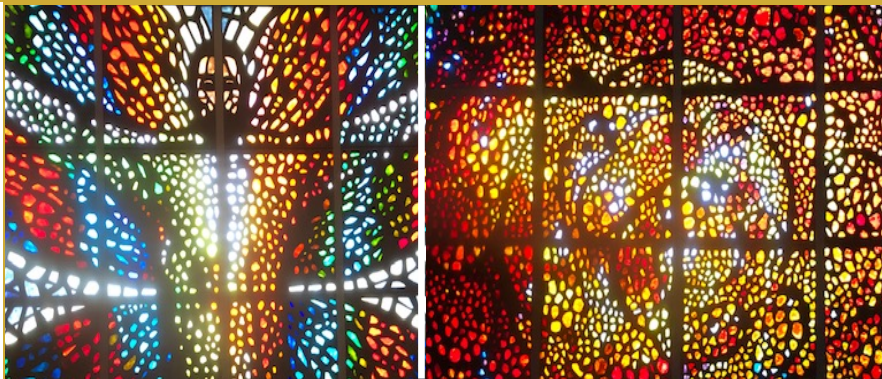


Saint Andrew's

Episcopal Church x School



CHRISTMAS EVE EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 24, 2025

8:00 & 10:30 P.M.

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church extends a warm welcome to all who gather here to celebrate the birth of Jesus. A special welcome to those who have come a long distance, to friends and families who are reunited, and to visitors who seek the unique love of Christ at this special time. We hope you will fully participate in the service. Everything you need for the service is in this bulletin.



*The Clergy, Vestry, and Staff wish you and your family a
Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

Choir: Kailey Daughtery, Carla De Luca, Rachel Nelson, Thien Nguyen, Laurita Rasmussen, Lou Sullivan, Davis Adragna, Patrick Fu, Andrew Hathaway, Allan Hughes, Jerico Lozares, Andy Sundquest, Thien-An Truong

Christmas flowers and Music are given to the Glory of God by



Barbara Cooke Monks in thanksgiving for the lives of Frederick James Cooke and Barbara Souther Cooke and Lawrence E. Monks.

Jane and Joe Lawson in thanksgiving for all the December birthdays-Paul Lawson, Mark Welch and Jane Lawson.

The Stearns Family, Michael Burroughs

Betty Toepfer in memory of John Toepfer

Marlene Sleek in memory and thanksgiving for the life of Tom Sleek.

Diane Lovelace in memory of Charles and Marge McIntyre, Melvin and Peggy Lovelace, Gerry Lovelace, and Michael Eberle.

Gerry Chartrand and the Averill Family in memory of Papa and Oma.

Susi and Harry Van Wickle in thanksgiving for the blessing of their grandchildren: Elinor Hehir, Patrick Hehir and Liam Maher.

Ann Wright in memory of the Rev Deacon Max Wright.

Ann Warren Smith in memory of Howard Nelson.

Roger and Dottie Barney in memory of Kimberly & Jeannette Barney and Nancy & Trevor Wright.

The Stermer Family in thanksgiving for our Saint Andrew's family.

Gray and Debbie Judge in thanksgiving for our family.

Muffie Waterman in thanksgiving for my husband, Scott and our precious children, Eva and Oscar.

Tim, Mary Ann and Danielle Gee in thanksgiving to everyone at Saint Andrew's for all your support and prayers this year.

Kay Morton in memory of David H. Morton, James W. McKee, and Richard & Helen Taylor.

Barbara Busch in memory of loved ones who now celebrate Christmas Eternal.

Beth Hopf in memory of the Stevens Family: Harland, Maryvina, Ann, and David.

Nancy Allgeier in memory of Lee Allgeier.

Ed Jacklitch in memory of Carol-this season was her favorite.

The Rev. Joel Martinez and Mr. Joshua Gila in memory of Sharon Martinez and Bren Gila.

The Rev. Maly and Allan Hughes in memory of Mary London James Carswell, Matthew Jackson Carswell, William James Carswell, James Bernard Hughes, Rhoda Silver Hughes, and Joan Rhoda Hughes

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PRELUDE *Masters in this Hall* melody by Marin Marais (1656-1728) arr. By Jerrick Cavagnaro (b. 1996)

Text: *Masters in this hall, hear ye news today brought from oversea, and ever I you pray: Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell sing we clear! Holpen all are folk on earth, born is God's son so dear. Nowell sing we loud! God today hath poor folk raised and cast adown the proud! Going o'er the hills through the milk white snow, heard I ewes bleat while the wind did blow: Nowell...Shepherds many an one sat among the sheep, no man spake more word than they had been asleep: Nowell...Quoth I "Fellowes mine, why this guise sit ye? Making but dull cheer, shepherds though ye be? Shepherds should of right leap and dance and sing, thus to see ye sit is a right strange thing: Quoth these fellows then, "to Bethlem town we go, to see a mighty lord lie in manger low: "How name ye this lord, shepherds?" then said I, "Very God," they said, "Come from heaven high. This is Christ the Lord! This is Christ the Lord, Masters, be ye glad! Christmas is come in and no folk should be said: Nowell!...*

The Sussex Carol

arr. Bob Chillcott

Text: *On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring. News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful king's birth. Then why should men on earth be so sad since our redeemer made us glad? When from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty? When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place: Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King. All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: "Glory to God and peace to men, now and forevermore. Amen!"*

CHORAL INTROIT *Please remain seated* *Once in royal David's city* Irby

First verse sung by soloist – congregation joins on the second verse

Solo:

*Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.*

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

We like Mary rest confounded that a stable should display
heaven's Word, the world's creator, cradled there on Christmas Day,
yet this child, our Lord and brother, brought us love for one another.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child who seemed so helpless is our Lord in heaven above;
Christ, revealed to faithful eye, set at God's right hand on high.

OPENING HYMN & PROCESSION *All Standing, as able* *O come, all ye faithful* *Adeste fidelis*

v.1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him,
born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

v.2 God from God,
Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only-begotten
Son of God the Father;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

v.3 See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

v.4 Child, for us sinners
poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee,
with love and awe;
who would not love thee,
loving us so dearly?
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

v.5 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God,
glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

v.6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
Presider The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
People **And we beheld his glory.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

v.1 Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

v.2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

v.3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

v.4 See him in a manger laid
whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while we raise our hearts in love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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 WORD OF GOD

THE LESSONS *All may be seated*

FIRST READING – **Isaiah 9:2-7**

From the Hebrew Bible we hear a hymn of thanksgiving and hope offered at the birth of a new king in Jerusalem.

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.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

The Night He Was Born

Text: Helen Dunmore (B. 1952), music by Bob Chilcott

Text: There was no berry on the bramble, only the thorn; there was no rose -not one petal, only the bare thorn. The night he was born. There was no voice to guide them, only the wind's whistling; there was no light in the stable, only the starshine...and a candle guttering, the night he was born. From nothing and nowhere this couple came, at every border their papers were wrong but they reached the city and begged for a room.

SECOND READING – Titus 2:11-14

This New Testament reading speaks of the two comings of Christ: first in his sacrificial ministry for all people and then in glory.

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.

HYMN *All standing, as able*



1. Be - fore the mar - vel of this night, a - dor - ing,
 2. A - wake the sleep - ing world with song: this is the
 3. The love that we have al - ways known, our con - stant



fold your wings and bow; then tear the sky a - part with light
 day the Lord has made. As - sem - ble here, ce - les - tial throng,
 joy and end - less light, not to the love - less world be shown,



and with your news the world en - dow. Pro - claim the
 in ro - yal splen - dor come ar - rayed. Give earth a
 now break up - on its death - ly night. In - to one



birth of Christ and peace, that fear and death and sor - row
 glimpse of heav - enly bliss, a teas - ing taste of what they
 song com - press the love that rules our u - ni - verse a -



cease: sing peace; sing peace; sing gift of peace; sing peace; sing
 miss: sing bliss; sing bliss; sing end - less bliss; sing bliss; sing
 bove: sing love; sing love; sing God is love; sing love; sing



gift of peace!
 end - less bliss!
 God is love!

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GOSPEL – **Luke 2:1-14** *All standing, as able*

The gospel presents the story of the birth of Jesus.

Priest 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!"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Maly Carswell Hughes

ANTHEM

My Lord Has Come

Will Todd

Text: Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels; no place for them but a stable. My Lord has come. Sages: searching for stars, searching for love in heaven; no place for them but a stable. My Lord has come. His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, love will cradle me. Lead me, lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels; no place but a stable, no place for me but a stable. My Lord has come, my Lord has come.

THE NICENE CREED *All standing, as able*

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Remain standing, as able*

Leader All things have been clothed in grace by the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ; all the earth has been enlightened in his dawning. Trusting in His light and grace, let us pray for all people in need and for all the world, saying, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader For the churches, which united they may be faithful in witness to your Son come among us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader For the leaders of nations, that they may turn from ways of fear and warfare to the ways of your wisdom and grace. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader For the poor of the earth, for victims of violence and tyranny, that their suffering be ended, and that they may come to know joy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader For all families, that they may be renewed in joy, receive the word of mercy into their hearts, and become places of hospitality to the stranger. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader For this congregation, that we may be renewed by the light and grace of your incarnate word. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader For those who have died, that their efforts continue to inspire our action and that they may rest in your care until that day when all shall rise again in your new Creation. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Presider Rejoicing in the company of Mary, mother of our Lord, and of all the witnesses of the incarnation, we commend these prayers and all our life to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

You may greet those around you in the name of Christ.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

*Everyone is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity.
The ushers will pass the plate. You may also give using the QR code.*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy

arr. by Stacey Gibbs

Text: Oh Mary had a baby boy, yes a baby boy. The Virgin Mary had a baby boy an' they said that his name was Jesus. He come from de glory - He come down - He come from the glorious kingdom. O yes, believer! He come from the glory and she said that his name was Jesus. De wise men saw where de baby was born....and they said that his name was Jesus.

PRESENTATION HYMN

In the bleak Midwinter

v.1 In the bleak midwinter
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone:
snow had fallen,
snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter,
long ago.

v.2 Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

v.3 Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air,
but his mother only,
in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the Beloved
with a kiss.

v.4 What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb,
if I were a wise man
I would do my part,
yet what I can I give him,
give my heart.

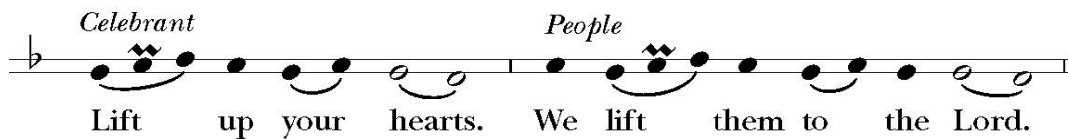
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *Eucharistic Prayer B* **All standing, as able**

Celebrant *People*



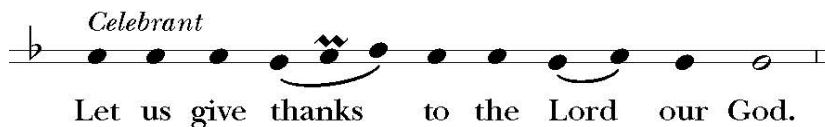
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*



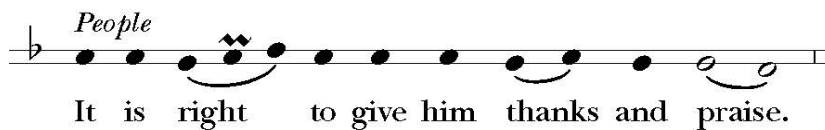
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, 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 mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man 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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow'r and_ might, ___ heav'n and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he, 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 congregation remains standing, as able.

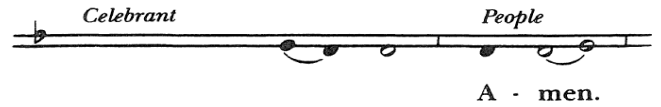
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 Father,

**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph, our patronal Saint Andrew, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest 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

AGNUS DEI

St. James Christmas Service

Gently [In One]

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly
Child, who takes the sin of the world a - way; Have
mer - cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the
son of Ma - ry. This, this is your bo - dy
giv'n, Your pre - cious blood, the gift of heav'n.
Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the
son of Ma - ry.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

When receiving communion you may drink from the common cup (no intincting is offered). If you desire to only receive the bread you are receiving the full communion.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

I wonder as I wander

Appalachian folk carol adapted and arranged by Kyle Pederson

Text: I wander as I wander out under the sky how Jesus the Savior had come for to die for poor, orn'ry people like you and like I; I wonder as I wander out under the sky. How I, a mere mortal, may look up in awe as Bethlehem's star beckons me through the dawn; it shines on the manger, the Prince of all eace and bids me to wonder, "Is this gift for me?" Emmanuel. The gift in the manger is given for all, the strong and heroic, the lost and the small, Christ bids to our stone hearts, "Come soften and give," and offers his own heart to others may live. I wonder as I wander out under the sky, how the light of the heavens is born in this child. The universe dances with glory and grace and I gaze in the manger and see love's face. Emmanuel. I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

See amid the winter snow Words by Edward Caswall (1858), Melody by John Goss (1871), arr by Dan Forrest

Text: Alleluia! 1 See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below, see the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years. Refrain: Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem." 2 Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies; He who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim! [Refrain] 3 Sacred Infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine, thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this! [Refrain]

The First Noel

English carol arranged by Dan Forrest

Text: 1 The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel. 2 They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. [Refrain] 3 Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord, that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought. [Refrain]

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION ***All standing, as able***

Presider Let us pray.

**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.**

***During the singing of Silent Night, candles will be lighted from the center aisle.
Please light your candle from your neighbor's candle.***

HYMN

*Silent night, holy night**Stille Nacht*

v.1 Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace.

v.2 Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

v.3 Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth!
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth!

v.4 Silent night, holy night
Wondrous star lend thy light
With the angels let us sing
Alleluias to our king:
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

THE BLESSING

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Mary and Joseph, and the peace of the Christ Child, be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Hark! the herald angels sing

Hark! The herald angels sing
glory to the new-born king!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the new-born king!

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
off-spring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see;
hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the new-born king!

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
Born to raise those of the earth,
born to give us second birth,
Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the new-born king!

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
People **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Proclamation on "Adeste Fidelis"

Richard Lloyd

Ministers of the Liturgy this evening: Presider/Preacher: The Rev. Maly Carswell Hughes; **Associate Priest:** The Rev. Joel Martinez; **Director of Music/Organist:** Michael Burroughs; **MC (8 pm):** Hugh Wright; **(10:30 pm):** Sharon Boyce-Bender; **Lectors (8 pm):** Anne Cameron, Elizabeth Morris; **(10:30 pm):** Mary Ann Gee, Sharon Boyce-Bender; **Eucharistic Ministers (8 pm):** Hugh Wright, Sharon Boyce-Bender, Kate Shull, Andrew Fitzpatrick; **(10:30 pm):** Sharon Boyce-Bender, Elizabeth Harrell, Susi Van Wickle, Harry Van Wickle; **Acolytes (8 pm):** Nick Morris, Evelyn Morris, Arthur Morris; **(10:30 pm):** Andrew Fitzpatrick, Ksenia Nasielski; **Vergers:** Tim Gee; **Altar Guild (8 pm):** Janet McAlpine, Anne Cummins, Sherrie Nooteboom; **(10:30 pm):** Anne Cameron, Kate Maher; **Lead Usher (8 pm):** Laura Biche; **(10:30 pm):** Andrew Stearns; **Ushers (8 pm):** Leslie Butlar, Jeff Harrell, Steve McAlpine; **(10:30 pm):** Anne Cameron, Matt Cameron; **Greeters (8 pm):** Lindsay Catterton; **(10:30 pm):** Tia Baker; **Flowers:** Lindsay Catterton; **Video Team (8 pm):** Lauren Fitzpatrick, Logan Fitzpatrick, John Plocher.