

SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
DECEMBER 24, 2023

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CHURCH



Christmas Plate Offerings

MISSION & OUTREACH

Each year at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, as part of our Christmas celebrations, we have a lovely tradition of giving 100% of our undesignated offerings to outreach projects supported by your parish. This year the Mission and Outreach Committee has chosen to honor seniors in our local community. Our Christmas Offering Plate will be shared by the following ministries:

North Dallas Shared Ministries



Support for seniors: food, medical care, dental care, rental assistance and utility assistance to local seniors.

Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) Palliative Care



Providing spiritual and medical support at end of life for clients in need.

The Senior Source Ombudsman Program



Helps ensure that older adults in nursing homes live out their lives with respect in a safe environment.



Thank you for giving generously to the needs of seniors this Christmas season.

SaintMichael.org/ChristmasGiving

Welcome to SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS



"The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people!'"

Luke 2:10



Welcome to Christmas at Saint Michael and All Angels!



I'm so glad you've joined us for worship. Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus—the greatest gift to us all!

Together, we are called to become the good news of Jesus. We are called to become the hands and feet of God's love in the world. We'd love to get to know you better, so please take a moment to fill out the welcome card, either physically or digitally, that can be found on the opposite page or in the pew back in front of you.

With God's help, we can make the great promise of living a life of hope and love a reality. When we commit to one another in this church, the work we do at Saint Michael is more than good. The work we do at Saint Michael, the relationships we build, and the vision we carry bring us all closer to God's kingdom on Earth, now. God's promise is for you: God came to be with us and God walks with us each day.

As we celebrate the beauty of Christmas and prepare to move into a new year, I invite you to take a moment and center yourself on God's presence. In this new year, I pray renewed strength and energy upon you. I pray that our passion will spread, and that together, we will inspire our world. May God bless you today and every day, and I hope to see you again very soon!

With the greatest hope,

Chris+

The Rev. Dr. Christopher D. Girata

Rector

We extend our gratitude to the hundreds of people who have given generously of themselves to make this Advent/Christmas season of Saint Michael and All Angels such a joy. We are grateful for those who have made special contributions for the adornment of church and chapels, in memory and/or in thanksgiving of their beloved.

THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

THE WORD OF GOD

Brass Prelude

Organ Prelude

Pastorale, BWV 590/I

Johann Sebastian Bach

Gesù Bambino

Pietro Yon

Welcome

Entering Procession (*standing, sung by all*)

“O come, all ye faithful” *Adeste fideles*

Hymn 83



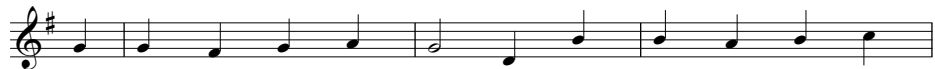
1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
Low voices 2. God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
High voices 4. See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
Choir only 5. Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



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 heav'n a - bove;
4. leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
5. we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;
6. Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry giv'n;



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?
6. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



All sing O come, let us a - dore him. O come, let us a -



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

The Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity (*standing*)

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

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



Historians believe that bagpipes may have predated ancient Rome. On hillsides in southern Italy and beyond, shepherds played Zampogna (Italian bagpipes). You can hear echoes of the Zampogna in J.S. Bach's "Pastorale in F Major, BWV 590," written for organ around 1720. This movement features gently rolling triplets in 12/8 time. The melody rises above an extended drone with two-voice imitative counterpoint frequently joining in thirds.



"Gesù Bambino" was published in 1917 simultaneously as a song, "When Blossoms Flowered 'Mid the Snow," and an organ solo, and quickly became Yon's most famous composition.

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.**

Song of Praise (*standing, sung by all*)

“Angels we have heard on high” *Gloria*

Hymn 96

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 for the Nativity of Our Lord (*standing*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

The First Lesson *Isaiah 9:2-7 (seated)*

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm Anthem (*sung by the Saint Michael Choristers*)

Donkey Carol

John Rutter

Donkey riding over the bumpy road, carry Mary all with her heavy load;

Follow Joseph, leading you on your way until you find a stable,
somewhere to rest and stay. Donkey riding over.



This fun, simple Christmas carol was written for Simon Lindley and his St. Alban's School choir in 1977.

The piece is in 5/8 time, an uneven time signature, which helps to create the feeling of a donkey traveling down the bumpy road with Mary and Joseph on the way to Bethlehem.

Anthem continues on the next page.

Donkey watching over the Jesus child, see the baby all with his mother mild;
 Hear the angels singing their song on high: 'Nowell, Nowell',
 their caroling fills the sky. Donkey watching over.

Donkey resting all in a manger stall, with the oxen worship the Lord of all.
 Hush, he lies asleep on his bed of hay, while Mary sings so sweetly
 'Lulla, lulalay.' Donkey resting all in a manger stall,
 with the oxen, Alleluia, Christ is born today.

The Second Lesson *Titus 2:11-14 (seated)*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (*standing, sung by all*)

"God rest you merry, gentlemen" *God Rest You Merry* Hymn 105



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,

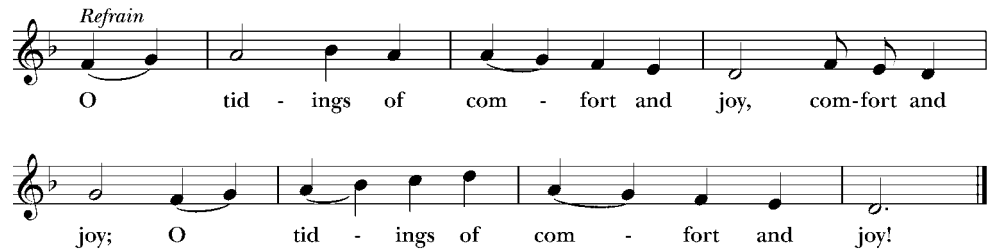


re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
 and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
 this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
 and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



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.

Hymn continues on the next page.



The Gospel *Luke 2:1-20 (standing)*

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were

amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon (*seated*)

The Rev. Dr. Christopher D. Girata

The Nicene Creed (*standing*)

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.

Parish Prayers of the People
as of December 7, 2023

Rami Angir
 Kathryn Anschutz
 M'lou Bancroft
 Barbara Hart Bell
 Emily Billard
 Marla Briggie
 Sherrill Brown
 Scott Calhoun
 Diane Chancellor
 Thomas Connolly
 Carlos Cuellar
 Richard DeKnock
 Elaine Disney
 Caleb Dulin
 Sande Wilkinson Ford
 Dick Frazar
 Michael Gratkowski
 Jody Guenther
 Josh Hight
 Jack Levens
 Sandy McDonough
 Diego Moreno
 Keith Nix
 Bob Paddock
 Karen Pardoe
 Bruce Pingree
 Eleanor Preston
 Rosemary Richards
 Robin Robinson
 Pamela Rundell
 Thomas Russell
 Brad Smith
 Rene Somodevilla
 Byrd Teague
 Valerie Guenther Unger
 Tony Wilks
 Catherine Carr Worley

A Christmas Litany (*standing*)

Celebrant Sisters and brothers, on this holy occasion when we celebrate the Incarnation of our Lord, let us pray for the peace, joy, hope, and strength offered by God's Word made flesh:

Lector For the Church, that it may faithfully and boldly proclaim to every human heart the Good News made known this Christmas that salvation has come to God's holy people.

People Lord, empower your Church.

Lector For peace in our troubled world, that every darkness of war, injustice, persecution, and oppression may be cast out by the light shed into the world by the Prince of Peace.

People Lord, grant peace to all.

Lector For our families and all those, far and near, to whom we are bound by the love of Christ, that the bonds which unite us may be strengthened.

People Lord, build our love.

Lector For all those in need, those whom we might otherwise forget at this joyous time: the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry, the sick, the grieving, those in prison, those caught by addictions, and all who know any great trial or sadness this Christmas.

People Lord, comfort them.

Lector For all who labor during this season on behalf of others: physicians, nurses, medical technicians, police officers,

firefighters, the military, and all whose duty prevents them from sharing this holy time with those they love.

People Lord, sustain them.

Lector For all who have known the wonder of God's presence in their earthly pilgrimages and who now live in larger life, remembering especially those in whose loving memory the church and chapels are adorned, that following their example we may remain faithful to the end of this earthly life and live forever in the light of Christ's eternal glory.

People Lord, hear our prayers.

Celebrant Almighty Father, we rejoice in the coming of Christ our Lord. We pray that, as he has taken on our humanity, through your grace and goodness we may share in your divinity, and so partake in the radiance of your glory; through him who came down for us and is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin (*kneeling*)

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace (*standing*)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements (*please be seated*)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem (*sung by the Saint Michael Choir and Senior Choristers*)

Sans Day Carol

Stephen Caracciolo

Now the holly bears the berry as white as the milk, And Mary bore Jesus,
who was wrapped up in silk: And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly!

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass, And Mary bore Jesus,
who died upon the cross: And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly!

Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal, And Mary bore Jesus,
who died for us all: And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly!

Now the holly bears a berry, as blood is it red, Then trust we our Savior,
who rose from the dead: And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly!

— *19th-century Cornish*



Stephen Caracciolo is the Artistic Director of Lancaster Chorale, Central Ohio's premier professional chamber choir. Caracciolo's choral works have been performed extensively throughout the United States and Europe. This arrangement of "Sans Day Carol" is a lovely, fresh arrangement of the traditional 19th-century Cornish carol.

Presentation Hymn (*standing, sung by all*)

“Hark! the herald angels sing” *Mendelssohn*

Hymn 87

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!

All baptized persons of any age regardless of their denomination and tradition are welcome to share in the banquet of the Lord's Supper.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D *(standing)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It 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,

The *Sanctus* and *Benedictus* *(standing, sung by all)*

“Holy, holy, holy, Lord” Franz Schubert

Hymn S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Music continues on the next page.

God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please kneel as you are able

We 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.

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

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or 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.

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 Michael and 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.*

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 *(sung by all)*

“Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia” David Hurd

Hymn S 154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

All are invited to come forward to the Communion rail at the direction of our ushers. Stand or kneel at the rail as you are able, and receive the wafer in the palm of your outstretched hands. If you desire a gluten-free wafer, clasp your hands in front of you with your palms down. Receive the wine by drinking from the chalice as it is offered to you, or by retaining the wafer, to dip lightly into the chalice for yourself. If you are not receiving, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing. If you are unable to physically come to the rail, please indicate to an usher that you would like to receive Communion at your seat.

Communion Hymn *(sung by all)*

“Away in a manger, no crib for his bed” *Cradle Song*

Hymn 101

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
* 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay
the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,
the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Communion Anthem (sung by the Saint Michael Choir)

Nativity Carol

John Rutter

Born in a stable so bare, born so long ago:
 Born beneath light of star He who loved us so.
 Far away silent he lay, born today, your homage pay;
 Christ is born for aye, born on Christmas Day.

Cradled by mother so fair, tender her lullaby;
 Over her son so dear Angel hosts fill the sky. Far away.

Wise men from distant far land, Shepherds from starry hills
 worship this babe so rare, hearts with his warmth he fills. Far away.

Love in that stable was born into our hearts to flow;
 Innocent dreaming babe, make me thy love to know. Far away.

Communion Hymn (sung by all)

“Of the Father’s love begotten” *Divinum mysterium*

Hymn 82



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!

 John Rutter is perhaps most famous for his Christmas carols and his long association with Clare College in Cambridge, England. Written in 1963, “Nativity Carol” is one of Rutter’s earliest pieces. Each verse introduces a new texture, adding interest to the lovely, flowing melody.

Communion Hymn (sung by all)

“A stable lamp is lighted” *Andújar*

Hymn 104



organ

Soloist only 1. A sta - ble lamp is light - ed whose
 Choir only 2. (This) child through Da - vid's ci - ty shall
 All sing 3. (Yet) he shall be for - sak - en, and
 4. (But) now, as at the end - ing, the



glow shall wake the sky; _____ The stars shall bend their voic - es, and
 ride in tri - umph by; _____ The palm shall strew its brand - es, and
 yield - ed up to die; _____ The sky shall groan and dark - en, and
 low is lift - ed high; _____ The stars shall bend their voic - es, and



ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And
 ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ Though
 ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ For
 ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ In



straw like gold shall shine; _____ a barn shall har - bor hea - ven, a
 hea - vy, dull, and dumb, _____ and lie with - in the road - way to
 ston - y hearts of men: _____ God's blood up - on the spear - head, God's
 prais - es of the Child _____ by whose de - scent a - mong us the



organ

stall be - come a shrine. _____
 pave his king - dom come. _____
 love re - fused a - gain. _____
 worlds are rec - on - ciled. _____

2. This
 All sing 3. Yet
 4. But

Post-Communion Hymn (*kneeling, sung by all*)

Acolytes will light congregational candles for the singing of this hymn.

“Silent night, holy night” *Stille Nacht*

Hymn 111

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.

The Post-Communion Prayer (*kneeling, sung by 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.

The Blessing (*kneeling*)

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.**

The Dismissal (*standing*)

Minister Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Departing Procession (*standing, sung by all*)

"Joy to the world! the Lord is come" *Antioch*

Hymn 100

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

Hymn continues on the next page.

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

- 1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
- 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
- 3 far as the curse is found, far
- 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,


Organ Postlude


In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Westminster Carillon

Johann Sebastian Bach

Carson Cooman

 "In dulci jubilo, BWV 729," written by Bach to accompany congregational singing in Arnstadt, is traditionally performed as the first organ voluntary at the end of the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College, Cambridge. This voluntary was first introduced to the service in 1938 by organ scholar Douglas Guest.

 "Westminster Carillon" (2016) was commissioned by Kiel Krommer. It quotes the Westminster Quarters (chimes, as heard in Big Ben) and the hymn tune *Westminster Abbey* (Henry Purcell).

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