

#### ROOTED IN FAITH, GROWING IN COMMUNITY

#### **OUR CORE VALUES AND MISSION STRATEGY:**

- CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES: We seek to nurture the spiritual development of children and youth by encouraging their participation in the life of our congregation and larger community.
- COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP: We gather often to build friendships and to share the love of God through interests, hobbies, activities, events, speakers, Bible study and outreach.
- CHRISTIAN FORMATION: We share the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ through Biblical teaching and spiritual growth to develop Christian disciples.
- OUTREACH: We are passionate about providing Christ-centered ministries beyond the walls of St.
   Dunstan's by meeting the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the local and global communities.
- WORSHIP: We look forward to celebrating the rich traditions of Episcopal worship while offering a variety of preaching styles, musical expressions, and opportunities to participate.
- PASTORAL CARE: We work to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of persons in our parish with well—trained and responsive lay and ordained pastors. Our practice of pastoral care extends beyond times of crisis to encompass our daily lives.

Our Mission is to unite all people with the love of God.

# THE NATIVITY of our LORD JESUS CHRIST THE HOLY EUCHARIST



DECEMBER 24, 2024 at 10:00PM

Merry Christmas! Enjoy the service!

We are delighted that you are celebrating Christmas with us!

If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out a blue card found on the back of the pews.

Please return the card to an usher or in the offering plate.

#### PRAYGROUND: WORSHIP SPACE RESERVED FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS

Located near the choir loft. A soft space with soft toys and floor space for little ones to get the wiggles and giggles out during service while getting a front row seat to all the parts of worship. Pews available in the area or nearby for parental supervision.

Worship Activities are available for older children in the back of the church.

The Parlor (near the restrooms) is also available to Nursing Moms that wish to have more privacy. Changing tables are located in both restrooms.

Please note that this service is being livestreamed and members of the congregation may be captured on camera during communion and other parts of the service.

# **▼** THE PRELUDE **▼**

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly, arr. by Claire Swanson - Solo Harp

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, arr. by Sylvia Woods - Solo Harp

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring, by J.S. Bach, arr. by David Dally - String Quartet

Reflection on "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming," by Steve D. Matchett, after Michael Praetorius - String Quartet & Harp

# + THE WORD OF GOD +

# ENTRANCE HYMN All standing

HYMNAL 83

O come, all ye faithful

arr. Willcocks/Horn



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

# The Celebrant says

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

**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

# The Celebrant continues with 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.** 

#### The Celebrant continues

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

#### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

HYMNAL 96

Angels we have heard on high

arr. David Horn



#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be wih you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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 The people sit

**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.

The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

# PSALM 96

Chanted by the Choir

When "ANT." is printed, congregation joins in antiphon response printed below.



- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \* sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \* proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \* and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \* he is more to be feared than all gods. ANT.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*
  but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*
  Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \* ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \* bring offerings and come into his courts. ANT.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \* let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 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." ANT.
- 11 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.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, \* when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \* and the peoples with his truth. ANT.

# SECOND READING TITUS 2:11-14

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

O little town of Bethlehem



THE HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 2:1-20

The Priest says

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

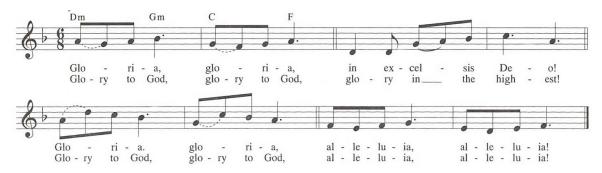
# **People** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

# People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

# AFTER THE HOLY GOSPEL



#### THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father,

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people respond to all the petitions with

People Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude with

In the communion of Blessed Dunstan, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People To you, O Lord Our God.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

The Celebrant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

### All kneeling and saying

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.

#### The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution,

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

### THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

At this time you may exchange the sign of peace with those around you - wave, bow, give the peace sign, etc. or verbally acknowledge those around you saying "peace be with you" or "good evening".

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

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# **▼** THE HOLY COMMUNION **▼**

# AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

I Saw Three Ships

Reginald Jacques

I saw three ships come sailing in On Christmas day, on Christmas day; I saw three ships come sailing in On Christmas day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three, On Christmas day, on Christmas day? And what was in those ships all three, On Christmas day in the morning?

Our Saviour Christ and His Lady, On Christmas day, on Christmas day; Our Saviour Christ and His Lady, On Christmas day in the morning.

Pray whither sailed those ships all three, On Christmas day, on Christmas day? Pray whither sailed those ships all three, On Christmas day in the morning?

O they sailed into Bethlehem, On Christmas day, on Christmas day; O they sailed into Bethlehem, On Christmas day in the morning. And all the bells on earth shall ring, On Christmas day, on Christmas day; And all the bells on earth shall ring, On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing, On Christmas day, on Christmas day; And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing, On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the Souls on Earth shall sing, On Christmas day, on Christmas day; And all the Souls on Earth shall sing, On Christmas day in the morning.

Then let us all rejoice amain, On Christmas day, on Christmas day; Then let us all rejoice amain, On Christmas day in the morning.

# AT THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings, as the People stand and sing "What star is this, with beams so bright,"

HYMNAL# 124, v.5





#### The Celebrant says

All things come of Thee, O Lord,

People and of Thine own have we given Thee.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING All standing.

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D** 

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

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

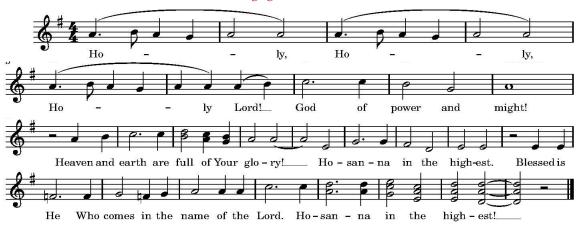
# Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

# SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS All singing.

#### DAVID HORN



#### Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.



Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember our Bishops, +Andrew, +Jeff, +Kai, and +Hector, and all who minister in your Church. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Blessed Dunstan, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



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

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

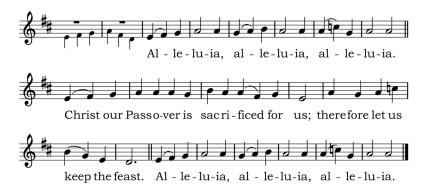
People and Celebrant, kneeling

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

HYMNAL 155

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table. To receive Holy Communion follow the procession line towards the altar. Place your hands together (palms upward), receive the host, and carefully dip the host in the chalice before consuming, or drink from the cup. If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

# **COMMUNION ANTHEM**

Still, Still, Still Andrew Gant

Still, still, still, let all God's world be still While Mary's holy child lies sleeping, Angels guard are quietly keeping; Still, still, let all God's world be still

Love, love, love, my heart is filled with love The world from night is slowly turning, Still my heart with love is yearning Love, love, love, my heart is filled with love

Still, still, still, let all God's world be still In gentle Mary's sweet caressing Jesus gives His silent blessing; Still, still, still, let all God's world be still

# **COMMUNION HYMN**

Go tell it on the mountain

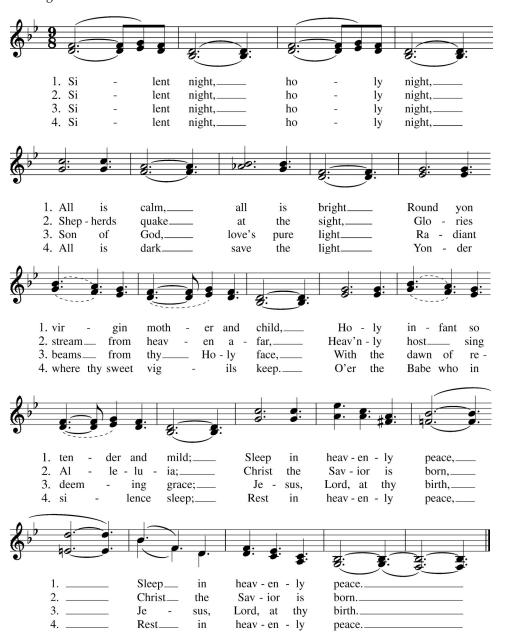


God rest ye, merry gentlemen



HYMNAL III

Silent Night vs. 1-3



As the lights are dimmed, the Acolytes will assist the congregation with lighting their candles.

#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People, kneeling and saying

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.

### THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

#### The Celebrant says

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.

HYMN OF MISSION HYMNAL 100

Joy to the world! arr. David Horn



From the back of the church the Priest dismisses the people with these words

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

# The Service Participants

#### **CLERGY**

The Reverend Dr. Roman D. Roldan, Rector The Reverend Dr. Alvaro Pinzon, Associate Rector

#### INSTRUMENTALISTS

James McLeland & Janis Garcia, Violins Danette Warren, Viola Teresa Matchett, Cello Kelsey Sham, Harp Steve Matchett, Composer

#### THE PARISH CHOIR

David Horn, Choir Master

Max Patterson, Carl Moore, Michael McElroy, +Liam Maki, +Mikaela Velazquez, Betsy Rodnok, Catherine Jones-Penco, Gerald Moore, #Crystal White, Donna Rodgers, Barbara Jones, Betsy Sullivan, Diana Akinrinsola

> + denotes Choir Fellow # denotes Sr. Choir Fellow

# **ORGANIST**

Anna Marie Flusche, O.P.

# **ACOLYTE MASTERS**

Catherine Jones-Penco, Jerry Schattle, Pam Stewart, Deena Akinrinsola

# ACOLYTES

Kaisey Allen, Luke Claman, Jade Robledo, Bella Robledo, Carsyn Schattle, Olivia Schattle

# **ALTAR GUILD DIRECTRESS**

Gwenn McIntosh

# **USHER CAPTAIN**

Ken Santoro

# **LEAFLET PRODUCTION**

Kyra Helmick & Delaney Jones

# Christmas Celebration Offerings to the Glory of God

# In Memory of:

Ted Quinten Queener Caroline Leonard Booker

MD Wilhelmine McDonald Booker

Clarence Bickerstaff

Jim Elliot Dorothy Elliot Jeri Willen

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Faustina & Donald Locke Mark & Diane Erkman Amelia Necastro Scarpine

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Katherine Senter Sandy Ferguson Jack Babcock Lynne Dozier Jon Anderson

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Paul & Bertha Moynihan

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**David Miller** 

Dwayne & Elsa Wisler Melvin & Kris Kroon

Ross & Jeanette Wood

Claire Browning

Forrest Branton

Dana Branton Taylor

Jamest Hazel Chachere

In Thanksgiving for:

Family & Friends

Smith Family

Johnson Family

Hoose Family

Christopher, William, James, & Dianna

Tres & Tate

Family & Friends

Family & Friends

Our Church Family

**Our Parents** 

All of our Extended Family

Family, including Faith Family

Robert & Joan Lewis

John, Joshua, Judah

**Edward Branton** 

My Family

Jerry & Susan Stengl

Frances & Flake Tompkins

**David Tompkins** 

In Honor of:

Joan Mahr

Barbara Johnson

Anonymous

**Anonymous** 

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Carolyn Kroon

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Suzanne Montgomery

Sue Branton

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Jennifer Chachere

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Elizabeth Wheeler

Patsy Organ

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Kathy Bell

Ed & Laura Gunn

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Anonymous

Sr. Mary-Constance Maxfield

Jennifer Foudy

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Sue Branton

Jennifer Chachere

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Given By:

Eliane & Jim Mahr

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# Join us again!

# CHRISTMAS DAY 11:15AM

Spoken Service with Holy Eucharist in the nave

# DIA DE NAVIDAD 11:15AM

Santa Eucaristia con música de alabanza en el salón parroquial



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