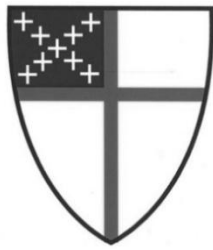


DECEMBER 29, 2024  
**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**



A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10 AM  
**LESSONS AND CAROLS**



# St. Mary's Episcopal Church

*St. Mary's is a community of delight and service, rooted in the love of God made known in the world around us and in the way of Jesus. This place is open to all -- no matter what questions you have, or where you find yourself on your spiritual journey. Our prayer is that we may be for you a place of healing, delight, meaningful community, and flourishing life.*

*Delighting in This World*

*Here. Now. As It Is. As You Are. As We Are.*

*Working toward God's Dream*

*For Everyone. For Everything. All the Time.*

*Especially to those whose experience with religion has not been life-giving, please know that there is hope and life and laughter beyond the pain of the past. The healing power of God's grace and love gives birth to a world of promise and hope--a world worth delighting in. Here. Now. As it is. As you are. As we are.*

*Blessings and peace to you.*

## GROUPS CURRENTLY ACTIVE AT ST. MARY'S

Short Informal Service, followed by breakfast – *Wed. mornings 7:00 -7:20am*

Men's Small Group Bible Study – *Thurs. mornings 7:00 - 8:00am*

Fierce Women's Bible Study – *Mondays at 6:00pm*

Afternoon Bible Study (Book of Job) – *Fridays at 1:00pm*

Women's Book Group

Christian dream work and reflection groups

Taizé-style worship – *Third Thursdays at 7pm in the Chapel (in the A-frame)*

Scouts, for info call Brad Sewell, 346-4314

Women's Knitting Circle

Bazaar Team (craft making, jams, jellies, fabric art). *Times vary throughout year*

Sunday Morning Adult Christian Formation, *various times, Waldron Hall*

Sr. High Youth Group activities, *trips and events, various times*

Jr. High Youth Group activities, *trips and events, various times*

Sunday School, *ages 4-19 Sundays 11:30am-12:30pm downstairs level*

Godly Play (*Montessori-based exploration of the stories of Jesus (ages 4 and up), Sundays, 10 am, downstairs level*)

Sanctuary Choir, *Rehearse Wednesdays 6:15 – 7:15pm*

Praise Singers roots music group. *Rehearse Wednesdays 7:30pm – 8:30pm*

Christians for Equality (Social Justice) *Meets monthly 563-3341 ext. 14 for info*

Anchorage Faith and Action – *Congregations Together. Community organizing.*

St. Mary's Creative Playschool events

Numerous events at The Thomas Center for Senior Leadership

*And various retreats, workshop, presentations, outreach teams, & celebrations all year long. Looking for community, fellowship, and service? Come join us!*

*Call (907)563-3341 for more information, or visit [GodsView.org](http://GodsView.org)*

# Welcome!

We are glad that you are here today.  
We hope that you feel right at home.  
Whether you are new to St. Mary's or an old timer:  
Relax; you are among friends.  
Lift your heart and voice to the God who loves you.

However you found us, and by whatever means you are here, we are delighted to share this Way with you. If you'd like more information about St. Mary's, or would like a call from our clergy, please let us know - either in person, or by visiting [www.GodsView.org/Connect/](http://www.GodsView.org/Connect/).



## MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

*The ministers of St. Mary's are all the people.*

**Officiant:** The Rev. Michael Burke, Rector

**Readers:** Rich Dyson and Deb Kennedy

**Voice of the People:** Charlene Davis

**The St. Mary's Choir**, directed by Annie Nilsson

**Organist:** Rachel Morgan

**Media Specialists:** Seth Eggleston, Timothy Baker, and Will Weaver

## GATHERING MUSIC • God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, v. 1-3 • Hymnal #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.



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



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

## GATHERING MUSIC • What Child is This? (Greensleeves) • Hymnal #115

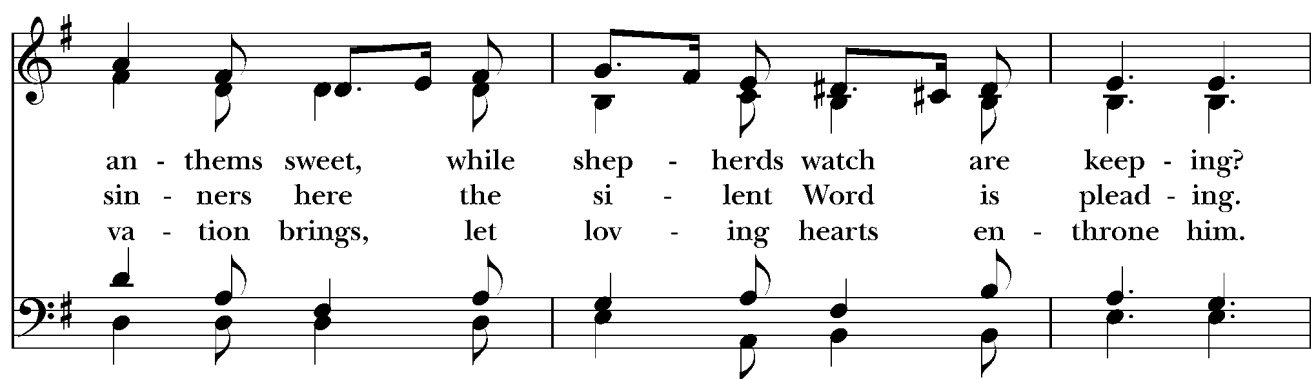
*Unison or harmony*



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

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

This system of a musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a vocal line with lyrics: "guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to". The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment. The music features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a final measure containing a double bar line.

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

This system of a musical score continues from the first system. It also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are: "bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry." The vocal line in the upper staff includes a final measure with a double bar line. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.



## GATHERING MUSIC • Go Tell it on the Mountain • Hymnal #99

*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their  
2 The shep - herds feared and  
3 Down in a low - ly

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -  
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang  
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

*Repeat Refrain*

hold, through - out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.  
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.  
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.



## GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

WELCOME • The Rev. Michael Burke

OPENING HYMN • *Angels We Have Heard on High, v. 1-3* • Hymnal #96

*-music on 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.

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

*Celebrant* We meet in the name of God:

*People* ***Father, Son and Holy Spirit.***

*Celebrant* The God of glory be with you

*People* ***The God of glory bless you.***

*Celebrant* From mist and darkness, from restful waters

*People* ***God gathers us.***

*Celebrant* From health and sickness, from-plenty and poverty

*People* ***God gathers us.***

*Celebrant* From highroads and byways, from fields and cities

*People* ***God gathers us.***

*Celebrant* To a feast, a banquet, to life eternal

*People* ***God invites us to the Way of Love.***

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**\*THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Priest* God be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Priest* Let us pray.

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

**FIRST READING • Isaiah 11:1-2, 4, 6, 9**

*Reader* A Reading from Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

With righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
 and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
 The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
 the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
 the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
 and a little child shall lead them.  
 They will not hurt or destroy  
 on all my holy mountain;  
 for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
 as the waters cover the sea.

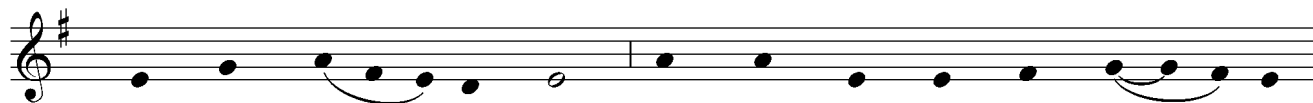
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* *Thanks be to God.*

CAROL • *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, v. 1, 2, 7 • Hymnal # 56



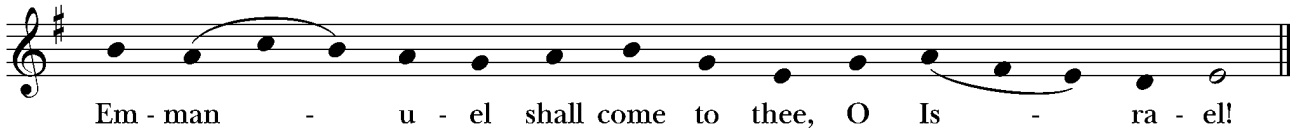
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.*

## SECOND READING • Luke 1:26-33

*Reader* A reading from Luke.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

CAROL • *The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came (Gabriel's Message), v. 1-3* • H #265

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,  
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,  
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,  
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;  
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,  
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,  
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,  
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."  
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!  
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

**THIRD READING • Luke 2:1-7**

*Reader* A reading from Luke.

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**CAROL • *O Little Town of Bethlehem, v. 1-3* • Hymnal #79**

*-music on next page-*

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

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

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

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



**FOURTH READING • Luke 2:8-20**

*Reader* A reading from Luke.

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 God 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

*-next page-*

CAROL • *The First Noel, v. 1-4* • Hymnal #109

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star  
 3 And by the light of that same star  
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,  
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;  
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,  
 5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,  
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,  
 4 and there it did both stop and stay  
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 3 and to fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.  
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

*Refrain*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 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.

*Refrain*

*Alternative Refrain*  
*Descant (others unison)*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

**FIFTH READING • John 1:1-14, 16**

*Reader* A reading from John.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.


*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* *Thanks be to God.*


**CAROL • Hark, the Herald Angels Sing! • Hymnal #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!

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of God be always with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

*Offerings toward the work and ministry of St. Mary's may be made by texting StMarysAK to 73256, at [GodsView.org](http://GodsView.org), or by using the QR code:*



OFFERTORY HYMN • *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, v. 1, 2, 4* • Hymnal #109

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that  
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with  
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the  
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing  
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly  
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly  
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;  
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from  
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they  
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn  
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its  
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and  
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!  
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
 Praise God, all creatures here below,  
 Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts,  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

### \*PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People* *And of thine own have we given thee.*

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord is here.

*People* *God's Spirit is with us.*

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* *We lift them to the Lord.*

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

*A Celebrant continues*

Indeed it is right to give you thanks and praise, O God: out of chaos and darkness you have created light and an abundance of life.

From the depths of winter, the new life of spring and the warmth of summer, you bring forth a harvest of bounty. Your world is indeed good.

Through your Son, who lived and worked, wept and laughed among us, you were one with us in human flesh. You sent your Spirit to bring new life to tired bones and souls, causing living water to spring from dry, thirsty places and putting a new song on our lips.

So, together with all your saints and angels, with prophets and martyrs, the living and the departed, we sing to you a hymn of unending praise...

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



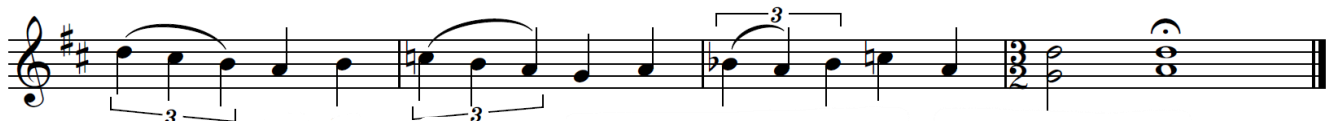
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high-est. San - to,



san - to, san- to es el Se-ñor. Ho- san - na, ho- san - na, ho- san- na en el



cie - lo. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en el cie - lo.


Glory and honor to you, God of life, for the gift of Jesus our Lord. Christ is the first fruit of your creation, with you before time, bringing all to completion through his death on a cross. By your power you raised him: evil can never overcome your love. You set us free to be your body, serving you in the world.



On the night before he died, knowing that his time had come, while at supper with his disciples, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, and broke it, saying:

'Take, eat. This is my Body, broken for you.' 

After supper he took the cup, gave you thanks, and gave it to them, saying:

'Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me.' 

We do now what Christ taught us: we remember his death and resurrection and look forward to that day when all will be complete in him. We offer ourselves and all that we are: our gifts and talents, our strengths and weaknesses, to the glory and honour of your name.

*Celebrant* Christ is the bread of life:

*People* ***when we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.***

*A Celebrant continues* Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle upon this bread and wine and bless them with the fullness of Jesus.

*People* ***And let that same Spirit rest on us, too, converting us from the patterns of this world, until we become more like Jesus, whose food we now share.***

**AMEN.** 

*Priest* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Responses from the People in bold and italic*

God's love reaches out to us

***Our Father in heaven***

This place is sacred ground.

***Hallowed be your name***

May our lives reflect God's glory:

***Your kingdom come***

May our thoughts reflect God's thoughts

***Your will be done***

We long for deep peace:

***On earth as it is in heaven.***

Love blesses life, knowing earth will provide.

*Give us this day our daily bread*

Where love falls short:

*Forgive our sin*

Let justice prevail.

*As we forgive those who sin against us*

Prevent the chaos that leads to wrong-doing:

*Lead us not into temptation*

For grace is strong where freedom is found.

*And deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power,*

*and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.*

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*A Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then is said*

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

*Lord, unite us in this sign.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation*

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little; Come, it is the invitation of the Lord. It is God's will we should meet God here together, as one body.

## **THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*-Communion Hymn on next page-*

COMMUNION HYMN • *O Come, All Ye Faithful* • Hymnal #83

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 -

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray  
Celebrant and People*

*In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, all who are gathered here, seen and unseen, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same.*

*Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us.*

*So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. We have broken your bread and received your life. By the power of your Spirit keep us always in your way of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*The Celebrant continues with the following versicles, the people responding*

*Christ's food in our souls*

***Our food shared like Christ's;***

*Christ's life in our hands*

***Our lives shaped by the Spirit;***

*Christ's love in our hearts*

***Our love warmed by God;***

*Christ's peace on our path*

***Our path following God's way of Love.***

*-Music for the Peace on next page-*

MUSIC FOR THE PEACE • *Silent Night, v. 1 and 3* • Hymnal #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.

## BLESSING

*A priest blesses the people, saying*

May Christ our infant saviour give you the joy of the Bethlehem shepherds,  
the awe of the worshipping sages,  
and the humility and love of the holy family.

May the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life be with you always.  
*Amen.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Announcements and Coming Events

#### **Fellowship Hour – Advent Treats: Christmas Cookies**

following the service in Waldron Hall

#### **Holiday Closures**

The church office will be closed  
on December 25 and January 1

#### **First Sunday Breakfast**

9 am Sunday, January 5  
Waldron Hall

#### **Christmas Services**

##### **Christmas Eve**

4 pm Family Service and Pageant  
9 pm Candlelight Service

##### **Christmas Day**

10 am service with music

##### **Sunday, December 29**

10 am Service of Lessons and Carols

Check your newsletter for more information on coming events!



*Image from Summer 2024 from the Yukon Island Youth Retreat. Photo by Gretchen.*

*-Recessional Hymn on next page-*

RECESSIONAL HYMN • *Joy to the World!* v. 1, 2, 4 • Hymnal #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

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,

## DISMISSAL

*A minister says*

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

The Eucharist is ended, our service now begins.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God. Amen.*

happy new year

## ***GOT BAPTISM?***

For people of all ages, Holy Baptism is a foundational part of becoming a follower of Jesus and a member of the community. If you would like more information, or to have a conversation about this important step in faith, please email Rev. Michael at [Michael@GodsView.org](mailto:Michael@GodsView.org).



We are preparing now for baptisms of both children and adults after New Year's, so you are "right on time." We'll have sessions for preparation beginning in January, and baptisms and renewal of baptisms will take place on Baptism of our Lord Sunday, January 12, at the 10am Service of Holy Eucharist.

# Poinsettia Dedications

**LeAnne Allgaier**

In thanksgiving for the people of St. Mary's

**Al and Sally Alvarez**

In thanksgiving for the people of St. Mary's

**Jeri and Bill Anderson**

In thanksgiving for Karol Libbey and St. Mary's  
In memory of Bob Libbey

**Michael, Nancy, Jesse, and Cassidy Burke**

In thanksgiving for the people of St. Mary's

**Charlene Davis**

In thanksgiving for Elliott & Charlotte Crowell,  
my parents

**Anne Donaghy**

In memory of Tay and Lowell Thomas

**Amy Lindsey**

In thanksgiving for my beautiful family

**Jann and Bob Sherrill**

In memory of Doris and Herb Sherrill,  
Caroleena Sherrill,  
Jim Schilling, and Diana Schilling

**Barbara Stek**

In memory of my parents

**Donald (Mark) Williams**

In memory of Billie and Quin Williams

**Emily Low**

In memory of Margaret Weisenfluh

**Karol Libbey**

In memory of Bob Libbey

**Jack and Sherrie Simmonds**

In memory of Sherrie and Jack Simmond's  
parents,  
Bill and Beverly Sandberg, Les Simmonds, and  
Verna Vel.

**Dave and Jill Rush**

In memory of Jill's parents Nick and Helen  
Ebacher  
In memory of Dave's parents Betty Rush and  
David Rush Sr.

**Gus and Alice Smith**

In memory of Dr. Elaine Graham

**Gretchen Guess**

In memory of Carolyn Guess

**Lois Rockcastle**

In memory of Glenn and Carolyn Rockcastle,  
Howard Nichols, Marilynn Robinson Anderson,  
Ross Robinson, and Marilyn and  
Dr. Andrew Noble



## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

December 29, 2024-January 5, 2025

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to sign up for our newsletter

### Sunday, December 29

8 am Service of Holy Eucharist  
Chapel

10 am Service of Lessons &  
Carols with Eucharist

Sanctuary & online;  
ID 940 3189 1877

11:20 am Fellowship Hour  
Waldron Hall

4 pm Evening Prayer  
Sanctuary

### Monday, December 30

*No scheduled church events*

### Tuesday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

*No scheduled church events*

### Wednesday, January 1 – New Year's Day

7 am Service of Holy Eucharist  
Sanctuary & online;  
ID 584 949 088

### Thursday, January 2

7 am Men's Group  
Waldron Hall

### Friday, January 3

1 pm Book of Job Bible Study  
Cay's Room

### Saturday, January 4

*No scheduled church events*

### Sunday, January 5- Eve of the Epiphany

8 am Service of Holy Eucharist  
Chapel

9 am First Sunday Breakfast  
Waldron Hall

10 am Service of Holy  
Eucharist

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