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St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A parish in the Diocese of Pennsylvania

December 24, 2023 4:00 PM- Christmas Eve with Pageant

Our Mission: God is calling the people of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Wayne, Pennsylvania to follow Jesus' teaching to love God with all our hearts, souls and minds; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Therefore we love and embrace each other, friend and stranger alike in worship, service and prayer as we seek to live in and share God's Word.

– Adopted by the St. Mary's Vestry, May 2015



Voluntary *Noel*

Henry Mulet

Hymn in Procession 83 O Come all ye faithful

Adeste fideles

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

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Please join in singing the Gloria found on the next page.

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

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

The Collect

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray

Collect 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. **Amen**

Please sit.

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

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

Psalm 96 *Remain seated for the Psalm.*

- 1 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.
- 5 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!
- 7 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.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 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."
- 11 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.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy

before the LORD when he comes,*
when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness*
and the peoples with his truth.

The congregation may remain seated for the pageant. Please sing the hymns found in the Blue Hymnal when the organ plays.

The Pageant of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ as told by St. Luke*

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY #102 vv. 1, 2

Christmas begins with the book of Genesis: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth . . . And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good." Then sin came into the beautiful world to spoil it. Human beings disobeyed God, and then they were ashamed. And they were afraid that God did not love them anymore. But God planned a gift for everyone - a way to show His children how much He loved them, so they could love God back without being afraid or feeling ashamed. The way God planned was Christmas. God decided to send His own Son into the world to save his children from sin. He chose the people of Israel to prepare an earthly home for His Son. "There shall come a star out of Jacob," He said, "and a scepter shall rise out of Israel."

Through the prophet Isaiah, God told His people about the Savior who was coming. "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given. And the government will be upon his shoulders. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Where was this child to be born? Through another prophet named Micah, God gave the answer: "Bethlehem, you are one of the smallest towns in Judah, but out of you, I will bring a ruler for Israel."

God chose a young girl named Mary, who lived in the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to be the mother of His Son. Mary was engaged to a man named Joseph of the house of David.

God sent His angel, Gabriel, to tell Mary that God has chosen her. Gabriel said: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will give birth to a child, a son, and you shall call His name Jesus . . . and of His Kingdom there will be no end."

Mary replied: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be to me according to your word."

THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME #265 vv.1-3

In those days Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth in the hill country because Elizabeth was also expecting a baby. When Mary came to her house, Elizabeth's baby leaped inside her, and Elizabeth was so excited she was filled with the Holy Spirit! Elizabeth said: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" Mary replied: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

THE MAGNIFICAT Choir sings Canticle S188 vv. 1-4

At that time Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire . . . Everyone then went to register themselves, each to their own home town. Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea . . . He went to register with Mary, who was going to marry him.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM #79 vv. 1, 5

While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to have her baby. . . . but there was no room for them to stay in the inn. So she gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger where the oxen and the donkeys stayed in the stable of the inn

AWAY IN A MANGER #101 vv. 1-3

There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. The shepherds were terribly afraid; but then the angel spoke: "Don't be afraid, I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day, in David's town, your Savior was born - Christ the Lord! And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God:

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH #96 vv. 1-3

The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us."

O MEN FROM THE FIELDS Carol sung by Choir

Music: Arnold Cooke
Poem: Padraic Colum

O men from the fields, Come gently within
Tread softly softly, O men, coming...
Mavourneen is going From me and from you,
Where Mary will fold him With mantle of blue.
From reek of the smoke, And cold of the floor,
And the peering of things Across the Half-door.
O men from the fields, Softly, softly come through;
Mary puts round him Her mantle of blue.

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph - and the baby lying in the manger.

Some men who studied the stars came from the East to Jerusalem and asked: Where is the baby born to be King of the Jews? We saw His star. We wish to worship Him.

WE THREE KINGS #128 *The congregation will sing Verse 1 and the Refrain. Verses 2, 3, 4 are sung solo by each King as he comes down center aisle to the manger*

The three kings saw the child with his mother Mary, and they knelt down and worshiped Him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and presented them to Him.

Today we can come to the Christ Child just as truly as the shepherds and the Wise Men did because God gave us His Son Jesus. Jesus shows us how much God loves us and forgives us, and He teaches us how to love and forgive each other, too. This is the Christmas gift that God gives to you and to me and to everyone on earth!

Christmas Message

The Rev. Lucy Ann Dure

Prayers of the People

The Word has been made flesh, the light of God's love has broken through our darkness, the daystar from on high now shines in our hearts. Filled with the joy of Jesus' birth, let us pray together in the power of his Spirit, responding, "*O come, let us adore Him.*"

That the Prince of Peace may guide the leaders of the nations, and all men and women everywhere, into the ways of freedom and truth; *Silence*

Let us pray,

O come, let us adore Him.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, Presiding Bishop of our Church, Daniel, our Bishop and Lucy Ann our priest, that they may guide us in our journey to Bethlehem, uniting the whole Church as we live into our spiritual kinship with one another; *Silence*

Let us pray,

O come, let us adore Him.

For those for whom the darkness has suffocated hope: the lonely, the fearful, the hungry, and those who bear a private grief; that they may see the dawn of God's love and grace revive the eternal hope that never fades away; *Silence*

Let us pray,

O come, let us adore Him.

For our families and friends, and for all our absent sisters and brothers; for those who are sick, especially (*Congregation reads the names aloud*) **Jennifer Lurie, Irene Steinhardt, Lisa Hart, Victoria Coates, JoAnne Vereneck, Jim Cobb, David Seavey, Scott Ziglar, Marylu Hill and her family, Craig and Ann Marie Erickson, Diana Hoogstraten, Magali Behrmann, & Avanya;** *Silence*

Let us pray,

O come, let us adore Him.

That we may be released from the captivity of our sins, set free from the places of interior blindness that cause us to choose darkness over light; that we may be forgiven by the power of the Holy Spirit; *Silence*

Let us pray,

O come, let us adore Him.

That we who gather to share the Holy Eucharist, and all those throughout the world who come to receive this sacrament, will bear witness to Christ who is born in our hearts; *Silence*

Let us pray,

O come, let us adore Him.

In the wonder of this night, let us continue to offer our petitions for all those we love, and all those whom we find difficult to love. *Silence*

Let us pray,

O come, let us adore Him.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

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. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The congregation kneels.

Celebrant 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.

The Priest stands and says

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. **Amen.**

All stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *Torches*

John Joubert

Words from Galicia, Spain

Offering of White Gifts

During the singing of this anthem, all are invited to bring the white gifts forward and place them at the foot of the altar. These gifts will be given to the church of St. Mary's, Chester, for distribution to children in need. They are wrapped in white so they can be given for any occasion throughout the year.

Torches, torches, run with torches All the way to Bethlehem!
Christ is born and now lies sleeping; Come and sing your song to Him!

Torches, torches, run with torches All the way to Bethlehem!
Christ is born and now lies sleeping; Come and sing your song to Him!

Ah, Roro, Roro, my baby Ah, Roro, my love, Roro;
Sleep you well, my heart's own darling While we sing you our Roro.

Sing, my friends, and make you merry Joy and mirth and joy again;

Lo, He lives, the King of heaven Now and evermore. Amen

Lo, He lives, the King of heaven Now and ever, evermore. Amen

Offertory Hymn 105 God rest you merry (*Sung by All, standing*)



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

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Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord,
People **And of Thine own, have we given Thee.**

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

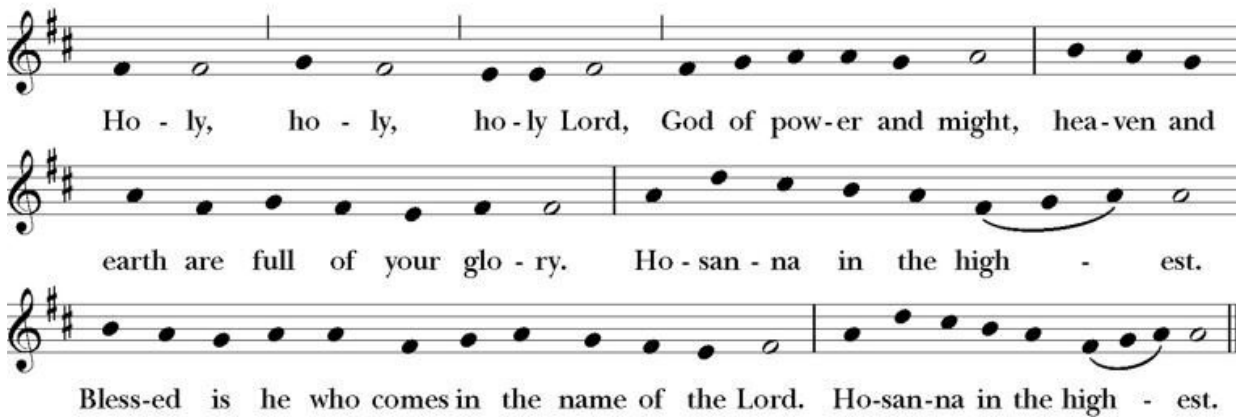
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:



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

The people kneel or stand.

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.

Then the Celebrant continues

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

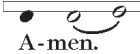
Christ is risen.

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. 
A-men.

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

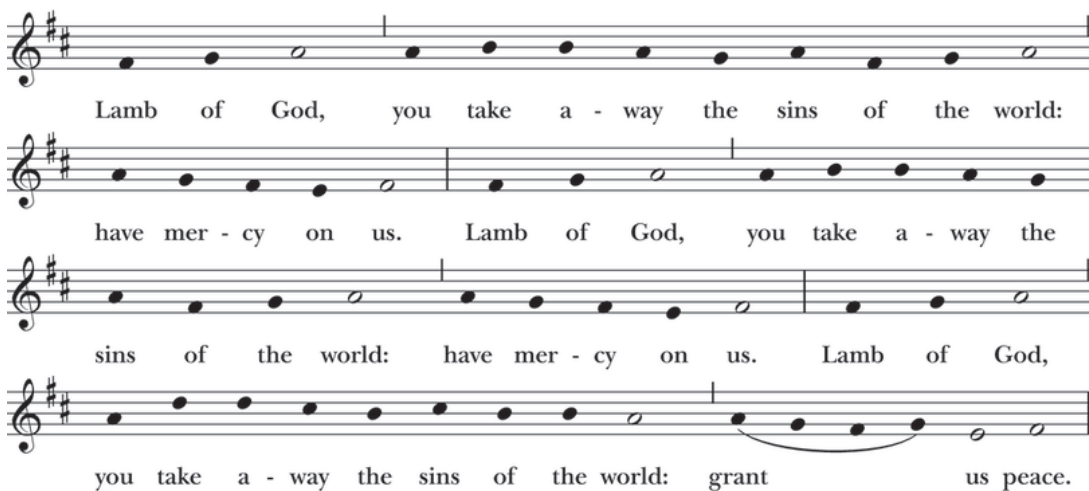
Then may be sung or said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Agnus Dei S161

New Plainsong, David Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome at the rail for a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest as a signal that you would like to receive a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available, just ask at the rail.

After receiving Holy Communion, please take a candle for the final hymn, Silent Night.

Communion Motet *In the bleak mid-winter (Sung by Choir)*

Music: Gustav Holst
Words: Christina Rossetti

In the bleak mid-winter Frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter Frosty wind made moan;

Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter Long ago.
Our God, heaven cannot hold Him Nor earth sustain,

Heaven and earth shall flee away When He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Incarnate, Jesus Christ.

Angels and Archangels May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim Thronged the air;
But His Mother only, In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved With a kiss.

What can I give Him, Poor as I am?
If I were a Shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him, Give my heart.

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

Acolytes will come to each pew and begin lighting candles for Silent Night during this hymn.

Hymn in procession 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!

Please kneel.

Blessing

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. **Amen.**

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.**

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

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Please remain kneeling and turn page for the singing of Silent Night.

Closing Hymn III Silent Night

Stille Nacht

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.

Dismissal

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

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

Voluntary *Von Himmel hoch, da komm ich herr (Good News from Heaven the Angel Brings)* Johann Pachelbel

* Adapted from Sharon Pearson's 1992 copyrighted Christmas Pageant

Invitation

To all who are lonely and need friendship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, this church opens wide its doors and bids you WELCOME!

We welcome all visitors to St. Mary's today. Let's Connect. Joining from the website? Send us an email; On Facebook? Leave a comment/message us; Joining in-person? Sign our guest book by the front door.

CHRISTMAS 2023

SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FLOWER MEMORIALS



The Rev. Raymond Atlee

The Rev. Charles E. Greene

The Rev. Richard Cooper

The Rev. Keith Druley

The Rev. William Kier

Howard G. Clarke, Priest

The Mansley and Sausser Families

Iva May Johnson

Eleanor Johnson

Departed Members of St. Mary's

The O'Donovan, Georgia and Larrabee families

Lt. Col. Rudi Viener

Raymond Scott Drumheller

Marion and Richard Schweitzer

Marion and Calvin Drumheller

Alice and John Ritschard

Nellie and George Moon

Harry Rogala

Nora Schweitzer

Robert "Bob" DeLong

Jacob Dancey

Baby Sandra Drumheller

Sally Graham Kuhne

Marguerithe Kuhne-Stassen

Walrave Kuhne

Frances W. Graham

Thomas K. Graham

Nestor and Robertina Alexander

Hannah Sullivan Randolph

"Pete" Doerr

Anne and Gilbert Megargee

Susan Rex

Mary Anderson

F. Ryan Spiess

Charles Smith

Harry and Sara Spiess

Fred and Sereta Brown

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Especially during the Christmas season we are aware of all the gifts of time and talent that the members of our Altar Guild share with us in their ministry to beautify our worship and glorify our Lord all the year round. We thank our Altar Guild Chair Mary Dixon, and Altar Guild members Maria Steinhardt, Susan Huck, Barbara Zimmer, Janice Radford, Enid Ball, Laurie Buechle, Carl Lohmann, Joyce Randolph, Elizabeth Morrill, Edith Helms and Aldys Davis for their thoughtful planning, careful coverage of all the services, attention to detail, and care for all that is involved in tending of the altar. To God be the glory!

YOU ARE INVITED

All are invited to a birthday party for Jesus in the parish hall after the 4pm Christmas Eve service and the Pageant. There will be some birthday cake for everyone to share, and hot chocolate, and maybe cider. We will sing “happy birthday,” and try to count all the candles on His cake, but we certainly won’t succeed. It will still be fun trying— come, and enjoy!

Please note: The Church Office will be closed this week.

Next Sunday, on December 31 we will have both Rite I and Rite II Holy Eucharist services.

There will be no daily offices from December 25, 2023 through January 1, 2024. Daily offices will resume on Tuesday January 2, 2024.

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