# CHRISTMAS EVE

# PAGEANT & EUCHARIST



December 24, 2023 at 5:00pm

#### PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

#### **Officiant**

The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III, Rector

#### **Assisting Clergy**

The Rev. Joseph J. Rose, Assistant Rector The Rev. Dr. Molly F. James

#### **Organist**

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Priscilla Thomas Marta Rivera Monclova

#### **Intercessor**

Julia Jane Bowman

#### **Acolytes**

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#### Ushers

Doug & Ann Cooke, Mike Shuey, Ted Newton

#### Cover Art

Madonna and Child by anonymous artist

#### PAGEANT PARTICIPANTS

Narrators: Emilie O'Sullivan, Calvin Meyer, Lyla Fisher, Carolyn Bowman

Mary - Katherine James Joseph - James O'Sullivan Gabriel - Anya Fisher

Kings - Mack Raissian, Laurel Raissian & Camden Jacobs

Pages - Meadow Tweedie, Walter Bowman & Wesley Otto

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The Children of St. James's

#### MUSIC PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Rev. Joseph J. Rose, Assistant Rector O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (VERSES 1,3 & 6)

All join in singing hymns and responses



Words: John Francis Wade; translated by Frederick Oakeley and others

Music: Adeste fideles, present form of melody attributed to John Francis Wade; harmony from The English Hymnal, 1906

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#### Introit

Behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will come to all the people. For to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Glory to God for ever and ever! And peace to God's people on earth.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

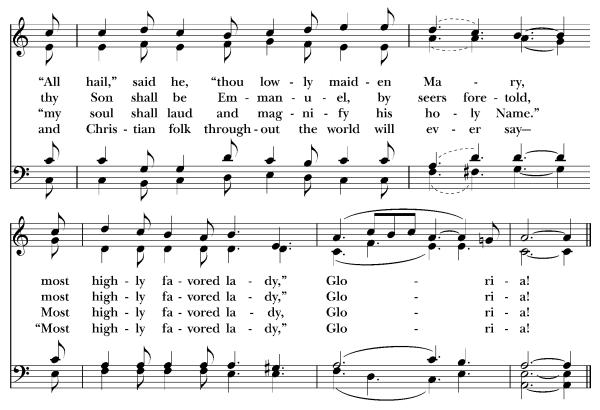
Good and gracious God, on this holy night you have given us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes; the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night, draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with heaven's angels, that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds, that we may find the one for whom we have waited: Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, one God forever and ever. Amen.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE CHRISTMAS STORY: During the pageant, all join in singing the hymns.



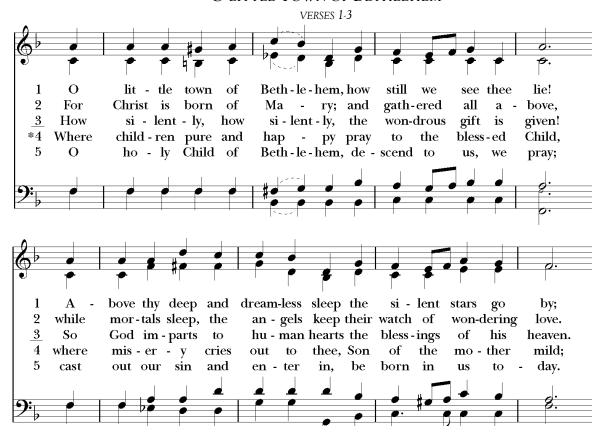
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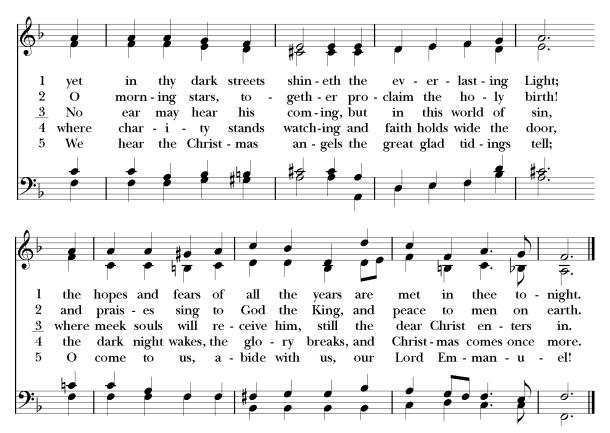


Title: The angel Gabriel from heaven came Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

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#### O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM





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

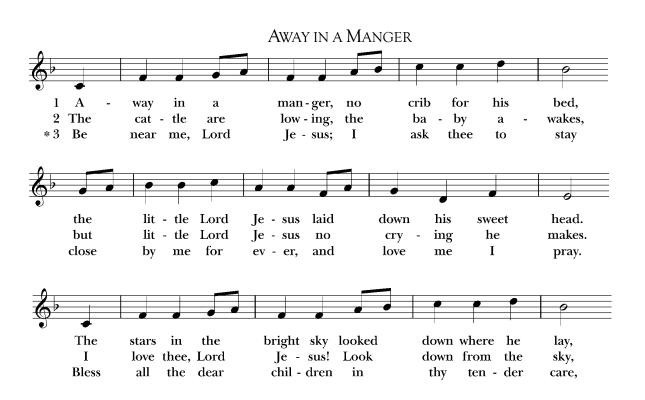
Music: St. Louis, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)





Title: Angels we have heard on high Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.

Music: Gloria, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-195)





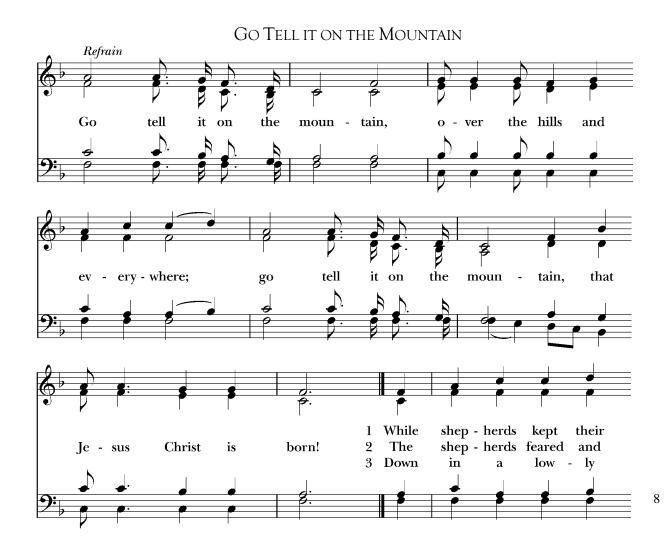
Title: Away in a manger Words: Traditional carol

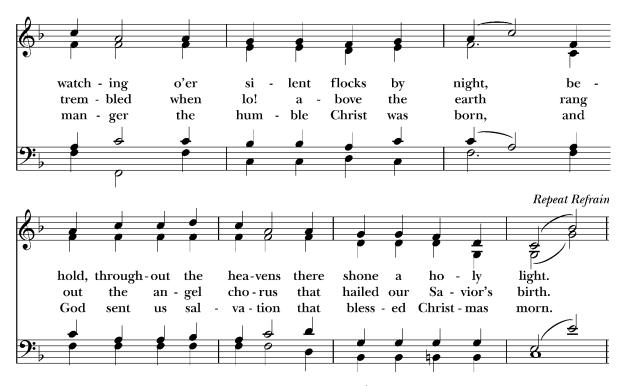
Music: Cradle Song, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

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#### THE FRIENDLY BEASTS VERSES 1-3

- 1. Jesus, our brother, strong and good, was humbly born in in a stable rude, and the friendly beasts around him stood, Jesus, our brother, strong and good.
- 2. "I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown, "I carried your mother uphill and down, I carried your mother to Bethlehem town; I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.
- 3. "I," said the cow, all white and red, "I gave you my manger for your bed, I gave my hay to pillow your head; I," said the cow, all white and red.





Title: Go tell it on the mountain Words: Afro-American spiritual, 19<sup>th</sup> cent.; adapt. John W. Work (b. 1901) Music: Go Tell It on the Mountain, Afro-American spiritual, 19<sup>th</sup> cent.; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935) Copyright: © 2005, ABC Music Co., All right reserved. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-737832.

#### Litany for Christmas Eve

All stand as you are able

Let us pray for the world Jesus Christ was born to save.

Jesus was born homeless with only a manger for his bed, so let us pray for those who have no homes.

#### Hear our prayer, O God of love.

Jesus was held close by his mother and father, so let us pray for children everywhere who need to be held and loved and celebrated.

#### Hear our prayer, O God of love.

Jesus depended on others to give him food and clothes, so let us pray for those who need both, and we ask you to help us to care for others when we can.

#### Hear our prayer, O God of love.

Jesus was born to bring healing to the world, so let us pray for those who are sick or in need.

#### Hear our prayer, O God of love.

Jesus and his family fled Bethlehem to escape Herod's violence and rage.

Let us pray for lives lost to violence, and for the safety of all in the coming year.

#### Hear our prayer, O God of love.

Jesus promised eternal life to those who believed he was the Word, so let us pray for those who have died.

#### Hear our prayer, O God of love.

Jesus shared God's love with all, so let us pray for all the people of the world.

#### Hear our prayer, O God of love.

O God of love, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of your Love: Let the Light of Christ shine on us and through us, that we and the whole world may be made radiant with your glory.

Amen.

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

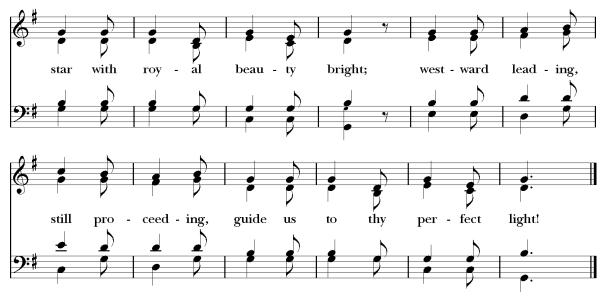
#### WELCOME

#### **OFFERTORY**

WE THREE KINGS (PLEASE SING VERSE 5 AND ALL REFRAINS)



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Title: We three kings of Orient are Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt.

Music: Three Kings of Orient, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891)

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#### THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Everyone is invited to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

All standing

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.

#### The Celebrant continues

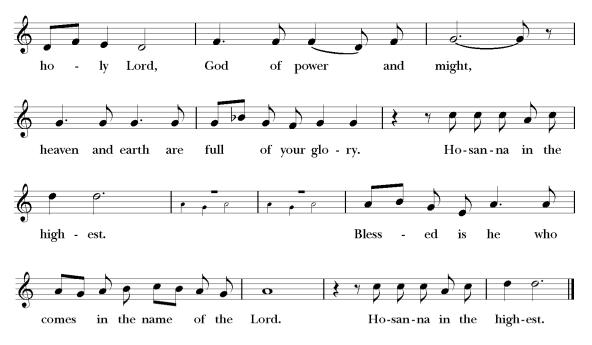
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; 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**

Celebrant and People





Title: Holy, Holy, Holy Music: William Mathias (b. 1934)
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#### The 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;

#### The Celebrant continues

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 Mary and Joseph 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 for ever. **AMEN.** 

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

#### Celebrant and People

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

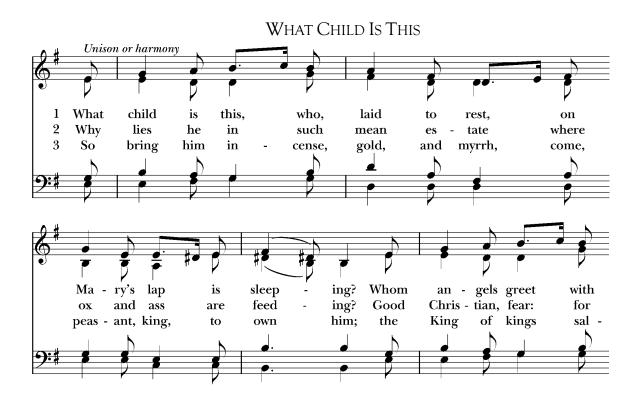
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### 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.

#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**





Title: What child is this Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) Music: Greensleeves, English melody Copyright: © 2005, ABC Music Co., All right reserved. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-737832.





Title: It came upon a midnight clear Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt. Music: Carol, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900) Copyright: © 2005, ABC Music Co., All right reserved. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-737832.

#### Celebrant and 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.



Title: Silent night, holy night Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)

Music: Stille Nacht, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

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#### THE BLESSING



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

#### THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia! *People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY

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

Millie & Channing Hooper
The children and grandchildren of the Rev. John & Ruth Mitman
The grandchildren of Tom & Sue Sweeney
The grandsons of Ken & Eileen Jackson

### In Loving Memory of

Margo & Wilson Sweeney, John Clement & Helen Haar, William & Nellie Thompson, Robert & Eleanor Mix, Pamela Ludford, Marilyn Stapleton, Cosimo & Edwina L. Bosco, Norman & Florence Madore, Louise Keesling, Earl & Joan Keesling, Jean Lane, Greg Lattanzio, William F. Duva, Sr., Kenneth & Elizabeth Cloud, Mary Mack & Selma Scott, Thomas Desmond, Howard & Alice Goddard, Aurea Rivera, Kenneth & Anne Moyle, Robert Kelly, Osborne Lawes, Jan Bonner, Mary S. Meyer, Charles & Virginia Kinney, Anson & Veronica Duncan, Greg Hoffer, Julia Nelson, Charles G. Fisher, James & Barbara Cooper, Germain Newton, Sylvia Zimbler, Hugh MacGillis, Jim Cordeira, Douglass & Eugenie Compton, Charles A. Borda III, Eugenie French, Ann D. Painter, Esty Collet, Joella & James Burgoon, Brent Parish Williams, Russell O. Gee, Edward Peters, Michael A. Lamy, Frank Scholl, Jon & John Smalley, David D. Thomas, Jean & John Thomas, Theodora & William Holman, Joan Melvin, Elsa Walberg, Francis Evans, The family and friends of Donna Klucewicz, John & Jeanne Bausmith, Bill Nellen.

# Thank You

Thank you to all who helped make this pageant possible.

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Thank you to Joe Rose who helped with the rewriting of our script.

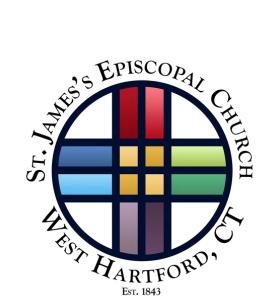
Thanks to Bob Hooper who encourages my crazy visions and builds sets on demand.

A special thank you to Elizabeth Cloud who, before her death this summer, encouraged me to develop a more Interactive Family Pageant.

And most especially, thank you to the children of this parish community who help make this night so magical.

Merry Christmas!
Priscilla Hooper, Director of Family Ministries





#### SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY EUCHARIST 8 a.m. in the chapel 9:30 a.m. in the church

#### WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel (Breakfast served in the parish room following the service)

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE 7:00 p.m. First Wednesday of each month in the parish room

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#### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

9:30 p.m. Music Prelude 10:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Carols

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