CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MD

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24, 2021 | 8:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

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THE WORD OF GOD

MUSIC PRELUDE — Choir of Christ Episcopal Church
String Quartet: Margaret Whiteside, Kregg Stovner, Bonnie Cohen, Suk Moon

ORGAN – Introduction and Toccata on Veni Emmanuel — arr. Len Langrick

ORGAN – Two settings of Lo, How a Rose — arr. Johannes Brahms and Michael Burkhardt

HYMN 81 – Lo, How a Rose (V. 2 Choir) — Es ist ein Ros

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
   Of Jesse's lineage coming, as seers of old have sung.
   It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.
2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
   With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
   To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.
3. O flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
   Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
   True man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.

ORGAN AND VIOLIN – What Child is This — arr. Charles Callahan

HYMN 115 – What Child is This (V. 2 Choir)

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?
   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 Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
   This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
   Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.
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.
   This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
   Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

SOLO – Gesu bambino — Pietro A. Yon
Soprano: Catherine Hinton
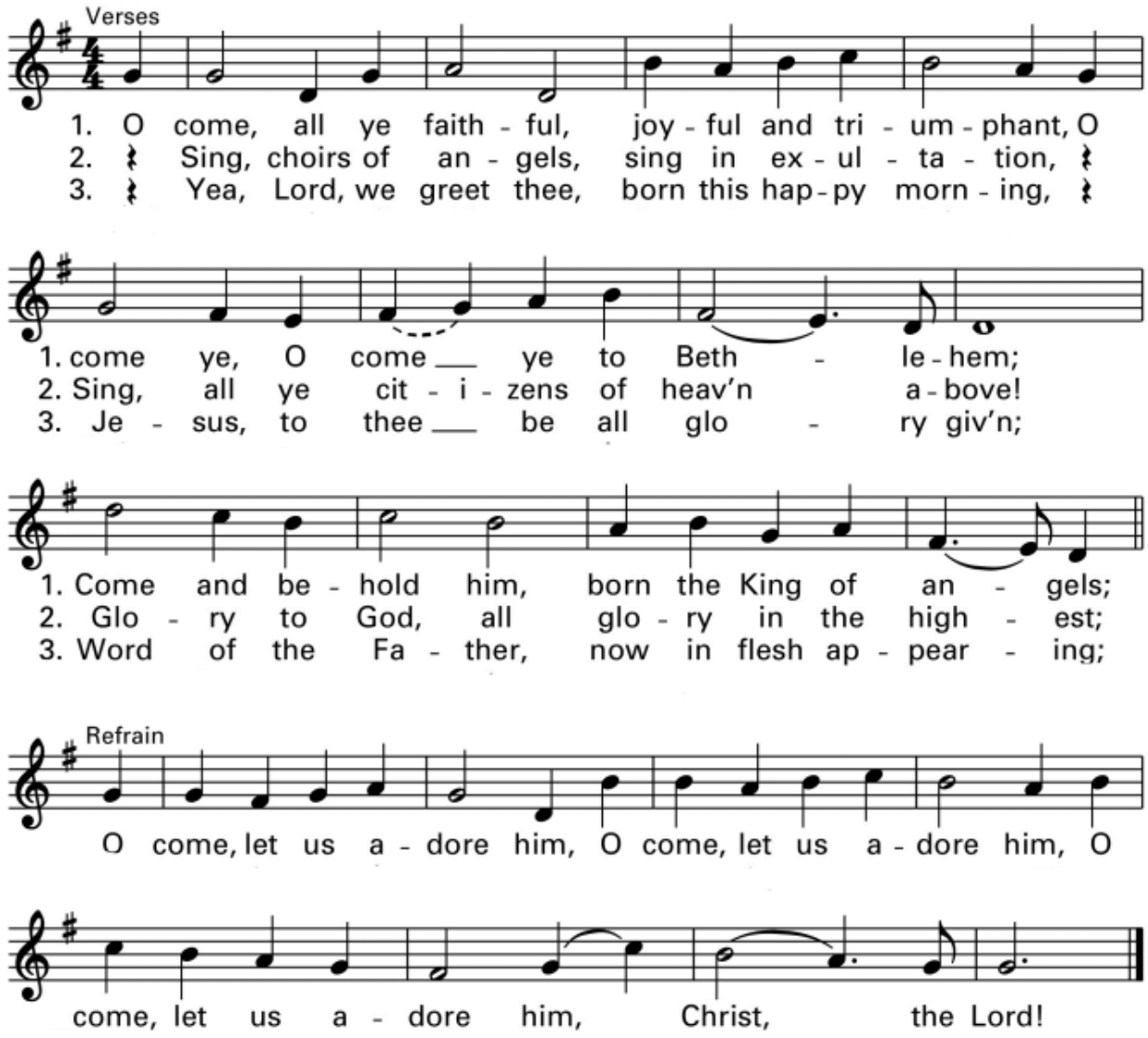
CHOIR AND STRING QUARTET – Choral Fantasy on Old Carols — arr. Gustav Holst
Soprano: Catherine Hinton; Baritone: Tristan Latchford

STRING QUARTET – The Holly and the Ivy

TRIO – There is No Rose of Such Virtue — Anon. 15th century carol
Trio: Jan DeBoissiere, Dorothy Lee, and Doug Jimerson

The people stand as able.

OPENING HYMN 83 (V. 2 Choir) — Adeste fideles
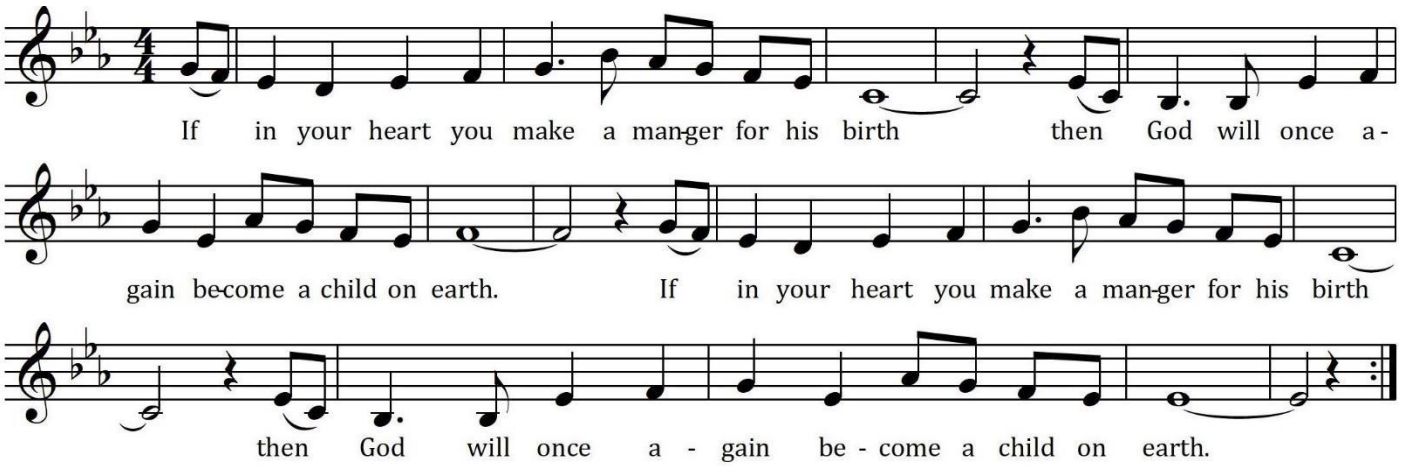


CANDLE-LIGHTING

Celebrant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**
Celebrant: The Word was made flesh, alleluia, alleluia.
***People*:** **And dwelt among us, alleluia, alleluia.**
Celebrant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
People: **The Word was made flesh, alleluia, alleluia.**
Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, alleluia.
People: **God is the Lord; He has shined upon us, alleluia.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word; Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

RESPONSE – If in Your Heart Ana Hernandez

All sing.



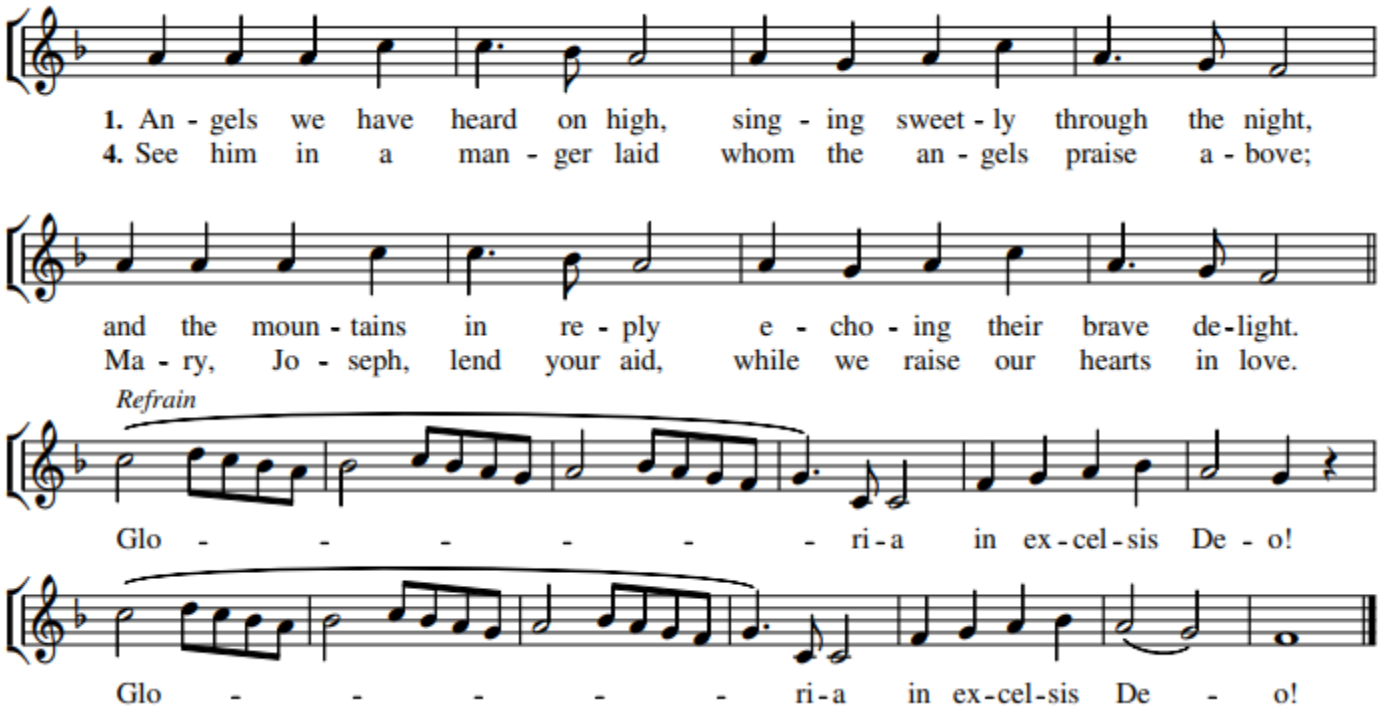
OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

HYMN OF PRAISE 96 (V. 1, 4) – Angels We Have Heard on High Gloria



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 forever. ***Amen.***

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:7-10
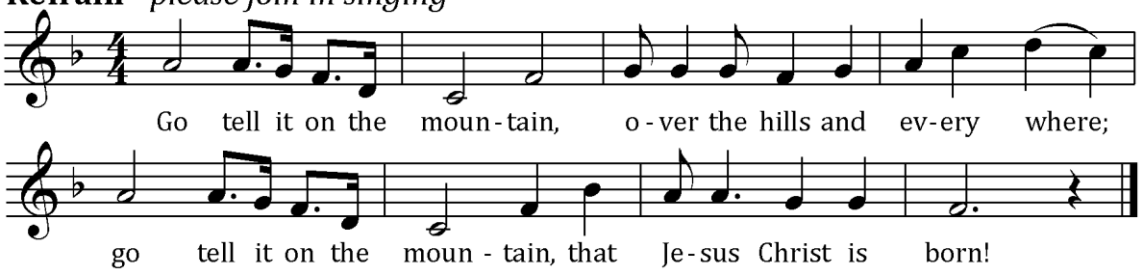
How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
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.**

The following psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

PSALM 98 *Cantate Domino*

Refrain - *please join in singing*



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.

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.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. ***Refrain***

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.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *

the lands and those who dwell therein.
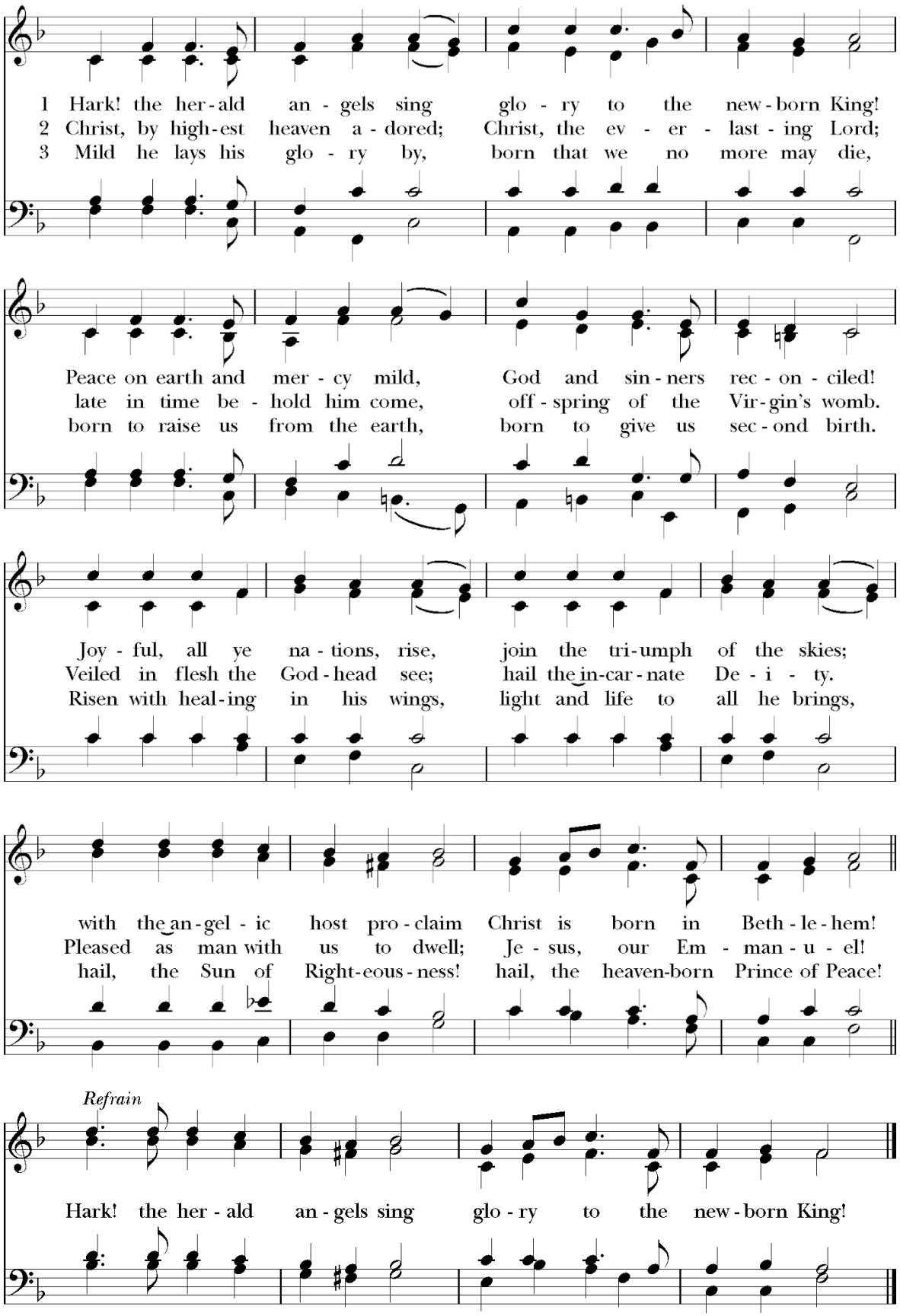
Let the rivers clap their hands, *

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. ***Refrain***

The people stand as able for the singing of the hymn and the reading of the Gospel.


1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.
Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!
Refrain
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

THE GOSPEL — John 1:1-14

Deacon: 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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON — The Rev'd Denise Schiavone*, Deacon*

The people stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

All: **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

"Word of God, Speak." With the first breath of infant life, You, Lord Jesus, come to us, pure and newborn in our hearts with every new Christmas morning. We will forever fall to our knees and pray in awe and thanksgiving for that holiest of nights in Bethlehem that changed the world forever. The Light of Christmas is love; hold us closely, Lord, in Your perfect love. May we faithfully follow the road from your cradle to the world in need. **We praise Christ's name forever.**

Beyond uncertainty and sadness, through the turmoil of loss of employment and working from home, and enduring a year of remote worship, we know You, Lord Jesus, are at our side. We are safe in your promise. **Your name is "Love."**

We pray for all the people of this world: bless and heal the Holy Land. We pray for all who govern; may they care for the well-being of all people. We pray for all our sisters and brothers around the world that, in the words of Micah, we may each and all "Do justice; love mercy and walk humbly with our God." **We pray for peace.**

We pray for our Church: our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Diocesan Bishops, Eugene and Robert; our Rector, Emmanuel; our Associate Priest, Marcia; our Deacon, Denise, and all who've so selflessly served this past year. We especially give thanks to our tireless Director of Communications, Chris, who has been the faithful bridge keeping us united, informed, and included as "One Body in Christ." **Thanks be to God.**

We pray for those who have passed this year from this life into their eternal life with God. Comfort those who grieve. Heal all those ill, suffering, and in pain especially Erin Cassidy, Chuck, Shahra, Sherry, Bunmi, Frantz, Sam, Chad, Alta, Alfred, Kathleen, Ashley & Jeanette. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We lift in prayer all churches in the Anglican Communion and our diocese. We give thanks for all those celebrating special occasions in our parish, especially birthdays of Tanis and anniversary of Jo Emily & Nathaniel Knox. May their year be filled with faith, joy, and love, and may they be especially blessed. We warmly welcome all visitors and newcomers worshiping with us on this most Holy Day. Your presence enriches us. **Thanks be to God.**

May the peace and joy of Christmas Day fill our hearts. May God's priceless gift to each of us carry us with love throughout the coming year. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — The Rev'd Denise Schiavone, *Deacon*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING – Still, Still, Still — Austrian carol, arr. Mack Wilberg

Still, still, still, the child's eyes softly close. And Mary, breathless, draws him, weeping,
To her heart made pure for keeping, Still, still, still, his bright eyes softly close.

Sing, sing, sing, he hears and sweetly smiles, and kneeling Joseph joins in chorus
With the angels bending o'er us, Sing, sing, sing, he hears and sweetly smiles.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, he breathes a tender sigh, for soon he'll wake
from the world of slumber, bringing life and endless wonder,
Still, still, still, he breathes a tender sigh. Sleep, Holy Jesus sleep.

The people stand as able.

PRESENTATION HYMN 105 (V. 1, 4) — God Rest You Merry

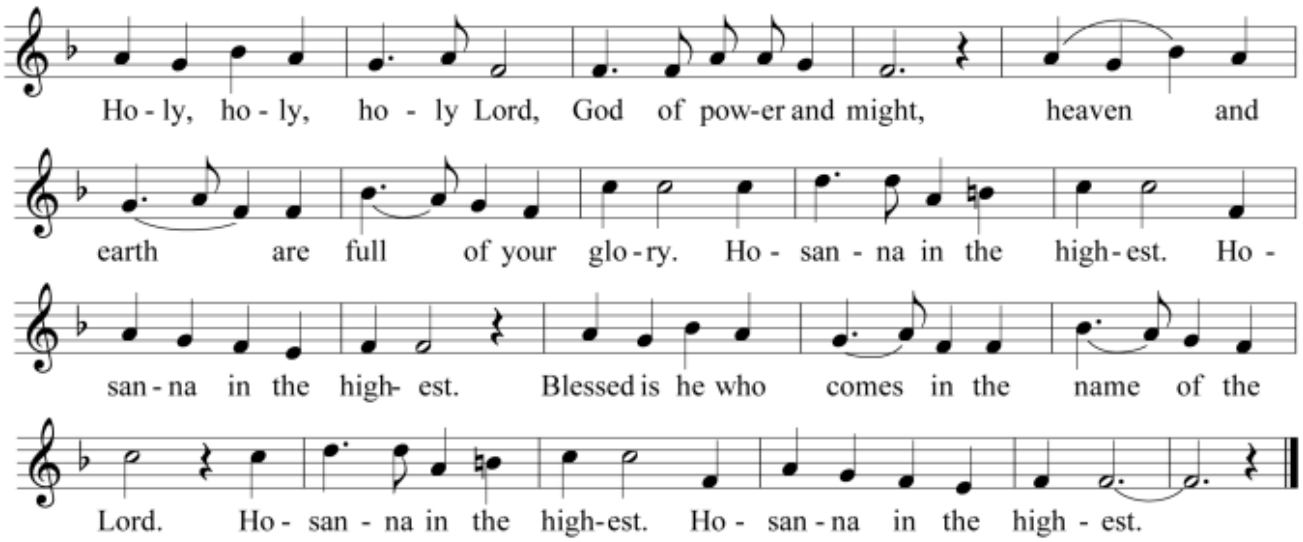
God rest ye merry gentlemen let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray
Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; oh tidings of comfort and joy!

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
Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; oh tidings of comfort and joy!

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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 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 forever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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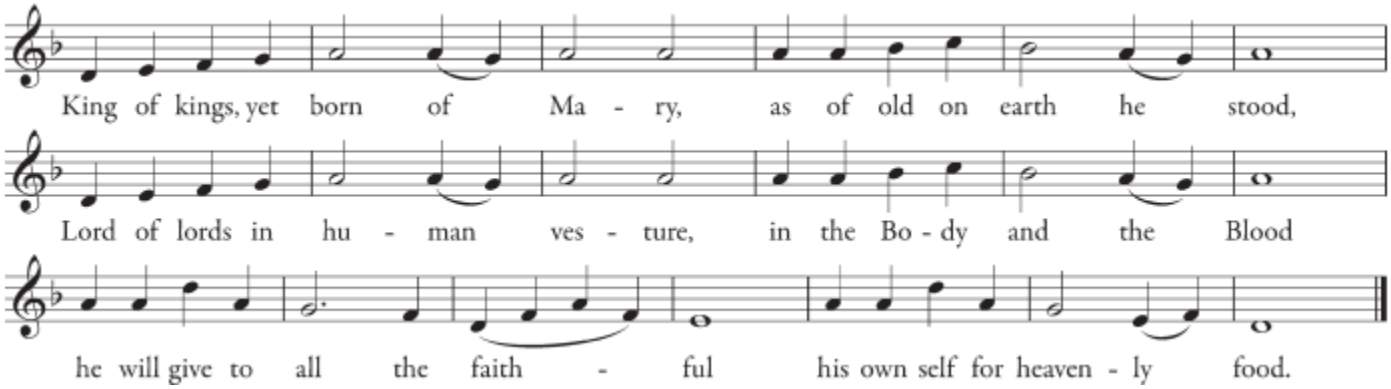
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

FRACTION ANTHEM – HYMN 324, V. 2

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STRING QUARTET – Pastorale (Christmas Concerto)

Archangelo Corelli
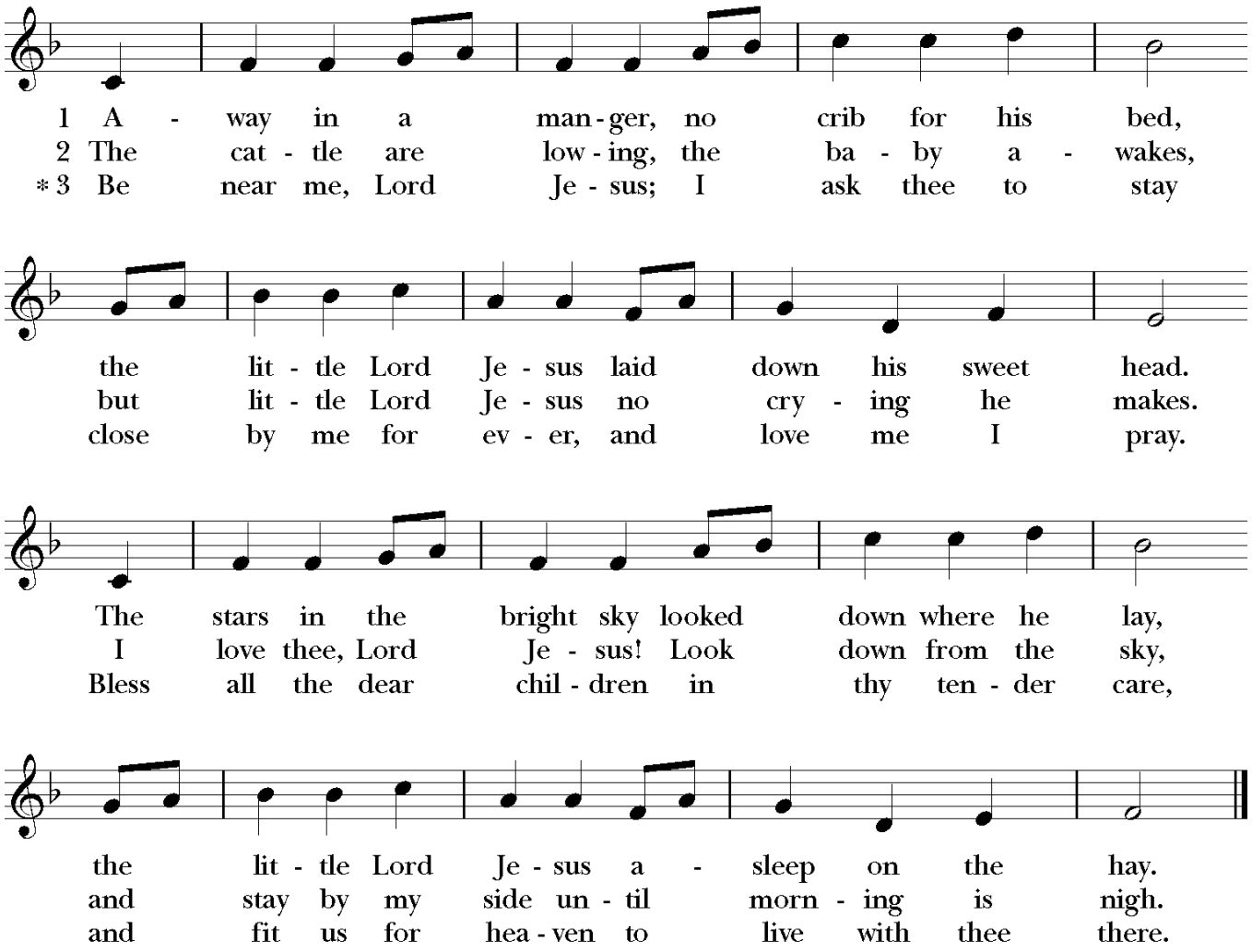
CHOIR – Rise Up Shepherds, and Follow

arr. Gordon Thornett

There's a star in the east on Christmas morn, rise up shepherd, and follow,
It will lead to the place where the Savior's born, rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Leave your sheep and leave your lambs, rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Leave your ewes and leave your rams, rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow, follow, the star of Bethlehem, Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

If you take good heed to the angel's words, rise up, shepherd, and follow.
You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds, rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Leave your ewes and leave your rams, rise up, shepherd, and follow.
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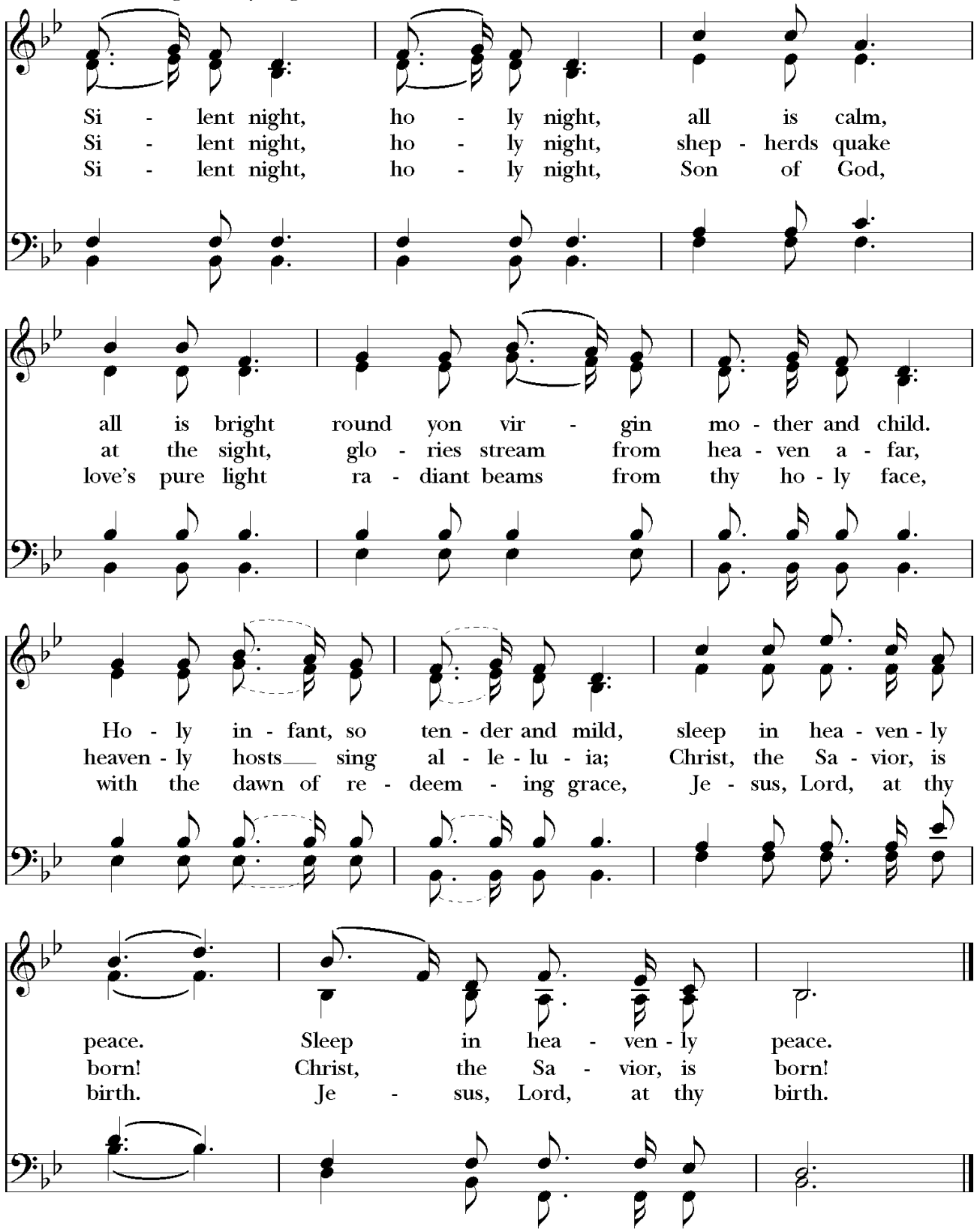
HYMN 101 – Away in a Manger (V. 2 Choir) Cradle Song



THE STATION AT THE CHRISTMAS CRÉCHE

Celebrant: The glory of the Lord has been revealed.
People: **And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.**
Celebrant: Let us Pray.

Almighty and everliving God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the Coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary. Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen


Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 heart with the light of his holiness.
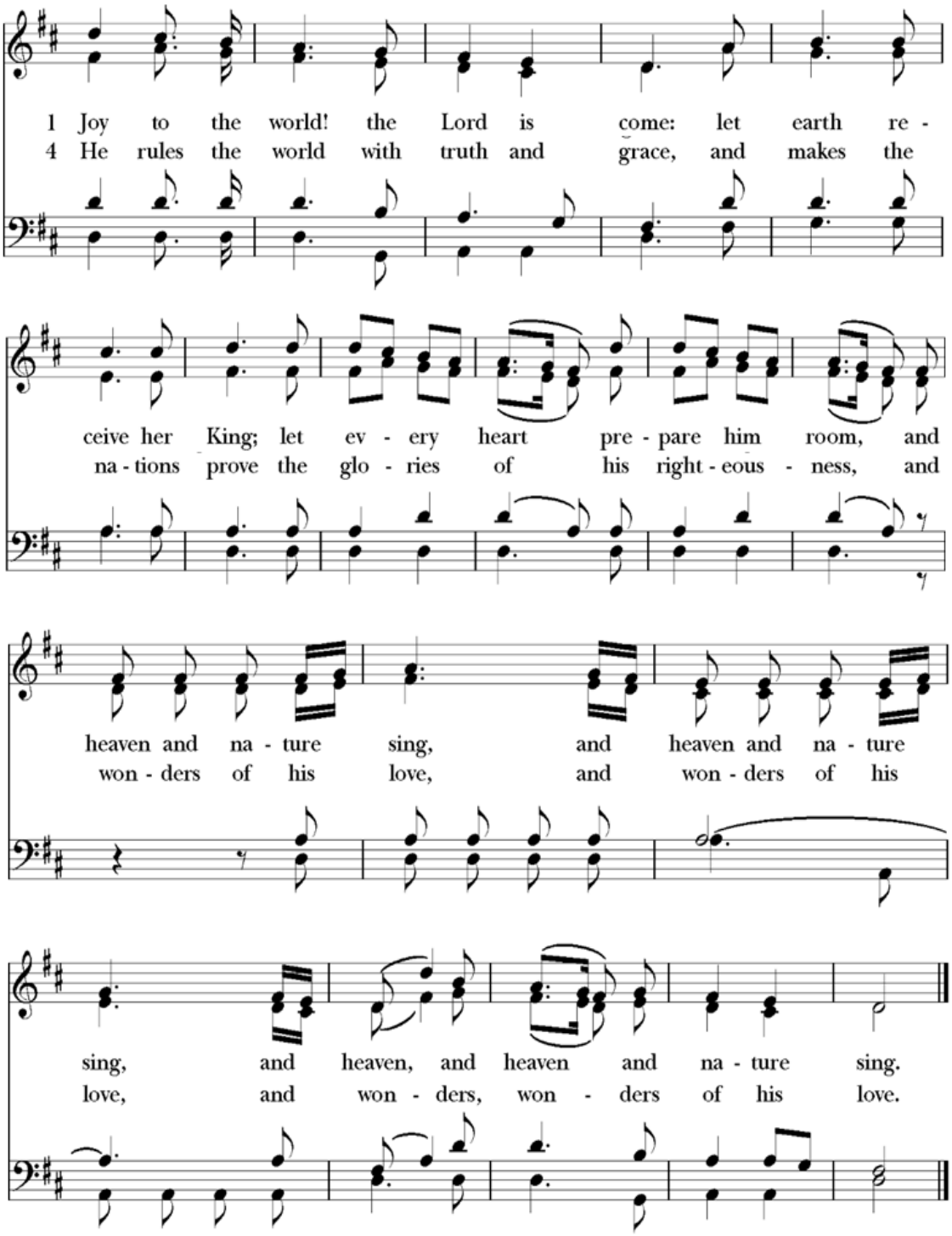
People: **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Celebrant: May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **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. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 100 (V. 1, 4) – Joy to the World Antioch



THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE – Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella arr. Keith Hampton

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send announcements to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org

A Quick Note About Services this Weekend | As Maryland experiences a new increase in COVID cases (more on that below), Christ Church requests that all parishioners attending services over Christmas complete our brief attendance registration form prior to worship. One form is all you need for every service this weekend; just check the box(es) of those services you expect to attend so that we can keep tabs on the number of attendees and maintain a safe environment for all. Details and times for all services are on our website. Thank you.

Youth Formation: Sunday School | Please note that there are no Sunday School sessions over the next two weekends. We'll resume on January 9th. If you need to reach us, please email ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org

Adult Forum: Sunday Circle | Sunday Circle takes a break for Christmas, so we will not gather on December 26th.

Adult and Children's Choir - Tuesdays and Thursdays | After Adult Choir rehearsal this evening, we will take the rest of 2020 off. Adult Choir resumes on January 6th and Children's Chorus starts back up on January 11th. Please email Len Langrick, our Director of Music, at music@christchurchcolumbia.org to learn more.

Bible Study – Wednesdays | Bible Study gathers in person next Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and will be a discussion on the readings for that coming Sunday. Next week's gathering focuses on these readings. You do not have to know much about the Bible; just join in and let's all study together.

Diocese of Maryland's COVID Update for Christmas Week | With the uptick in cases around our area, we are currently back in the Orange Phase, with most of Maryland in the Red Phase. This week's Diocesan update can be read in full here. The Bishops of our Diocese have also released a COVID-19 Vaccination Directive that you can view on this page. Please note that masks are still required at all times while indoors at Christ Church, and we'll continue our dialogue with the appropriate organizations and ease restrictions with care and consideration.

Christ Church Supports CCD-USA to Help Disabled Children in Thailand | Christ Church has received warm Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year from CCD-USA, the nonprofit organization in this county that supports care for disabled children in Thailand. It does so through Christian Care Foundation for Children with Disabilities (CCD), which was recently recognized for high standards as a charity by the Minister of Social Development and Human Resources.

At the Outreach Commission meeting on December 13th, members voted to contribute $500 in Vestry-approved funds to CCD. As you may recall through past fundraisers such as a quilt raffle, Christ Church is a long-time supporter. We are credited for helping fund CCD's physical therapists on a CCD-website. To read CCD's hearty "Thank-You" to Christ Church once you are online, scroll down past the post about the kitchen garden and look for photos of therapists with children.

In a 2021 holiday newsletter that takes note of the pandemic impact, CCD writes: "2021 was a busy time for the staff and children at CCD! Lockdowns slowed a few programs, but exciting progress was still made. More therapists and food/supply donations went to the Community Based Rehabilitation programs in the outer provinces of Thailand."

The newsletter also informed us that older residents of Rainbow House now operate a local coffee shop and that CCD's award for high standards is called the Prime Minister's Shield. Parishioners can take pride that their contributions to Christ Church are helping CCD improve the lives of children and young people who are differently abled.

To speak to someone who has seen firsthand CCD's work in Thailand, please email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org, and we will put you in touch with Michon Semon.

Columbia Community Care Plans a Holiday Break, Will Move All Sites Indoors | Please spread the word that the all-volunteer organization, Columbia Community Care (CCC) is taking a holiday break and changing some details of its operations as winter arrives. All sites are closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day: Saturday, December 25th, and Saturday, January 1st.

For one last time in 2021, CCC will be open on Wednesday, December 29th at three site locations: Oakland Mills Middle School (OMMS), 9540 Kilimanjaro Road, at Long Reach Village Center, Suite 9, 8775 Cloudleap Ct., and at Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd., all in Columbia. Evening hours are 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Volunteers and donation drop-off begin at 4:30 p.m.

Starting on Saturday, January 8th, the Wilde Lake site will move indoors at the Interfaith Center. The OMMS site will relocate to the Barn/Teen Center indoor space in the Oakland Mills Village Center, 5851 Robert Oliver Place in Columbia. There are no changes for Long Reach.

Saturday hours are the same as before: 10 a.m. to noon for recipients, and volunteers and donation drop-off beginning at 9 a.m. There will be no Wednesday distributions.

At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to continue supporting CCC by collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Please put any of these items in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall. You can drop off items on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday.

READ ALL THE LATEST CHRIST CHURCH OUTREACH NEWS ON OUR BLOG:
https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/post/cec-outreach-news-december-23-2021

THE BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS

The blessing of Christmas is the joy of giving and receiving gifts from loved ones and friends. Saint John reminds us of God's love for us with these words: ***For God so loved the world that he GAVE his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, so that all who believe in Him may have eternal life.*** The operating word, according to John, is ***gave***. And this represents the fullest manifestation of God's love for you and me. Love compels us to give - in just the same way that God gave us his Son, Jesus Christ.

On my part, I cannot thank you enough for all the many ways in which you live out the operating word - ***gave***, every single day of your life and, especially, within the life of our Christ Church family.

Because of your genuine and overwhelming acts of selflessness, kindness, grace, compassion, and love, you continue to give immensely to support and build our common life at Christ Church. You inject life into Christ Church so that we may be able to serve the world.

This is the highlight for me - in spite of the individual and communal challenges that we have faced over the past several months, you continue to give, you feel compelled by love to give. It is your giving that has made it possible for us to accomplish some of the work that God has given us. The truth is that we have been able to minister and serve countless people because of your faithfulness, and for that, I thank God for each one of you and I thank God for what God is doing in your lives.

I also want to thank ***YOU***. Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables Christ Church to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us.

We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness. Your beloved Christ Church counts on you and your faithful giving, and so as we celebrate the season of giving, I want to highly encourage all who have not fully completed their pledge for 2021 to remember their faithfulness. I also want to appeal to all who have not as yet returned their pledge for 2022 to remember their faithfulness. Lastly, to all of you who have given so much and yet still sense God's call to give some more, may you please remember your faithfulness.

With God's blessings of peace and joy, I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas.
Fr. Manny

Text Giving

You can now give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply text CECGIVING to 73256, and you'll receive a secure link to our page where you can set up a one-time or recurring gift.

Online Giving

You can also continue to pledge and give to Christ Church online. It's a safe and secure method of contributing towards your annual pledge or another offering. Whether it's a one-time donation or a recurring gift, you can go to our overview page for instructions and links. Signing up is fast and easy; if you need assistance doing so, or if you have any Stewardship-related questions, please contact us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org



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