

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JENSEN BEACH, FLORIDA

The Nativity of our Lord: Christmas



THE CELEBRATION OF

The Nativity of our Lord Christmas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023 (CHRISTMAS EVE) 4 P.M. & 10:45 P.M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023 (CHRISTMAS DAY) 9:00 A.M.

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2303 Northeast Seaview Drive, Jensen Beach, Florida 34957

Mission Statement:

The Community of All Saints' accepts the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through workshop of God, service to His people and stewardship of His gifts.

Vision Statement:

"Live like Jesus, love God and all people."



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HONORARY ASSISTING PRIEST

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, December 24, 2023 (Christmas Eve)

4:00 p.m. The Festive Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Homily and the Christmas Pageant

Celebrant and Homilist: The Very Reverend Dr. Anthony B. Holder, Rector Con-Celebrant: The Reverend Tara Shepley, Honorary Assisting Priest

The people are invited to read the parts in **bold**.



THE ENTRANCE RITE

Prelude:

The people stand.

Processional:

Once in royal David's city (#102, 1982 Hymnal)

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.

3

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.

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 mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

4

For he is our lifelong pattern; Daily when on earth he grew, He was tempted, scorned, rejected tears and smiles like us he knew, Thus he feels for all our sadness, And he shares in all our gladness.

5

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; And he leads his children on To the place where he has gone.

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The Advent Wreath Celebration

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Nativity of our Lord: Christmas

Reader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

Celebrant: For unto us a Child is born.

People: Unto us a Son is given.

Reader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. What

has come into being in Him, was life and the life was light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as a Father's Son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:4-5, 14)

Celebrant: We light this candle to remind us of the great Light that comes at last with the birth of Jesus, the

Word of God made human for us. As we welcome Him in the poor stable in Bethlehem we offer ourselves to bring His transforming love to birth in all dark places and to serve Him in all

our brothers and sisters.

The Christ Candle is Lit.

A Short Pause

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: O God, your love was so great for us that You gave us Your Son to shine out in our darkness.

Help us to make that love known to all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: All praise to You, Eternal Father, giver of all good things; You have filled our hearts with joy at

the wonders of Your love. Christ, Your Son, for all eternity was born in time. Alleluia, Christ is

born!

People: Alleluia, Christ was born!

The Salutation

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

People: And blessed be His kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant may say

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.

People: Amen.

The Gloria

The Celebrant and People sing together

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect for Christmas Day I (Book of Common Prayer, 212)

Celebrant: O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant

that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

for ever.

People: Amen.

The people sit for the Liturgy of the Word. The Readings and Psalm are for Christmas Day I (Year B) of the Lectionary.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96

(Page 725 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by verse).

- 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.
- 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!
- 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.
- 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 Second Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

Reader: A reading from Paul's Letter to Titus.

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.

The people stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn:

Joy to the world (#100, 1982 Hymnal)

1

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

3

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found. 2

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy.

4

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.

Joy to the world! the Lord is come, #100 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Gospeler: 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!" 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.

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Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Christmas Pageant

The Homily The Rector

After the invocation of the Homily, the people shall sit.

The Nicene Creed

The Deacon or Celebrant shall say,

Let us reaffirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

Celebrant and People

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 may kneel or stand, as desired, during the Prayers of the People.)

Form III

(Found on Page 387 of the Book of Common Prayer)

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;

Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Peter our Bishop; Anthony, our Rector; Tara, our Assisting Priest;

and Alan, our Deacon.

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially Manny, Bruce, Steve (Priest),

Shannon, Rebecca, Bruce, Charlie, Kelly, Cindy, Sally, John, Pauline, Clara, Brian, Coleen, Rev. Costa, Robert, Nyla, Alicia, Larry, Steve (*Priest*), Neira, Kris, Jeremy, Dorothy, Margie, Katrina, Carolyn, Jack, Donna, Tony, Dina, Devin, Gannon, Aharon, Sarit, Shmulik, Natalie, Rotem, Ariel, Mark, Patty, Joyce, D. J., John, Pat, Olivia, Poppy, Scott, Stephanie, Carol, Roberta, Lisa,

Bobby, Bruce; (Are there others)?

Leader: We pray for those serving in the military, especially Jairus, Hannah, Jake, Ryan, Drew, Blake,

Alex, Ashlyn, Jonathan, Guy, Lauren, Emily, Crystal, Alliza, William, Gabe; (Are there others)?

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin

The people may kneel or stand, as desired, for the Confession of Sin.

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

The Peace

The people stand for the greeting of the Peace.

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Announcements

The people sit for the Announcements

Duet: "Gesu Bambino" - by Dennis Zellmer and Renee Schrab

THE LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

Offertory Sentence

The Celebrant shall say

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

Revelation 4:11

Offertory Hymn:

O Come All Ye Faithful (#83, 1982 Hymnal)

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;

2

God from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; only-begotten Son of God the Father;

Refrain

4

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze; we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain*

Refrain

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

3

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest;

Refrain

5

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?

Refrain

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

O come, all ye faithful, #83 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others. Music: Adeste fideles, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906.

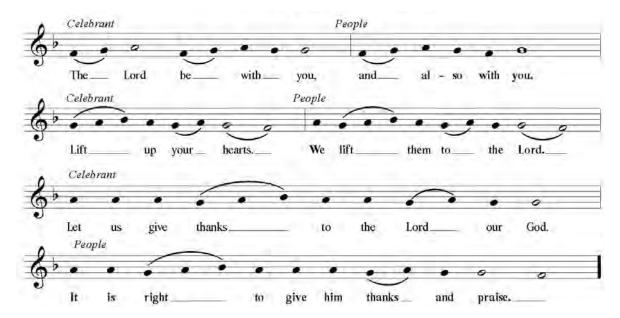
The people stand for the Doxology.

The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Eucharistic Prayer B S112



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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:

The Sanctus S130



The Consecration Prayer

The people may kneel or stand, as desired, during the Eucharistic Prayer.

Then 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, O Father,

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 [_____ 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.

People: Amen.

The people remain kneeling for the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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.

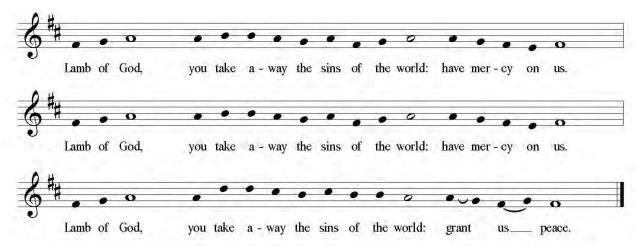
The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Agnus Dei S161



The Invitation

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

The people will be directed to the altar rail by the Ushers for the administration of communion.

Communion Music:

Angels we have heard on high (#96, 1982 Hymnal)

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.

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.*

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.

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.

Angels we have heard on high, #96 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: Gloria, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

What child is this, who, laid to rest (#115, 1982 Hymnal)

1

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

2

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

Refrain

3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

Refrain

What child is this, who, laid to rest, #115 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Greensleeves, English melody; harm. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871.

Away in the manger (#101, 1982 Hymnal)

1

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay. 2

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me for ever, and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, #101 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Traditional carol. Music: Cradle Song, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

The First Nowell (#109, 1982 Hymnal)

1

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

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

4

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

Refrain

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

3

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

5

Then entered in those wise men three full reverently upon their knee, and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Refrain

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

The First Nowell the angel did say, #109 from The Hymnal 1982 − Words: English Carol, 18th cent. Music: The First Nowell, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901); alt. refrain harm. and desc. Healey Willan (1880-1968). Alternative setting with descant, Copyright © 1926, by Oxford University Press, Inc.

The congregation then sings the carol, "Silent night, holy night" in candlelight.

Silent night, holy night (#111, 1982 Hymnal)

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.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! 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.

3

Silent night, holy night, #111 from The Hymnal 1982 – 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).

The Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the people remain kneeling and celebrant says,

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Christmas Blessing

The Celebrant shall say,

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.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: May God, who is the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give his peace

and favor.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and

remain with you for ever.

People: Amen.

The people stand for the Recessional.

Recessional:

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing (#87, 1982 Hymnal)

1

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn 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!

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

2

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with man to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

3

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings, hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing, #87 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

SERVING TODAY

4:00 p.m.: CELEBRANT: Father Tony; ASSISTING PRIEST: Tara Shepley; VESTRY: Jack Miller LEM: Jack Miller; LECTOR: Diane Dougiello; USHERS: Harry Kapple, Tom Sinagra GREETERS: Beverly Stephenson, Dorothy Ulmer SOUND TECH: Pam Hurd; VIDEO TECH: Brien Falloon; ORGANIST: Dennis Zellmer ACOLYTES: Andrew Johnson, Jr., Lyle Laverty

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Christmas Carols

To be used during Carol singing at 10:45 p.m. Sunday, December 24, 2023

It came upon the midnight clear (#89, 1982 Hymnal)

1

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

3

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long; beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong; and warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring; O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing! 2

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel-sounds the blessed angels sing.

4

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold, when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

It came upon the midnight clear, #89 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt. Music: Carol, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900).

God rest ve merry gentlemen (#105, 1982 Hymnal)

1

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay; remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day, to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

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O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy! 2

From God our heavenly Father a blessèd angel came and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same: how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

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3

"Fear not, then," said the angel,
"Let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior
of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him
from Satan's power and might."

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4

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place, and with true love and charity each other now embrace; this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace.

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Once in royal David's city (#102, 1982 Hymnal)

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 mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

2

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.

4

For he is our lifelong pattern; Daily when on earth he grew, He was tempted, scorned, rejected tears and smiles like us he knew, Thus he feels for all our sadness, And he shares in all our gladness. 5

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; And he leads his children on To the place where he has gone.

Words: vs1-2 and 4-6 Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), vs 3 James Waring McCrady (b 1938) ©1982, Novello and Company Limited, Used by pemission OneLicense.net A-732702

O little town of Bethlehem (#79, 1982 Hymnal)

1

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

3

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

2

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth! and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

4

Where children pure and happy pray to the blessèd Child, where misery cries out to thee, Son of the mother mild; where charity stands watching and faith holds wide the door, the dark night wakes, the glory breaks, and Christmas comes once more.

5

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!



ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, December 24, 2023 (Christmas Eve)

11:00 p.m. The Festive Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Homily and Blessing of the CrècheCelebrant and Homilist: The Very Reverend Dr. Anthony B. Holder, Rector

The people are invited to read the parts in **bold**.



THE ENTRANCE RITE

Prelude:

The people stand.

Processional:

O come all ye faithful (#83, 1982 Hymnal)

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;

2

God from God,
Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only-begotten
Son of God the Father;

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4

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze; we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

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O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

3

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest;

Refrain

5

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?

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Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

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O come, all ye faithful, #83 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others. Music: Adeste fideles, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906.

The Blessing of the Crèche

The Advent Wreath Celebration

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Nativity of our Lord: Christmas

Reader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

Celebrant: For unto us a Child is born.

People: Unto us a Son is given.

Reader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. What

has come into being in Him, was life and the life was light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as a Father's Son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:4-5, 14)

Celebrant: We light this candle to remind us of the great Light that comes at last with the birth of Jesus, the

Word of God made human for us. As we welcome Him in the poor stable in Bethlehem we offer ourselves to bring His transforming love to birth in all dark places and to serve Him in all

our brothers and sisters.

The Christ Candle is Lit.

A Short Pause

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: O God, your love was so great for us that You gave us Your Son to shine out in our darkness.

Help us to make that love known to all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: All praise to You, Eternal Father, giver of all good things; You have filled our hearts with joy at

the wonders of Your love. Christ, Your Son for all eternity was born in time. Alleluia, Christ is

born!

People: Alleluia, Christ was born!

The Salutation

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

People: And blessed be His kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant may say

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.

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People: Amen.

The Gloria

The Celebrant and People sing together.

in the Glo ry to God high_ est and to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly al - might-y ___ God and King, peace wor - ship you, we ther, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord Je - sus Christ, Lord God, Lamb of God, you a - way the sin of the world: have mer you are seat - ed at the take on us; cy right hand of the a-lone are the Ho-ly One, Fa-ther: For you re - ceive our prayer. the a - lone ___ Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus you are God. Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo ry of the Fa - ther. O men.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect for Christmas Day II (Book of Common Prayer, 212)

Celebrant: 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 people sit for the Liturgy of the Word. The Readings and Psalm are for Christmas Day II (Year B) of the Lectionary.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 62:6-12

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

"Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97

(Page 726 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by verse).

- The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice; *let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid.
- The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.
- Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
- The LORD loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy Name.

The Second Lesson: Titus 3:4-7

Reader: A reading from Paul's Letter to Titus.

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn:

Angels we have heard on high (#96, 1982 Hymnal)

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.

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.

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.

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.

Angels we have heard on high, #96 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: Gloria, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Gospeler: 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!" 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.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily The Rector

After the invocation of the Homily, the people shall sit.

The Nicene Creed

The people stand for the Nicene Creed.

The Deacon or Celebrant shall say,

Let us reaffirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

Celebrant and People

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 people may sit or stand, as desired.

The Prayers of the People

(The people may kneel or stand, as desired, during the Prayers of the People).

Form IV

(Found on Page 388 of the Book of Common Prayer)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live

together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Peter, our Bishop;

for Anthony, our Rector; Tara, our Assisting Priest; and Alan, our Deacon, and for all bishops

and other ministers.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

People:

Hear our prayer.

Leader:

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

People:

Hear our prayer.

Leader:

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

People:

Hear our prayer.

Leader:

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us, especially those serving in our military, especially Jairus, Hannah, Ryan, Jake, Drew, Blake, Alex, Ashlyn, Jonathan, Guy, Lauren, Emily, Crystal, Alliza, William, Gabe; (*Are there others*)?

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

People:

Hear our prayer.

Leader:

Comfort and heal those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of salvation, especially Manny, Bruce, Steve (*Priest*), Shannon, Rebecca, Bruce, Charlie, Kelly, Cindy, Sally, John, Pauline, Clara, Brian, Coleen, Rev. Costa, Robert, Nyla, Alicia, Larry, Steve (*Priest*), Neira, Kris, Jeremy, Dorothy, Margie, Katrina, Carolyn, Jack, Donna, Tony, Dina, Devin, Gannon, Aharon, Sarit, Shmulik, Natalie, Rotem, Ariel, Mark, Patty, Joyce, D. J., John, Pat, Olivia, Poppy, Scott, Stephanie, Carol, Roberta, Lisa, Bobby, Bruce; (*Are there others*)?

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

People:

Hear our prayer.

Leader:

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy.

People:

Hear our prayer.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Mediator and

People:

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Confession of Sin

The people may kneel or stand, as desired, for the Confession of Sin.

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

The Peace

The people stand for the greeting of the Peace.

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Announcements

The people sit for the Announcements.

Solo: "O Holy Night" by Renee Schrab

THE LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

Offertory Sentence

The Celebrant shall say

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

1 Chronicles 29:11

Offertory Hymn:

The First Nowell (#109, 1982 Hymnal)

1

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields as 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

4

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

3

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

5

Then entered in those wise men three full reverently upon their knee, and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Refrain

6

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

The first Nowell the angel did say, #109 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: English Carol, 18th cent. Music: The First Nowell, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901); alt. refrain harm. and desc. Healey Willan (1880-1968). Alternative setting with descant, Copyright © 1926, by Oxford University Press, Inc.

The people stand for the Doxology.

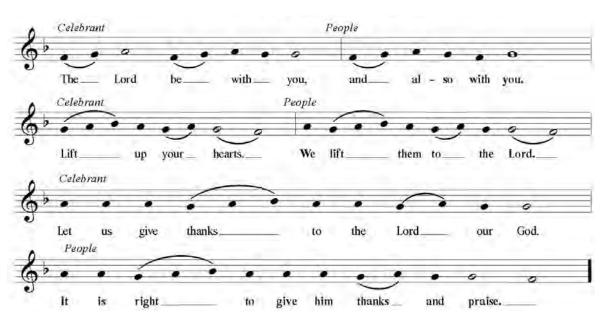
The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

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:

The Sanctus S130



The Consecration Prayer

The people may sit or stand, as desired, during the Eucharistic Prayer.

Then the Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

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.

People: Amen.

The people remain kneeling for the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Celebrant and People:

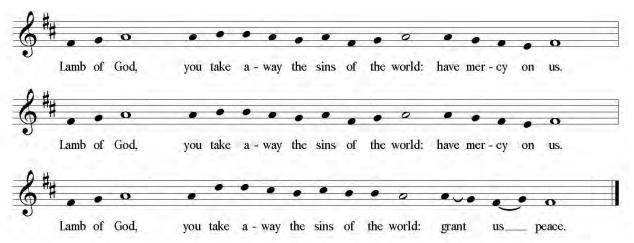
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Agnus Dei S161



The Invitation

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

The people will be directed to the altar rail by the Ushers for the administration of communion.

Communion Music:

Joy to the world (#100, 1982 Hymnal)

1

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

3

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found. 2

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy.

4

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.

Joy to the world! the Lord is come, #100 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

While shepherds watched their flocks by night (#94, 1982 Hymnal)

1

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

3

"To you, in David's town, this day is born of David's line the Savior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:

5

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith appeared a shining throng of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

2

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind; "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.

4

"The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed, all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid."

6

"All glory be to God on high and on the earth be peace; good will henceforth from heaven to men begin and never cease."

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Away in the manger (#101, 1982 Hymnal)

1

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me for ever, and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, #101 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Traditional carol. Music: Cradle Song, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

Good Christian friends rejoice (#107, 1982 Hymnal)

2

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore. Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save!

3

Good Christian friends, rejoice, #107 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: In dulci jubilo, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

The congregation then sings the carol, "Silent night, holy night" in candlelight.

Silent night, holy night (#111, 1982 Hymnal)

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. 2

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; 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.

Silent night, holy night, #111 from The Hymnal 1982 — 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).

The Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the people remain kneeling and celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Christmas Season Blessing

The Celebrant shall say,

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.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: May God, who is the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give his

peace and favor.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and

remain with you for ever.

People: Amen.

Recessional:

The people stand for the Recessional.

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Hark the Herald Angels Sing (#87, 1982 Hymnal)

1

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn 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

with the angelic host procialm Christ is born in Bethlehem!

2

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity. Pleased as man with man to dwell;

Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Refrain

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

3

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings, hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing, #87 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words.

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

SERVING TODAY

11:00 p.m.: CELEBRANT: Father Tony; VESTRY: Elyta Watkins LEM: Duncan Hurd; LECTOR: George Mazzsa; USHERS: Elyta Watkins, George Mazsa SOUND TECH: Pam Hurd; VIDEO TECH: Brien Falloon; ORGANIST: Dennis Zellmer GREETERS: Eva Caparelli, Marilyn Mazsa; ALTAR GUILD: Dayna Straehley

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Monday, December 25, 2023 (Christmas Day)

9:00 a.m. The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Homily **Celebrant and Homilist:** The Very Reverend Dr. Anthony B. Holder, *Rector*

The people are invited to read the parts in **bold**.



THE ENTRANCE RITE

The people stand.

Prelude

Processional

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Refrain

The Advent Wreath Celebration

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Nativity of our Lord: Christmas

Reader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

Celebrant: For unto us a Child is born.

People: Unto us a Son is given.

Reader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. What

has come into being in Him, was life and the life was light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as a Father's Son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:4-5, 14)

Celebrant: We light this candle to remind us of the great Light that comes at last with the birth of Jesus, the

Word of God made human for us. As we welcome Him in the poor stable in Bethlehem we offer ourselves to bring His transforming love to birth in all dark places and to serve Him in all

our brothers and sisters.

The Christ Candle is Lit.

A Short Pause

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: O God, your love was so great for us that You gave us Your Son to shine out in our darkness.

Help us to make that love known to all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: All praise to You, Eternal Father, giver of all good things; You have filled our hearts with joy at

the wonders of Your love. Christ, Your Son for all eternity was born in time. Alleluia, Christ is

born!

People: Alleluia, Christ was born!

The Salutation

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

People: And blessed be His kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant may say

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.

People: Amen.

The Gloria S280



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect for Christmas Day III (Book of Common Prayer, 213)

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be

born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ,

to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The people sit for the Liturgy of the Word. The Readings and Psalm are for Christmas Day III (Year B) of the lectionary.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

(Page 727 of the Book of Common Prayer or as printed in the bulletin. We will read the psalm alternatively by verse).

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
- With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.
- The LORD has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
- With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.
- In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-12

Reader: A reading from the Letter to Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful

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word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. [For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen (#105, 1982 Hymnal)

1

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay; remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day, to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

2

From God our heavenly Father a blessèd angel came and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same: how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

Refrain

Refrain

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

2

"Fear not, then," said the angel,
"Let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior
of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him
from Satan's power and might."

Refrain

4

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place, and with true love and charity each other now embrace; this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace.

Refrain

God rest you merry, gentlemen, #105 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: London carol, 18th cent. Music: God Rest You Merry, melody from Little Book of Christmas Carols, ca. 1850; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944). Copyright © The Church Pension Fund.

The Holy Gospel: John 1:1-14

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily The Rector

After the invocation to the Homily, the people shall sit.

The Nicene Creed

The people stand for the Nicene Creed

The Deacon or Celebrant shall say,

Let us reaffirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

Celebrant and People

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 may kneel or stand, as desired, during the Prayers of the People.

Form VI

(Found on Page 392 of the Book of Common Prayer)

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world; *People:* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Peter, our Bishop; for

Anthony, our Rector; Tara, our Assisting Priest; Alan, our Deacon; and for all bishops and other

ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Manny, Bruce, Steve (Priest),

Shannon, Rebecca, Bruce, Charlie, Kelly, Cindy, Sally, John, Pauline, Clara, Brian, Coleen, Rev. Costa, Robert, Nyla, Alicia, Larry, Steve (*Priest*), Neira, Kris, Jeremy, Dorothy, Margie, Katrina, Carolyn, Jack, Donna, Tony, Dina, Devin, Gannon, Aharon, Sarit, Shmulik, Natalie, Rotem, Ariel, Mark, Patty, Joyce, D. J., John, Pat, Olivia, Poppy, Scott, Stephanie, Carol, Roberta, Lisa,

Bobby, Bruce; (Are there others)?

Silence

The people may add their own petitions.

Leader: For those serving in the military, especially Jairus, Hannah, Jake, Ryan, Drew, Blake, Alex,

Ashlyn, Jonathan, Guy, Lauren, Emily, Crystal; Alliza, William, Gabe; (Are there others)?

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Silence

The people may add their own thanksgivings.

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

Celebrant: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on

earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We

ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin

The people may kneel or stand, as desired, for the Confession of Sin.

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

The Peace

The people stand for the greeting of the Peace.

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Announcements

The people sit for the Announcements.

THE LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

Offertory Sentence

The Celebrant shall say

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 50:14

1

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

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

4

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

Refrain

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

3

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

5

Then entered in those wise men three full reverently upon their knee, and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Refrain

6

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

The first Nowell the angel did say, #109 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: English Carol, 18th cent. Music: The First Nowell, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901); alt. refrain harm. and desc. Healey Willan (1880-1968). Alternative setting with descant, Copyright © 1926, by Oxford University Press, Inc.

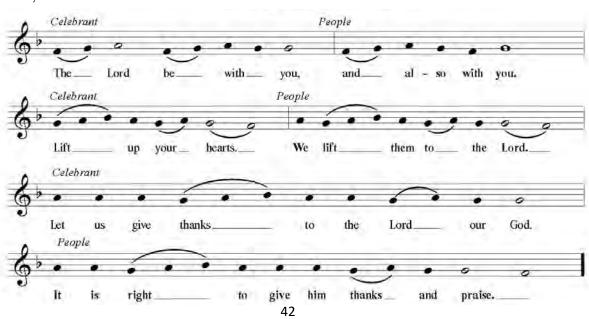
The people stand for the Doxology.

The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

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:

The Sanctus S130



The Consecration Prayer

The people may sit or stand, as desired during the Eucharistic Prayer.

Then 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, O Father,

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, ______, 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.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The people remain kneeling for the Lord's Prayer.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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

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

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Agnus Dei S161



The Invitation

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

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

Joy to the World (#100, 1982 Hymnal)

1

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

3

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found. 2

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy.

4

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.

Joy to the world! the Lord is come, #100 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Go Tell It on the Mountain (#99, 1982 Hymnal)

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

2

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

Refrain

1

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Refrain

3

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessèd Christmas morn.

Refrain

Go Tell It on the Mountain, #99 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: African-American spiritual 19th cent.; adapt. John W. Work (1901-1967). Music: Go Tell It on the Mountain, Afro-American spiritual, 19th cent.; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935). Arrangement, Copyright © 1984, Horace Clarence Boyer.

O little town of Bethlehem (#79, 1982 Hymnal)

1

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

7

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth! and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth. 3

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

4

Where children pure and happy pray to the blessed Child, where misery cries out to thee, Son of the mother mild; where charity stands watching and faith holds wide the door, the dark night wakes, the glory breaks, and Christmas comes once more.

5

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

O little town of Bethlehem, #79 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893). Music: St. Louis, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908).

The Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the people remain kneeling and celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Christmas Blessing

The Celebrant shall say,

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

The people stand for the Recessional.

Recessional

O come all ve faithful (#83, 1982 Hymnal)

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;

Refrain

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord. 2

God from God,
Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only-begotten
Son of God the Father;

Refrain

4

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze; we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain*

5

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?

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

6

O come, all ye faithful, #83 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others. Music: Adeste fideles, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

SERVING TODAY

9:00 a.m.: CELEBRANT: Father Tony; VESTRY: Jack Miller

LEM: Joyce Menard; USHERS: Ritchie Menard, Jack Miller; GREETERS: Charley and Maria Short

LECTOR: Sandy Miller; ALTAR GUILD: Joyce Menard, Robert Negron, Jr.

SOUND TECH: Pam Hurd; VIDEO TECH: Brien Falloon; ORGANIST: Dennis Zellmer

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Please remember to take your bulletin with you and share it with a family member or friend.



A joyous Christmas from your Clergy, Wardens, Vestry, & Office



The Church Office will be closed on December 25 through January 1, and will reopen on January 2, 2024. For pastoral emergencies only, please call Father Tony or Deacon Alan.



125TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES, EVENTS & COMMEMORATIVES

Saturday, January 20, 2024 **125th Anniversary Celebration Gala and Dinner**

Frances Langford Dockside Pavilion, Jensen Beach

Launching of the Commemorative Book

Sunday, February 18, 2024 Service marking the 125th Anniversary of Dedication of

Church Building

Monday, February 19, 2024 **125th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church Building**

Saturday, February 24, 2024 **5K Run, Walk, & Roll**

8 a.m. – 12 noon / To start and end at All Saints' Church.

TBD Music Series

Keepsakes will be available during the celebrations.



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH 125th Anniversary Gala

Saturday, January 20, is slated for our 125th Anniversary Gala. It will be held at the Frances Langford Pavilion Dockside Pavilion in Jensen Beach, and will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are on sale after all services for \$75.





Annual Report

With the end of 2023 nearing, it is time for all leaders of organizations, committees, and ministries, to put together their input so as to complete their Annual Reports. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2024. Please email your report to Jenny, the Office Manager, at: jennifer@allsaintsjensenbeach.org, no later than January 2, 2024. You may also drop a copy off at the Office, if you need any assistance.

USHIERS & SOUND TECH NEEDED

Looking for individuals who would be interested in serving as **Ushers** (either at the 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. services), and we are also looking for someone to help as **Sound Tech** at the 8 a.m. service. You can contact Jenny, our office manager by calling the Church office 772.334.0610, or email: Jennifer@allsaintsjensenbeach.org. You can also fill out your Time and Talent form and send it to the Church office. Thank you!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

There will be a **Women's Fellowship meeting** on Saturday, January 13. We will begin with fellowship and coffee time at 9:30 a.m. The Business Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. See you there!





125th Anniversary Exhibit

Celebrating the 125-year-old history of our Church through **December 29, 2023, 10 a.m.** – 5 p.m.

The Elliott Museum — 825 NE Ocean Blvd, Stuart, FL 34957



CONTRIBUTE TO OUR CHURCH'S MINISTRY

Our pledges are one way in which we share our finances with our church. Pledge cards and time and talent sheets are available in the narthex/foyer or at the Church Office. You can also contact Jenny, the Office Manager at 772.334.0610, or by email: Jennifer@allsaintsjensenbeach.org.

Please return your pledge card either by dropping it in the offering plate or by mailing it to the Church Office *Attention: Bill Winsemann, Treasurer*, on the envelope. We thank you for your generosity!



Altar Flower Donations

Donations toward flowers for Sunday morning services, except during Lent, are always appreciated. This is a wonderful way of expressing your love in remembrance of a loved one, or in thanksgiving to God for any occasion in our lives. You may call the Church Office at (772) 334-0610, and speak with Jenny, about how to contribute.

The updated price is \$60.00 through our new supplier.



The Christmas Flowers are offered to the Glory of God and in Honor, Wemory, and Thanksgiving of Our Loved Ones

Given by:

- Nancy Bednarcik
- Madeline and Isabella Burch
- Diane and Charles Dougiello
- Beryl Inniss
- Audrey and Diane Johnson
- Linda and Eric Kuegler
- Marilyn Mawhinney
- Sandy and Jack Miller
- Hap Mills
- Niki O'Neal, Juliette Foster and their Families
- Karen and Paul Neff
- Palm Circle Park, Inc.
- Adrienne Sacco
- Debbie Shearer
- Priscilla Stuber
- Barbara and Jim Vitale
- Joan Whitting
- Anonymous

In Honor, Memory or Thanksgiving of:

Robert Bednarcik

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Trevor Davis, Arthur Miller

Dorothy Neff Piteky, Theodore M Piteky

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Jim Ulmer

Pat Sacco, Anne Sacco

June and Vern Gibson

David Shearer

Oscar Stuber, James Johnston

Rose Barbara Bradshaw

Jack and Stret Whitting

Edythe Wettig

Please remember in prayer: Manny Alves, John Ball, Pat Ball, Bruce Fletcher, Fr. Steve Fregeau, Shannon Hammatt, Rebecca Hatch, Bruce Hazen, D.J. Henderson, Scott Hinckley, Charlie Kamensky, Bruce Langran, Kelly Langran, Cindy Mac, Sally Marney, John Maynard, Pauline Maynard, Clara Miller, Brian Murray, Coleen Nasar, Rev. Costa Nasar, Robert Negron, Sr., Nyla Pipes, Alicia Pulida, Larry Ray Rakes, Fr. Steve Teague, Neira Garcia Tovar, Kris Walters, Bobby Webb, Jeremy Wheeler, Dorothy White, Margie Zippilli, Katrina, Carolyn, Jack L, Donna B., Tony, Dina, Devin, Gannon, Aharon and Sarit Mizrachi, Shmulik and Natalie Mizrachi, Rotem and Ariel, Mark, Patty, Joyce, Stephanie, Carol, Olivia, Poppy, Roberta, Lisa.



Please note that names will be removed after 30-days. Once removed, if you would like to have them added again, you will need to call the Church Office.

Continuing Prayers: Arthur Apissomian, Lurline Chin, Jackie Damato, Agnes Garamszegine Kosma, Connie Haire, Bruce Langran, Joanne Lavos, Fred Siddons, Lisa Manzione, Maxie Rutherford, James Smith, Agnes Stephen-Frazer, Jayne Bembridge, Buddy Glover, Charmaine, Rhodeisha.

Parish Family members serving in the military: William Boice, Jairus Domenich, Guy Egan, Keith Englin, Alex Ghujar, Ashlyn Mia Goff, Jonathan Holman, Alliza Hernandez, Hannah Kuegler, Gabe Oswald, Crystal Palacio, Jake Palmer, Ryan Satherlie, Lauren and Emily Sutton, Blake Warnock, Drew Whitting.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with music

Wednesday:

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing

Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Study (*In-person*) 6:00 p.m. Bible Study (*Via Zoom*)

OFFICE SCHEDULE Church and Cemetery Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Thrift Shop Hours:

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REMINDERS:

Thrift Store: Bring your family and friends, and remember to support the Thrift Store by donating your unwanted valuable items.

Prayer Requests-Additions or Deletions:

Please contact Deacon Alan, Jenny McDonald or speak with a Daughter of the King to be added or deleted on their prayer list.

Online Giving: All Saints' provides the option of Online Giving for your convenience. You can donate to all funds, including flowers and our scholarships. For the secure donation site, visit www.allsaintsjensenbeach.org



Jack Miller, Elyta Watkins for being the Vestry members; Jack Miller, Duncan Hurd, Joyce Menard for serving at the altar as Lay Eucharistic Ministers; Diane Dougiello, Sandy Miller, George Mazsa for being Lectors; and Pam Hurd for being the Sound Tech; and Brien Falloon for being the Video Tech; Harry Kapple, Tom Sinagra, Elyta Watkins,

Ritchie Menard, Jack Miller for ushering; Beverly Stephenson, Dorothy Ulmer, Eva Caparelli, Marilyn Mazsa, Charley and Maria Short for being the Greeters; Andrew Johnson, Jr., Lyle Laverty for being the Acolytes; the Sandy Miller, Dayna Straehley, Joyce Menard, Robert Negron, Jr. for preparing the altar for worship; Dennis Zellmer as Organist and Renee Schrab as soloist for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services (Sunday, December 24, Monday, December 25).

Note: If anyone has inadvertently been omitted from this list, it was not intentional. Please accept our apologies and we would love to hear from you as to the wonderful ministry you are doing or have done for our church. Thank you!



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Class of 2025: Brien Falloon, James Laverty, Norman Townsend

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