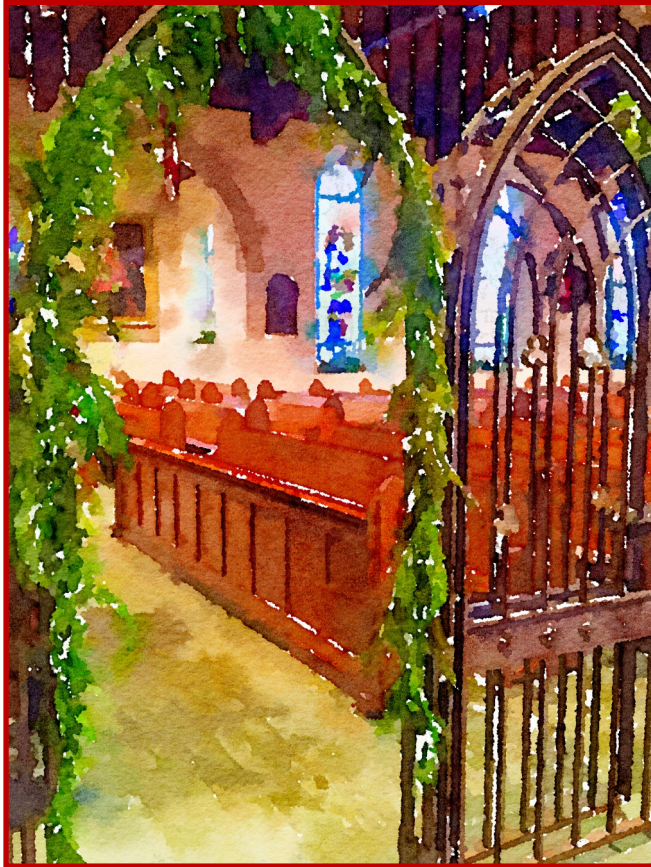


# The Nativity of Our Lord



**Christmas Eve**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite One ~ 10:30 p.m.  
December 24, 2021**

**Church of the Redeemer  
Sarasota, Florida**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Did you know that in 1999 Garth Brooks re-recorded Andy Williams' popular holiday song from 1963, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year?" I don't know why, but when I hear Garth Brooks sing it, I really listen more closely to the lyrics. It is his unique voice, I guess. The same is true for James Earl Jones; who doesn't listen to Darth Vader when he's speaking? There is even an app for James Earl Jones reading the Bible. I've been listening to it lately, and it's amazing what all I've heretofore missed. Anyway, the first stanza in Williams' perennial favorite opens this way:

It's the most wonderful time of the year  
With the kids jingle belling  
And everyone telling you be of good cheer  
It's the most wonderful time of the year

It's not a sacred song, per se, but it's certainly hallowed inasmuch that everybody this time of year feels almost religiously compelled to dish out advice on how all of us – how you, too – can be "of good cheer."

Considering all that has been 2021, I've noticed there seems to be even more supposed advice and counsel than ever. Whether it's advice on a new Netflix series to take your mind off things, or tips for how you can be more productive while working from home...or on your marriage, or how to learn another language during the pandemic – it's easy to believe that if we just try hard enough we will deliver ourselves from any challenge, or at least find an escape hatch.

Christmas, however, tells an altogether different story: namely, that deliverance does not come from within, but from the outside – from God in Christ taking on flesh to save us from our sins and love us unconditionally. Some theologians call this a "Christology from above" – that deliverance is initiated not from within, but from God's heavenly plan of grace manifest on earth. And that's real, two-hundred proof liberation.

If you've been struggling all year long, just give up (!) and fix the ears of your heart once again on the same old story of God's boundless love – the transformative love that has come from the outside to bless, restore, and save:

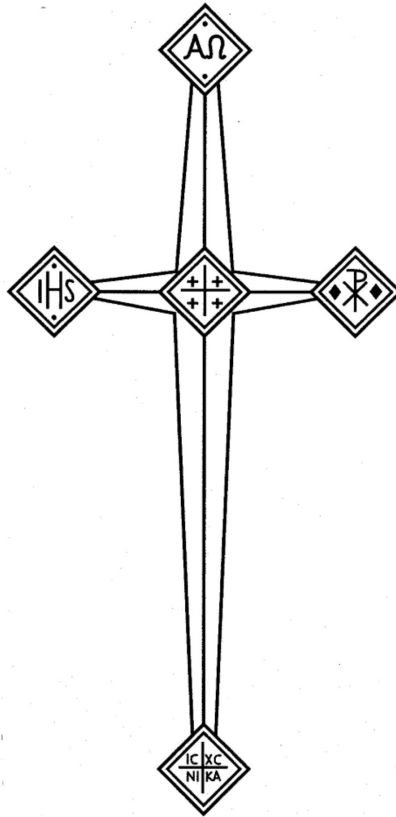
Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!

Merry Christmas!



The Reverend Charleston David Wilson  
Rector





## Pre-Service Music

*The congregation stands as the choir enters and then is seated.*

### Hymnal 109

*The First Nowell*

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

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

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

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

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

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

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.

*Make We Now Joy In This Fest* — William Walton

*Refrain: Make we now joy in this fest In quo Christus natus est. Eya, eya eya*

*1. A Patre Unigenitus .Is through a maiden come to us: Sing we of Him and say*

*Welcome, Veni, Redemptor gencium. Refrain*

*2. Agnoscat omne seculum, A bright star made three kings come, Him for to seek with  
their presents, Verbum supernum prodiens. Refrain*

*3. A solis ortu cardine so mighty a Lord is None as He; and to our kind He hath Him  
knit, Adam parens quod polluit. Refrain*

*4. Maria ventre concepit, The Holy Ghost was ay her with, of her in Bethlem born He is,  
Consors paterni luminis. Refrain*

*5. O lux beata Trinitas, he lay between an ox and ass, beside His mother maiden free,  
Gloria tibi, Domine. Refrain*

### Hymnal 92, verses 1, 4

*Personent Hodie*

On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing  
to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to save us;  
him the Father gave us.  
Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring,  
praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us;  
peace and love he gave us.  
Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

*The Wellspring* – Bob Chilcott

*Infant of the bubbling spring well of my heart. Child of the sighing marsh breath in my head. Son of the keen light quicken my eyes. Rebel of the restless creeks tumble in my ears. Disciple of the risen tide dance in my heart. Teacher of the gruff salt wind educate my tongue. Infant of the bubbling spring well of my heart.*

**Hymnal 96, verse 1**

*Gloria*

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*Love Came Down At Christmas* – Leo Sowerby

*Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, Love divine  
Love was born at Christmas,  
Stars and angels gave the sign.*

*Worship we the Godhead,  
Love incarnate, Love divine  
Worship we our Jesus:  
But wherewith for sacred sign?*

*Love shall be our token,  
Love be yours and love be mine,  
Love to God and all men,  
Love for plea and gift and sign.*

*Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, Love divine  
Love was born at Christmas,  
Stars and angels gave the sign.*

*Concerto for Two Trumpets in C Major, RV 537* - Antonio Vivaldi

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite One - 10:30 p.m.

## Processional Hymn and Blessing of the Crèche: Hymnal 83

*Adeste Fidelis*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Only-begotten Son of God the Father;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God, glory in the highest;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to  
gaze; We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, we would embrace thee, with love and  
awe; Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

*As the Altar Party arrives at the Crèche, the Hymn is paused, and the Celebrant says:*

Dear friends in Christ, as we meet this night to celebrate the birth of Christ, let us  
pray that God will bless this Crèche, that all who worship His Son, born of the Virgin  
Mary, may come to share His life in glory.

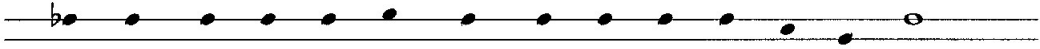
*The Celebrant blesses the Crèche.*

*Celebrant:* God our Father, on this night your son Jesus Christ was born of Blessed  
Virgin Mary for us and for our salvation, Bless this Crèche which we have prepared to  
celebrate His holy birth. May all who see it be strengthened in faith and receive the  
fullness of life He came to bring, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*After the blessing of the Crèche, the Hymn continues.*

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

*People's response:*



And bles - sed be his king - dom, now and for - ev - er, A - men.

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

***Gloria in excelsis:* Hymnal S202**



1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,



good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,



we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give



thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly



King, God the Fa-ther Al - might - y.



4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;

5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that  
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the  
 right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou  
 on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most  
 high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —  
 A - - - - - men.

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.



O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## **THE LESSONS**

*The people sit.*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. (Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before thee as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as on the day of Mid'ian. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

## **Sequence Hymn: Hymnal 94**

*Winchester Old*

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (Luke 2:1-20)

*People:* *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths 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, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

**The Sermon:** Father Wilson

**The Nicene Creed** (*standing*)

*Celebrant:* I believe in one God . . .

*People:* . . . the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the

dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Intercessor:* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the ever blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Joseph, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*Deacon:* Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

*All:* Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

## **The Peace**

*All stand.*

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

*People:* *And with thy spirit.*

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

# The Holy Communion

## The Offertory

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

**Offertory Anthem:** *A Babe Is Born*—William Mathias

*A babe is born all of a may, to bring salvation unto us. To him we sing both night and day. Veni creator Spiritus. At Bethlehem, that blessed place, the child of bliss now born he was; and him to serve God give us grace, O lux beata Trinitas. There came three kings out of the East, to worship the King that is so free, with gold and myrrh and frank incense, A solis ortus cardine. A fair song that night sung they in worship of that child: Gloria tibi Domine. A babe is born all of a may, to bring salvation unto us. To him we sing both night and day. Veni creator Spiritus, O lux beata Trinitas, a solis ortus cardine, Gloria tibi Domine. Noel!*

At the presentation of the Gifts, the Censing Hymn: Hymnal 102

*Irby*

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a  
 2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is  
 \*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a  
 4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,  
 \*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his  
 6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her  
 2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
 3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -  
 4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -  
 5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so  
 6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry  
 2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the  
 3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this  
 4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he  
 5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he  
 6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —  
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.  
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —  
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* *And with thy spirit.*

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

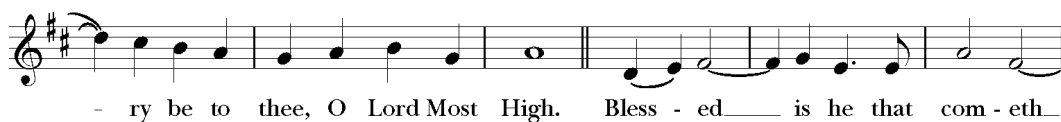
*People:* *It is meet and right so to do.*

*Celebrant:* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## **Sanctus and Benedictus: Hymnal S114**



*The people kneel.*

*Celebrant:* All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.



And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People:* **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer: Hymnal S119**

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

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead

us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

**Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S154**

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

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

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

*The ministers receive the Sacrament and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

**Music During Communion: O Magnum Mysterium — Tomás Luis de Victoria**

*O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, iacentem in praesepio. O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Iesum Christum. Alleluia.*

*(O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that beasts should see the newborn Lord, lying in a manger. O Blessed Virgin, in whose unblemished womb was carried the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!)*

*There is No Rose from Ceremony of Carols — Benjamin Britten*

*There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu: Alleluia. For in this rose contained was Heaven and earth in little space: Res miranda. By that rose we may well see that he is God in person three: Paris forma. The angels sung the shepherds to: "Gloria in excelsis Deo" Gaudeamus. Leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyful birth: Transeamus*

**Communion Hymns: Hymnal 78**

*Forest Green*

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

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

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

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

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

### **Hymnal 112**

*Cranham*

In the bleak midwinter, 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 midwinter, 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 midwinter a stable-place sufficed  
The Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim throngèd 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.

*Upon the completion of communion, the people kneel for the post-communion hymn.*

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 - dian 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.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

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

*The Deacon gives the dismissal.*

*People:*     *Thanks be to God.*

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!  
 2 Christ, by high-est heav-en 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!

**Postlude:** *Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella* - arr. Keith Chapman

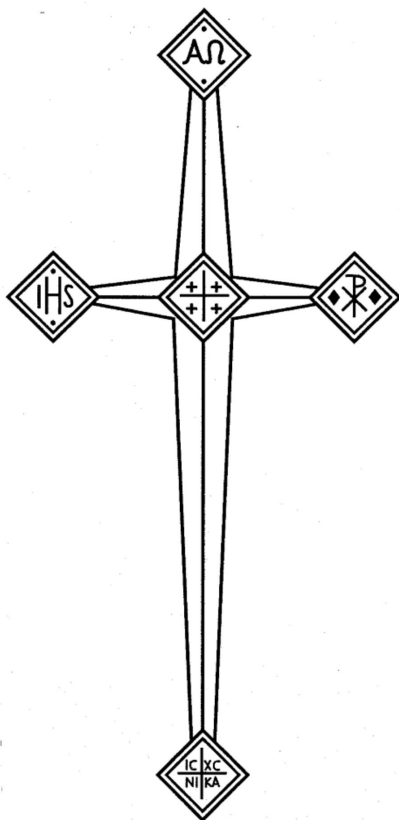


Trumpet: Andrew Stetson, John Parker

Timpani: Tom Suta







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# Eucharists during the Octave of Christmas 2021

All Communicants should receive Holy Communion during the twelve days of Christmas.  
(i.e., Christmas Day through Epiphany on January 6).  
The Rector requests that he be informed of any ill or shut-in people of the parish  
to whom the Blessed Sacrament should be taken.

## *Making new Christians and making all Christians new*

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*The First Sunday after Christmas*

Sunday, December 26      7:30 a.m.  
   10 a.m.  
*en español*                      1 p.m.

*The Second Sunday after Christmas*

Sunday, January 2              7:30 a.m.  
   9 a.m.  
*en español*                      11 a.m.  
   1 p.m.

*The Holy Innocents*

Tuesday, December 28      10 a.m.

*Feast of the Epiphany*

Thursday, January 6              10 a.m.

*The Feast of the Holy Name*

Saturday, January 1              10 a.m.

6 p.m.



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