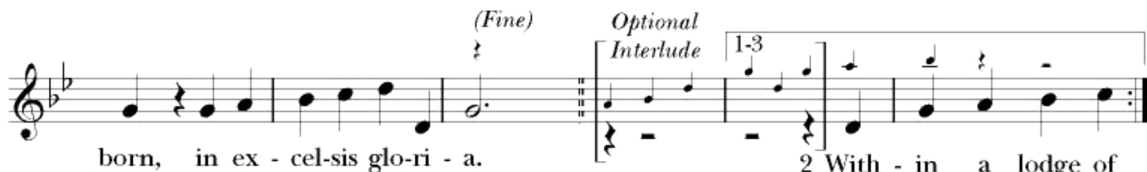
an - gel - choirs in - stead; be - fore their light the
 wrapped his beau - ty round; but as the hunt - er
 help - less in - fant there. The chiefs from far be -
 born to - day for you. Come kneel be - fore the



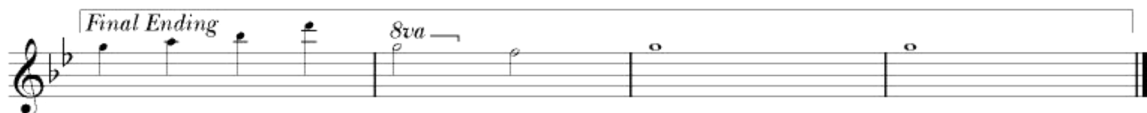
stars grew dim, and won - dering hunt - ers heard the hymn:
 braves drew nigh, the an - gel - song rang loud and high:
 fore him knelt with gifts of fox and bea - ver - pelt.
 ra - diant boy, who brings you beau - ty, peace, and joy.



Je - sus your King is born, Je - sus is



born, in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a.
 2 With - in a lodge of
 3 The ear - liest moon of
 4 O chil - dren of the



Words: Jesse Edgar Middleton (1872-1960) Music: Une jeune pucelle, French folk melody

The Collect of the Day

Presider May God 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 First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Michael Burris

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96 *(Said by all in unison)*

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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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.

A reading from the Book of Titus.

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.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Angels we have heard on high H 96 (*vss. 1-2, 3-4 after Gospel*)

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

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882) Music: Gloria, French Carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes (1887-1958)

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, O 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!"

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Matthew Stewart

Nicene Creed

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.

Let us pray to God who came among us in the birth of Jesus.

Gracious God, as a star rose, and drew people from great distances to Bethlehem that they might greet the Christ-child; Draw us, your Church, and all of your people to you – that we might be the Church and the People who you call us to be.

In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As you gave Mary your Holy Spirit, filling her with the delight of your presence; Fill us with your Spirit, that in these hard times, you might renew our lives with hope and joy.

In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As Gentiles streamed to Jesus's light, and kings to the brightness of his rising; Draw our nation, our government, and all in any authority to your brightness.

In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As angels sang 'glorias' to you and proclaimed peace on earth, and goodwill among all peoples; Bring us your peace, and bring an end to all war, terror, hatred, and strife, in particular in the Holy Land of Jesus's birth.

In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As shepherds were drawn from their flocks by night; Draw those who do not yet know you to the knowledge and love of you.

In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As Jesus was born in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn; Be especially present with those who have nowhere to lay their head, those who are vulnerable, and those who are hungry.

In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As your Son was born into a time of darkness, we pray for all who are anxious, depressed, or ill. Draw near to those who find this season a source of pain or grief, and to all who are suffering or sick that they may feel the comfort of this holy night.

In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As the Holy Family gathered together in Bethlehem, and traveled together to far off lands; Bless all families, especially the families of our parish, and protect those who travel.

In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

And as the Holy Family soon thereafter fled to Egypt to escape persecution of those in power, we ask for your blessing upon all refugees and immigrants and an end to all forms of racism and injustice.

In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

As your Son came to proclaim the gift of life eternal; Give to the departed eternal rest and let light perpetual shine on them.

In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us now pray for our own needs and those of others, aloud or in silence.

The Presider then says

O Lord our God, may the light and hope of this night, and of your Son's Incarnation, reassure our hearts that you are among us, that you hear our prayer, and that you will be with us always, even to the end of the age.

In the name of Jesus of Nazareth we pray. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

The Presider says

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem: Lo, how a rose e'er blooming Text and Music: Hugo Distler
The Adult Choir

Presentation Hymn: Longing for Light

MHSO 59 (vs. 1 only)



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less, long-ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone has
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, has
warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see. _____
pow - er to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice. _____
bro - ken for o - thers, shared un - til all are fed. _____
shel - ter - ing o - thers, wall made of liv - ing stone. _____
to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come. _____

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your church gath - ered to - day. _____

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer written by the Rev. Laurie Rofinot

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 our thanks and praise.

The Presider says

It is our deepest joy to thank you, gracious and loving God. You said, "Let there be light," and there was light, and an entire universe. You brought forth life in all its forms, filling us with the breath of your Spirit. You love us and want us close to you, ever bringing us back when we go astray. We thank you, God, for blessing us with your life and your love, joining all of creation as we sing together.

Sanctus

MHSO 37

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of power and might.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of power and might.

Heav - en earth, heav-en and earth are

Heav - en, earth, heav-en and earth are

full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the

full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed

Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed

is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Bless - ed, bless - ed

is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Bless - ed, ——— bless - ed

is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the

is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

high - est. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ho - san-na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

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The Presider continues

We especially give you thanks for coming to live among us. For tonight we celebrate the birth of your child Jesus, our savior. We thank you for Mary his mother and Joseph his father. We remember how he was born poor and humble, and like the star of Bethlehem, which announced his birth, he showed us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. We remember that he lived, died and rose again to bring us your light and your love.

We remember that on the night he died for us, our savior Jesus took bread. And when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends 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 his friends and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And so with this bread and wine, we taste your goodness and tender loving care of each one of us. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup may draw strength from the one born on this night to bring us eternal life. Let the little child lead us to lives of faith, humility and courage, in our community, in the world, in his name.

All this we ask through your child, our Savior Jesus Christ. May praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing:

Lord's Prayer (Zambian)

SJS 1

(Soloists sing the words in italics. The congregation joins in unitalicized language.)

*Hear our plea, dear Father we pray;
shower upon us your heav'nly grace
that we may be your people*

Glorifying you.

Lord, our Father, in heaven abiding,
may your name always be hallowed by us.
Your will is righteous and ever consistent,
in heaven and also on earth.

Give us this day what we really have need of.
Please forgive us the sins we've committed.
Help us forgive all the sins of our neighbor
as you have forgiven us ours.

Far from temptation we ask you to lead us.
Save us also from all that is evil.
Yours is the kingdom, the power, the glory
at this time and world without end.

*Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
Forever and ever. Amen.*

Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
 Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
 Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever.
 Forever and ever. Amen.

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The Breaking of the Bread *(Silence is kept)*

Fraction Anthem: My God, thy table now is spread

H 321 (vs. 1 only)

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

The Invitation

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Administration of Communion

All are welcome and encouraged to receive Communion from God's table.

The people are invited to come forward to receive communion when directed by an usher.

*Those that wish a prayer of blessing or
a gluten-free, allergen-free wafer are welcome to ask for that.*

*Please bring your bulletin and take a devotional candle from the basket
as you gather in the circle to receive communion.*

We will sing Silent Night from the circle after all have received.

Communion Hymn: Disturbed by Light

1. Dis - turbed by light, while fight - ing sleep, their eyes half closed,
2. Dis - turbed by light that marked the sky where dark a - lone
3. Dis - turbed by light that draws us past the world we grip

half watch - ing sheep, the shep - herds might have turned a - way and rest - ed till the break of day;
once met the eye, the mag - i might have paused to test the wis - dom of their star - born quest
so hard and fast, we might de - lay our start - ing out un - til we an - swer ev - ery doub

1,2. Why risk the night, the winds that blow? Why risk the way we do not know?
- 3. ex - cept our hearts re - fuse to slow and ev - ery beat in - sists we go.

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Candlelight Hymn: Silent night

H 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.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885) Music: Stille Nacht, melody Franz Gruber (1787-1863)

Post Communion Prayer (From 'The Work of Christmas' by Howard Thurman)

Presider Let us pray.

All When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart. Amen.

Blessing

Presider

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the Magi,
the faithfulness of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ Child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and always. **Amen.**

The lights are now raised for the Closing Hymn.

Closing Hymn: Joy to the world

H 100 (vs. 1-2, 4)

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Joy to the World'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, with the third line marked with an asterisk. The second system contains the remaining lines of the hymn. The music is in a key with one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature.

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,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Antioch, George Friderich Handel (1685-1759)

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of Incarnate Christ.
 Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude "Carol of the Bells"

M. Leontovich

All that wish to join the singing of Carol of the Bells are welcome to do so!

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