

# Christmas Eve



Saint Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

# CHRISTMAS EVE

Music for the Christmas Season ❖ December 24, 2021 ❖ 7:30 pm

*Two Preludes on "In dulci Jubilo," Hymn 107: J. S. Bach (1685-1750) - Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)*

*Psallite Unigenito*

attr. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

*Psallite Unigenito, Christo, Dei Filio,  
Redemptori, Domino, puerulo iacenti in praesepio.*

*Ein kleines Kindlein liegt in dem Gripplein;  
Alle lieben Engelein dienen dem Kindelein  
und singen ihm fein. Psallite...*

*Sing the psalms to the Only-Begotten one,  
Christ, the Son of God, Redeemer, Lord,  
a baby who lies in a manger.*

*A little child lies in the manger stall,  
All the dear little angels praise the child and sign to him.  
Sing the psalms...*

*En natus est Emmanuel*

Michael Praetorius

*En natus est Emmanuel: Dominus,  
quem praedixit Gabriel: Dominus,  
Dominus Salvator noster est.*

*Hic jacet in praesepio: Dominus,  
Puer admirabilis: Dominus,  
Dominus Salvator noster est.  
Haec lux est orta hodie: Dominus,  
ex Maria virgine: Dominus,  
Dominus Salvator noster est.*

*Behold! Emmanuel is born: Christ the Lord!  
Him foretold by Gabriel: Christ the Lord!  
Christ the Lord, the Saviour of the world!*

*He lieth in a manger bed: Christ the Lord!  
Wondrous little boy he is: Christ the Lord!  
Christ the Lord, the Saviour of the world!*

*The light appeared on this day: Christ the Lord!  
Born of Mary, virgin maid: Christ the Lord!  
Christ the Lord, the Saviour of the world!*

## *Italian Pipers' Song*

Italian tune, arr. Richard Proulx

Dating from the 15th century, this is one of the oldest and best-known Italian carols. Probably Sicilian in origin, this popular tune was spread throughout the mountains of central Italy by shepherds who came into the villages for the Christmas Mass, playing bagpipes and peasant instruments along the way. Handel spent some of his youth in Italy, and later adapted this tune for "He shall feed his flock" in *Messiah*, and it inspired many Christmas instrumental pieces by Corelli and other Italian composers.

While shepherds watched their flocks upon a winter night,  
They heard the sound of music throughout the starry night.  
*Angels singing, bells are ringing, saints proclaiming songs of love:*  
*This night Emmanuel comes!*  
*Venite adoremus, O come and worship him!*

Come now to Bethlehem with shepherds near and far,  
To find the manger lowly led by the shining star.  
*Angels singing, bells are ringing, saints proclaiming songs of love:*  
*This night Emmanuel comes!*  
*Venite adoremus, O come and worship him!*

O friends and neighbors all, come out and follow them;  
The star shines bright to show us the way to Bethlehem.  
*Angels singing, bells are ringing, saints proclaiming songs of love:*  
*This night Emmanuel comes!*  
*Venite adoremus, O come and worship him!*

*Variation on "Vom Himmel hoch" (From high heaven I come)* Ernst Pepping (1901-1981)

*Hark! the herald angels sing* "C. B.", c. 1769, arr. by Ray Urwin

This anthem text may be found at Hymn 87 (this evening's processional hymn). Written in 1739, these words been sung to a number of different tunes, even including "Jesus Christ is risen today!" The familiar tune, originally from a secular chorus composed by Mendelssohn in 1840, was first put with the words in 1855. This tune by an anonymous 18th century composer, was originally likely a solo or duet, and predates the familiar hymn tune by 86 years.

*Scots Nativity* Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

*his day to you is born a child*  
*Of Mary meek, the Virgin mild:*  
*That blessed bairn so loving and kind,*  
*Shall now rejoice both heart and mind;*  
*Balow, lammy, balloobalow.*

*And now shall Mary's little boy*  
*Forever be our hope and joy;*  
*Eternal be his reign here on earth,*  
*Rejoice then all people, for this holy birth;*  
*Balow, lammy, balloobalow. Sleep gently, sweet Jesus,*  
*and know no fear,*

*Thy subjects adoring watch over thee here;*  
*God's angels and shepherds and kine in their stall,*  
*And wise men and Virgin, Thy guardians all;*  
*Balow, lammy, balloobalow.*

--Traditional Scottish text

*Pastorale on "Vom Himmel hoch"*

Ernst Pepping

*The Blessed Son of God* (from *Hodie*, 1954)

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*The blessed son of God only  
In a crib full poor did lie;  
With our poor flesh and our poor blood  
Was clothed that everlasting good. Kyri'eleison.*

*The Lord Christ Jesu, God's son dear,  
Was a guest and a stranger here;  
Us for to bring from misery,  
That we might live eternally. Kyri'eleison.*

*All this did he for us freely,  
For to declare his great mercy;  
All Christendom be merry therefore,  
And give him thanks for evermore. Kyri'eleison.*

*Miles Coverdale, after Martin Luther*

***Stille Nacht (original version)*** Franz Gruber (1787-1863), arranged by Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

This beloved carol was written and first sung at a midnight Mass on Christmas Eve 1818, probably with only guitar accompaniment, since the organ had broken down. Franz Gruber, the organist, set the words of the assistant priest, Joseph Mohr (1792-1848), on the day of Christmas Eve, making a simple, folklike, and quintessentially Austrian cradle song and dance, including folk elements such as yodels and horn calls - an accidental and last-minute yet perfect marriage of words and music. You'll hear that the original melody was a little different from what we now sing, and the last line repeats. This arrangement is close to the original, the manuscript of which is now in possession by the famous von Trapp family.

*Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht, Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
nur das traute hoch heilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,  
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh', schlaf in himmlischer Ruh'*

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, Hirten erst kundgemacht!  
Durch der Engel Halleluja Tönt es laut von ferne und nah:  
Christ, der Retter, ist da! Christ, der Retter, ist da!*

*Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht! Göttes Sohn, O wie lacht  
Lieb' aus deinem göttlichen Mund, da uns schlägt die rettende Stund:  
Jesus in deiner Geburt. Jesus in deiner Geburt*

# CHRISTMAS EVE

Holy Eucharist ❖ December 24, 2021 ❖ 8:00 pm

Cover: *The Adoration of the Shepherds*, by Rembrandt van Rijn

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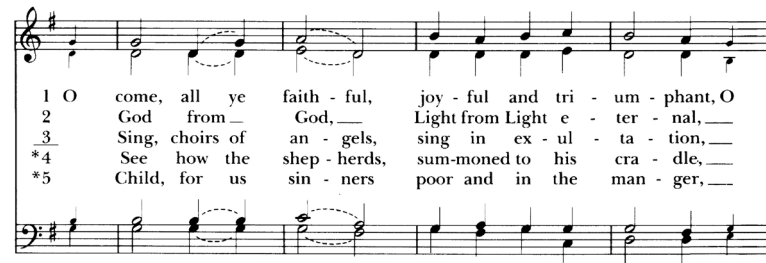
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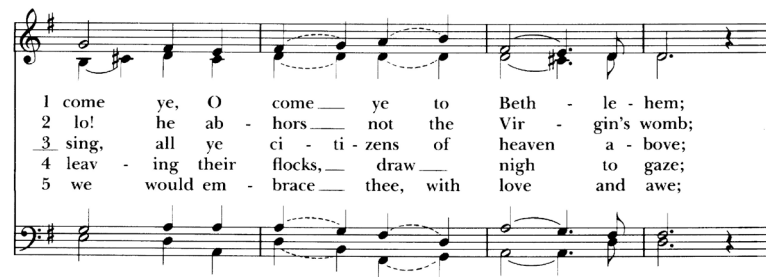
Processional Hymn: 83, O come, all ye faithful

*Adeste fideles*

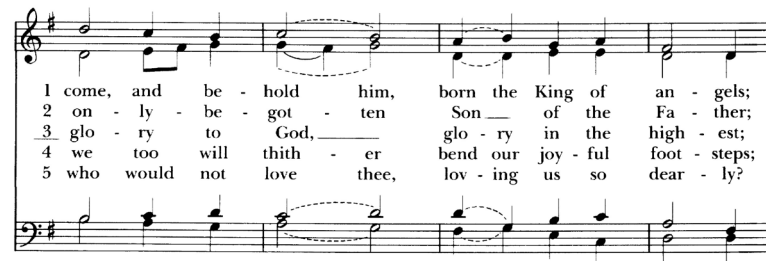
arr. by David Willcocks, introduction by Ray Urwin



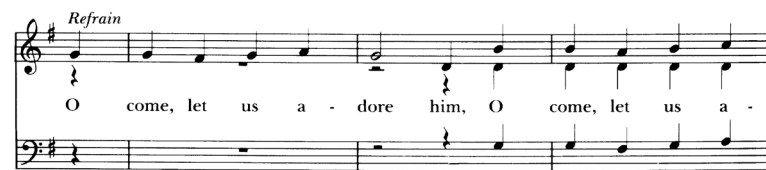
1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2 God from — God, — Light from Light e - ter - nal, —  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, —  
\*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle, —  
\*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, —



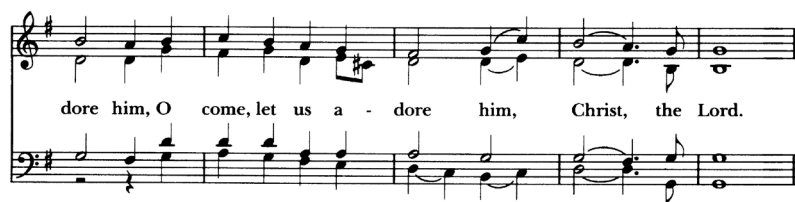
1 come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2 lo! he ab - hors — not the Vir - gin's womb;  
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
4 leav - ing their flocks, — draw — nigh to gaze;  
5 we would em - brace — thee, with love and awe;



1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son — of the Fa - ther;  
3 glo - ry to God, — glo - ry in the high - est;  
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?



*Refrain*  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

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

*Refrain*

## The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

*Celebrant* ✝ The Word became flesh, and lived among us, alleluia;

*People* And we beheld his glory, alleluia;

*Celebrant* Glory as of God's only Son, alleluia;

*People* Full of grace and truth, alleluia.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity*

**A**Lmighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Hymn of Praise: 107, Good Christian friends, rejoice

*In dulci jubilo*

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

## The Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**O** GOD, YOU HAVE CAUSED THIS HOLY NIGHT to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*All are seated for the First Reading.*

## The First Reading

ISAIAH 9:2-7

*Lector* A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

**T**HE 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 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.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Hymn: 81, Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

*Est st ein Ros*

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,  
\*3 O Flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.  
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.  
dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark-ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the  
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to  
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.  
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Words: St. 1-2, German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). st. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859);  
 tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925); ver. *Hymnal 1940*  
 Music: *Es ist ein Ros*, melody from *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599;  
 harm. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

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## The Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

*Lector* A reading from Paul's letter to his disciple Titus.

**F**OR 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.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*All then stand to sing this Hymn.*

## Sequence Hymn: 82, Of the Father's love begotten, vss. 1-3

*Divinum mysterium*

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -  
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,  
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly

gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that  
 bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the  
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry

are, that have \_\_\_\_\_ been, and that fu - ture  
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his  
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in  
 and do - min ion, and e - ter - nal

years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_

*This hymn may be performed in equal note values:* ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪  
 Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)  
 and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.  
 Music: *Divinum mysterium*, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582 87. 87. 87 with Refrain

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-10

- ✚ *Assisting Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
- ✚ *People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**I**N 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.

*Assisting Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Please join in singing the last verse of the hymn as the procession returns.*

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Susan Pinkerton**

*A period of meditative silence follows the Sermon.  
All then stand. The Nicene Creed, the ancient summary  
of the Christian faith, is recited by all in unison.*

**The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
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

*Intercessor* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People* That we all may be one.

*Intercessor* Grant that every member of the Church  
may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People* That your Name may be glorified by all people.

*Intercessor* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People* That they may be faithful ministers of your  
Word and Sacraments.

*Intercessor* 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.

*Intercessor* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People* That our works may find favor in your sight.

*Intercessor* Have compassion on those who suffer  
from any grief or trouble;  
*People* That they may be delivered from their distress.

*Intercessor* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*The Intercessor offers the People's thanksgivings.*

*Intercessor* Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*People* Let light perpetual shine upon them.

*The Intercessor remembers the departed by name.*

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

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The Intercessor remembers those in need by name.  
The People may then offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

*After a moment of silence the Celebrant prays this concluding Collect*

**O** GOD, WHO WONDERFULLY CREATED, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*All greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

*The Celebrant greets the People.*

### **Offertory Music**

*All bells in Paradise*

Words and Music by John Rutter (b. 1944)

*(the title line of this piece is taken from a 15th century English carol)*

Deep in the cold of winter,  
Darkness and silence were ev'rywhere;  
Softly and clearly, there came through the stillness  
a wonderful sound to hear:

All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;  
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King.

*All bells in paradise I heard them ring:  
"Glory to God on high" the angel voices sing.*

Lost in awe and wonder,  
Doubting, I asked what this sign might be:  
Christ our Messiah revealed in a stable,  
a marvelous sight to see.  
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;  
*All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King.*

He comes down in peace, a child in humility,  
The keys to his kingdom belong to the poor;  
Before him shall kneel the kings with their treasures,  
gold, incense and myrrh.

All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
 Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;  
 All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
 Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King.  
*All bells in paradise I heard them ring:*  
*"Glory to God on high" the angel voices sing,*  
*The angel voices sweetly sing.*

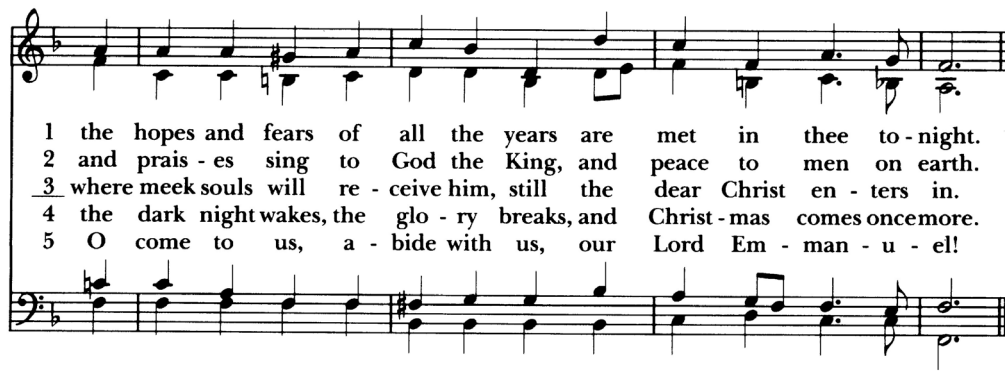
Offertory Hymn: 79, O little town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

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

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to-night.  
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes oncemore.  
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)  
 Music: St. Louis, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

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## The Great Thanksgiving

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

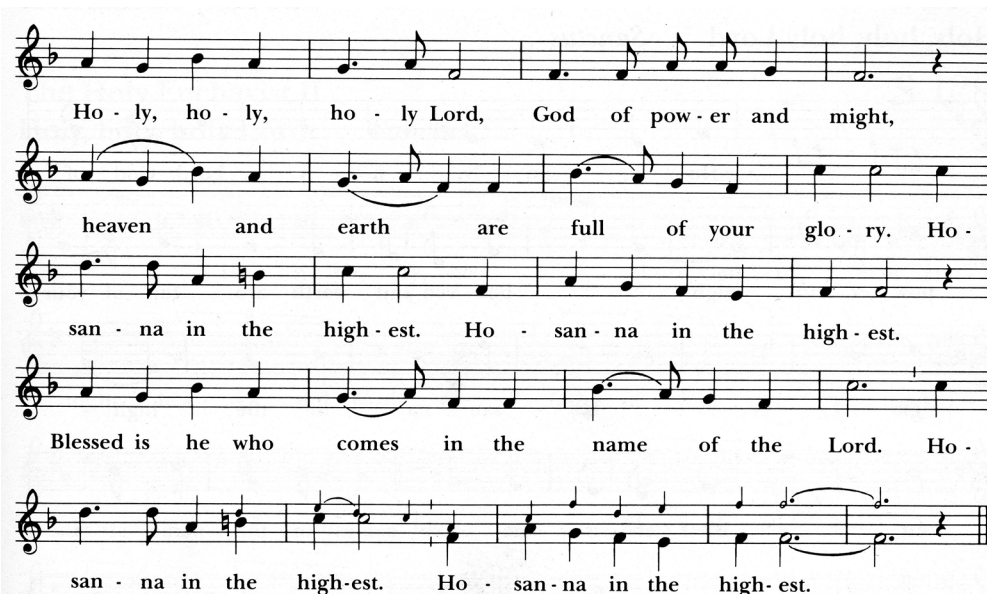
**I**T IS TRULY RIGHT to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

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

## S 125, Sanctus, sung by all

Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

*The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer*

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

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

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

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

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

*All then pray together*

**O**UR 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Host.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **Music During Communion**

*The Infant King (Sing Lullaby)*

Basque carol, arr. by Edgar Pettman (1866-1943)

*Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now reclining, Sing lullaby!*

*Hush! do not wake the infant King!*

*Angels are watching, stars are shining*

*Over the place where he is lying: Sing lullaby!*

*Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now a-sleeping, Sing lullaby!*

*Hush! do not wake the infant King!*

*Soon will come sorrow with the morning,*

*Soon will come bitter grief and weeping: Sing lullaby!*

*Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now a-dozing, Sing lullaby!*

*Hush! do not wake the infant King!*

*Soon comes the Cross, the nails, the piercing,*

*Then in the grave at last reposing: Sing lullaby!*

*Sing lullaby! Lullaby, is the Babe awaking? Sing lullaby!*

*Hush! do not wake the infant King!*

*Dreaming of Easter, gladsome morning,*

*Conquering death, its bondage breaking: Sing lullaby!*

*Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)*

*Everyone is welcome to come forward at this time.*

*Please follow the direction of the ushers and come forward to gather around the circular altar, beginning with the first row while maintaining a social distance.*

*The Ministers will be happy to bring Communion to those who prefer to remain seated in the pews.*

*Please speak to one of the ushers and the Ministers will come to you.*

*Those who prefer not to receive the Eucharist may receive a blessing (please cross your arms across your chest).*



Congregants worshipping on Zoom or Facebook may recite the following prayer  
since you are unable to partake of the Communion in person.

### A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

JESUS, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come Amen.

*The People stand at the Celebrant's direction.*

### Postcommunion Hymn: 111, Silent night

*Stille Nacht*  
arr. by Ray Urwin

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)  
Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

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## Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All then pray together*

**A**LMIGHTY 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

*Celebrant* 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 hearts 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 in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you 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.

## Processional Hymn: 87, Hark! the herald angels sing

*Mendelssohn*

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!  
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty.  
 Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.  
 Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William  
 H. Cummings (1831-1915)

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## The Dismissal

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

## Voluntary

*Voluntary on "In dulci jubilo"*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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 Altar Guild  
 Zoom Host  
 Zoom Co-Host  
 Ushers  
 The Saint Michael's Choir

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### Parish Prayer List

The Montgomery family	Yvette	Sally
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Catherine	Katy	Daniel
Sigrid	Corinne	Jamie
Rebecca	Barbara	Marilyn
Tom	Jane	Linda
Joni	Mark	Charlotte
Jack's children	Inge	Annemaria
Julie	Mary	
Elisabeth	Peter and Dan	



### Welcome to St. Michael's In-Person and Online Worship!

It's a pleasure to welcome everyone to worship this evening. However you are joining us, the joy of being a Christian community is ours to receive and share. Thanks for being a part of our worship! For more information about our church, please visit our website at [stmikescdm.org](http://stmikescdm.org), or our Facebook page.

### Office Hours

This week the church office will be closed. Regular office hours will resume on January 4th, 2022.

### Tuesday Morning Eucharist

Tuesday morning Eucharist will not be held on December 28th. It will resume on January 4th.

### COVID Guidelines for In-Person Worship

We are happy you are part of our in-person services at St. Michael and All Angels. We are following the current CDC guidelines and State of California mandate, as instructed by Bishop Taylor and require that all worshipers, even those vaccinated, be masked while indoors to protect the unvaccinated. In addition:

- + All those who are vaccinated are welcome to shake hands and hug during the Peace.
- + Holy Communion will continue to be bread only until further instruction.

Thank you for helping us make our worship services a safer place for all, especially those who are most vulnerable.

## Christmas Poinsettia Donations

Mary Bailey, in loving memory of Melina Huszti

Norris Battin, in thanksgiving for parish volunteers, and in memory of Susan

Sally Buschek, in memory of her parents Laura and Joh Messer

Clyde and Pepa Dodge

The Draffin Family, in thanksgiving for God's blessings

The Dunlap Family, in thanksgiving for family and friends

Lynn and Jim Headley, in thanksgiving for our parish, and in memory of Jay

Julie Jenkins, in thanksgiving for friends of St. Mike's, and in memory of Bob and Russ

Ruth Poole, in memory of Wally Paulson

From the Rader Family, in thanksgiving for the life of Harry Bubb

The Sheetz and Palazolla Families

Julie Sheffield, in memory of Charlotte Sheffield

Colette Spence, in memory of her parents, Charles and Corinne Spence

Susan and Harry Stahl, in thanksgiving for their anniversary

The Stover Family, in thanksgiving for the life of John E. Pehrson, for shaing hs science of soils and plants, and in memory of Allan Taylor Stover

Louise Stover, in thanksgiving for the teaching and example of Nancy Sattler

Stacie Tibbetts, in thanksgiving for God's many blessings

The Vestry, in thanksgiving for the hard work and dedication of our parish staff

Richard and Susan Zevnik



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