

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**  
**CHORAL EUCHARIST**

December 24, 2022 at 10 p.m.

# WELCOME



## TO ST. JAMES'S

St. James's is a vibrant, inclusive, fun-loving, child-friendly community of faith. No matter where you are in your journey, we welcome you to join us on ours.

In this service of Holy Eucharist we give thanks to God and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed. Educational programs afford parishioners of all ages the opportunity to engage their own beliefs and practices as well as those of others.

Empowered by God we go forth into the wider world to serve others in our lives, schools, and workplaces.

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**Christmas flowers have been given to  
the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for**

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Elsa Walberg

The children of John & Ruth Mitman and their families

The children of Bob & Priscilla Hooper and granddaughter Millie

The grandsons of Ken & Eileen Jackson

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## CHORAL PRELUDE AT 9:30

*Pastorale, from Christmas Concerto  
Fantasia on "Greensleeves"*

Arcangelo Corelli  
Ralph Vaughan Williams

*In the bleak midwinter*

Harold Darke

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.

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.

Enough for him whom cherubim worship night and day,  
a breastful of milk and a mangerful of hay:  
enough for him whom angels fall down before,  
the ox and ass and camel which adore.

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.

Hymn 105  
(*All are invited to sing*)

*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

God Rest You Merry

*Salve Puerule*

Mark-Antoine Charpentier

Hail, little boy, Hail, little tender one,  
O little son, how good you are.  
You gave up heaven to be born in the world!  
You have made yourself like us mortals.

O virgin who bears a child,  
Your blessed womb  
bears a son by the help of God.  
Rejoice, flower of virgins, Rejoice,  
hope of mankind:  
You hear us and comfort us in our sin.

O supreme goodness! Today deity  
Becomes lowly humanity.  
The eternal one is born, concealed  
beneath the guise of mortality.

*Pastoral Symphony from Messiah*

Georg Frederic Handel

## CHRISTMAS ACCLAMATION

John 1:1-18

*All stand and sing the*

## OPENING HYMN

*Once in royal David's city*

Irby

*(verses 1&2 are sung by the choir – please join in singing on verses 3-6)*

1. 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.

2. 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 and meek and lowly,  
 Lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. And through all  
 His wondrous childhood,  
 He would honor and obey,  
 Love and watch the lowly mother,  
 In whose gentle arms He lay.  
 Christian children all should be,  
 Mild, obedient, good as He.

4. For He is our child-hood's pattern  
 Day by day like us He grew,  
 He was little, weak, and helpless,  
 Tears and smiles like us He knew,  
 And He feeleth for our sadness,  
 And He shareth in our gladness.

5. And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
 Through His own redeeming love;  
 For that child so dear and gentle,  
 Is our Lord in heaven above,  
 And He leads His children on,  
 To the place where He is gone.

6. Not in that poor lowly stable,  
 With the oxen standing by,  
 We shall see Him, but in heaven,  
 Set at God's right hand on high;  
 When like stars His children crowned,  
 All in white shall be around.

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

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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 - - - -

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

Title: Angles we have heard on high (Gloria)

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), slt.

Music: Gloria, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* God be with 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.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The people sit*

THE LESSON

*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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96 (*sung by the choir*)

Plainchant

*Cantate Domino*

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.

## THE EPISTLE

*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.**

All stand for the singing of the hymn and remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.

### THE SEQUENCE HYMN

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.

Title: *It came upon a midnight clear* Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt.

Music: Carol, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900)

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*All remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.*

THE GOSPEL

*Luke 2:1-14*

*Priest* The Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The people sit*

THE SERMON

*The Rev'd Joseph J. Rose*

*All stand*

## THE 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:  
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,  
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

*Leader* In peace, let us pray to God, saying *God, hear us and help us!*

God of the prophets, give your church courage to speak truth, and to tell of your love.

**God of the prophets, hear us and help us!**

God of the angels, give your church voice to sing your presence into the world. Give the world a freedom song, and help us to speak peace throughout the earth.

**God of the angels, hear us and help us!**

God of Elizabeth and Mary, give your church grace to be pregnant with hope and to bring forth new life for a barren world.

**God of our mothers, hear us and help us!**

God of Zechariah and Joseph, give your church dreams and visions, and the courage to follow them.

**God of our fathers, hear us and help us!**

God of the shepherds, give your church humility, and to all who sit in darkness, alone and afraid, a light from heaven proclaiming peace.

**God of the shepherds, hear us and help us!**

God of the magi, give your church gifts, and the will to leave home to find you among the poor.

**God of the magi, hear us and help us!**

God of the Holy Innocents, give your church power to stand against violence and to protect the powerless.

**God of the victim, hear us and help us!**

God our Sovereign, you are always coming into the world. Come to us now, soon, and forever, and let us receive you as the Child of holiness and the Wind of change, through whom, this day, we pray. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of Christ.*

*The people sit*

## THE RECTOR'S WELCOME

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

AT THE OFFERTORY

*Nativity Carol*

John Rutter

Born in a stable so bare, Born so long ago;  
 Born 'neath light of star He who loved us so.

*Far away, silent He lay, Born today, your homage pay,  
 Christ is born for aye, Born on Christmas Day.*

Cradled by mother so fair, Tender her lullaby;  
 Over her son so dear Angel hosts fill the sky. *Refrain*

Wise men from distant far land, Shepherds from starry hills  
 Worship this babe so rare, Hearts with His warmth He fills. *Refrain*

Love in that stable was born Into our hearts to flow;  
 Innocent dreaming babe, Make me Thy love to know. *Refrain*

*The people stand*PRESENTATION HYMN (*vv. 1,3*)

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.

Title: O come, all ye faithful

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

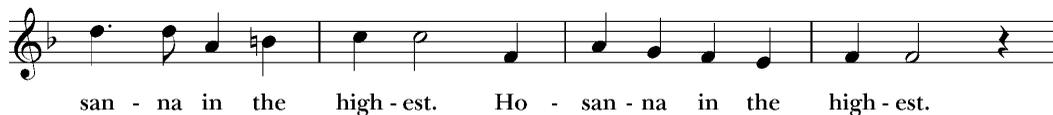
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Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
 People **And also with you.**  
 Celebrant Lift up your hearts.  
 People **We lift them to the Lod.**  
 Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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:

## SANCTUS



Title: *The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus*

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*Celebrant continues:*

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

Savior and Redeemer of the world. In 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,

*Celebrant and People*

**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 James 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 God, now and forever.

*Celebrant and People*    **AMEN.**

*Celebrant*    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.**

## THE INVITATION

*Celebrant* 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.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

AT THE COMMUNION *What Is This Lovely Fragrance* Healey Willan

What is this lovely fragrance wafting Like to the scents of flow'rs in spring?  
Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty Hear you not heav'nly caroling?

What is this light so fair, so tender Breaking upon our wond'ring eyes?  
Never the Morning Star so radiant Followed his course o'er eastern skies.

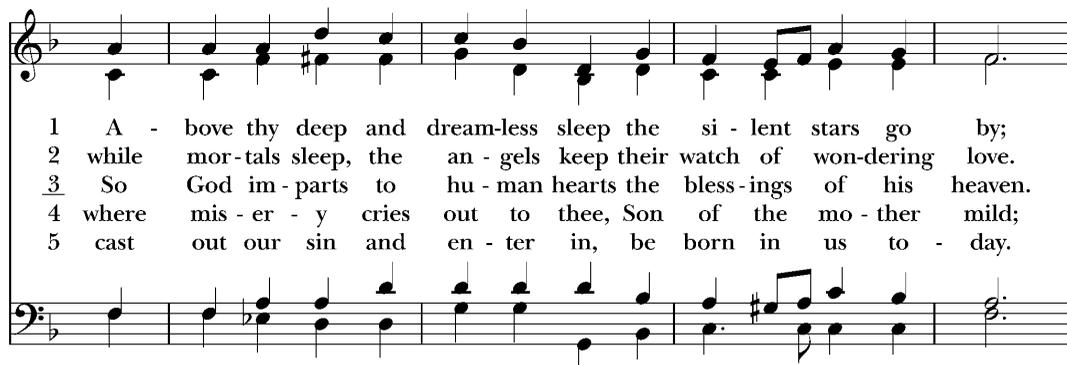
Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps Seek the Saviour, born today.  
Low at His feet we lay our treasure, Heart's adoration, love for aye.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *O Holy Night* Adolphe Adam

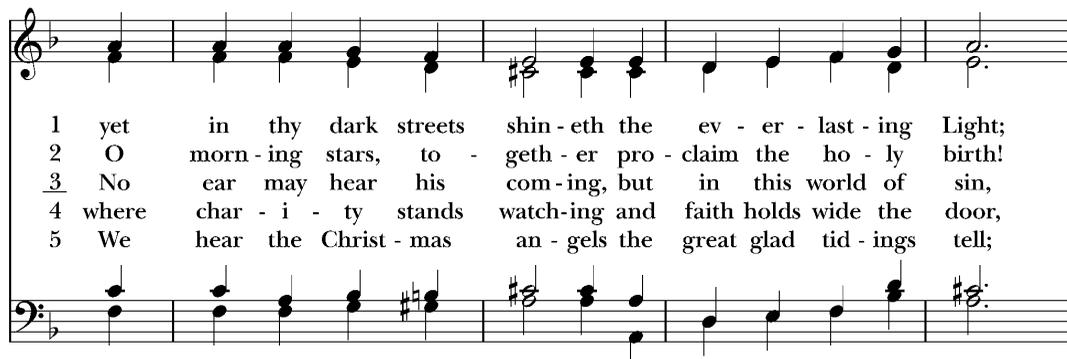
O holy night! the stars are brightly shining; It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope- the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!  
Fall on your knees! O hear the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

## HYMN AT COMMUNION

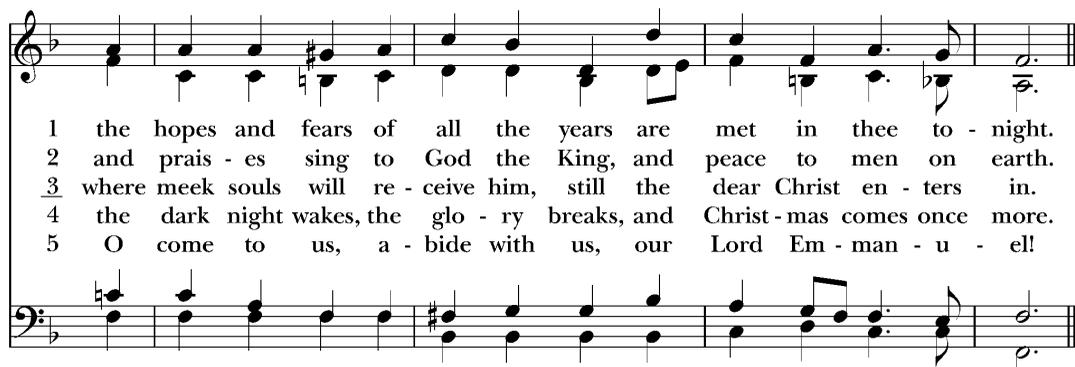
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
\*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
5 O ho - ly Child of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

Title: O little town of Bethlehem Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

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

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## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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.**

## HYMN AFTER COMMUNION

*Silent Night**Stille Nacht*

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.

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!

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.

## THE BLESSING

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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.

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!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.

Title: *Hark! the herald angels sing*      Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.  
 Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)  
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*Priest* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Concerto in F: Allegro*

Georg Frederic Handel

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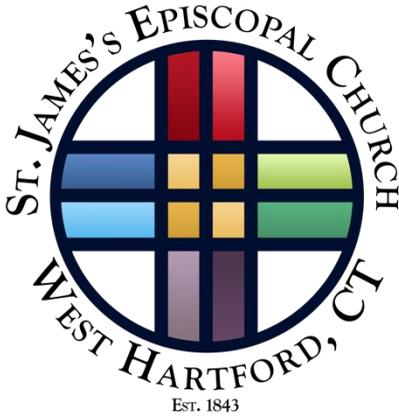
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8 a.m. in the chapel

9:30 a.m. in the church

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7 a.m. in the chapel followed by  
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10:00 a.m. HE in the church

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