

ST. MARY'S Episcopal Church

January 5, 2025

**SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
EVE OF THE EPIPHANY**



A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10AM

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

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

Presider: The Rev. Michael Burke, *Rector*

Readers: Alexei Batischev and Kristina Reza

Voice of the People: Al Alvarez

Prayers of the People: Maggie Wilkinson

Musicians: Praise Singers

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

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

GATHERING MUSIC • *Various selections from the Liturgical Music* • Praise Singers

GATHERING MUSIC • *The Spirit Of The Lord (Is Upon Me)*

G Em C D *

The spi-rit of the Lord___ is up-on me,___ be -

G Em C D *

cause he has ___ a - noint - ed me ___ to

G Em C D *

preach good news to the poor, _____ He has

G Em C D *

sent me to pro-claim ___ re - lease ___ to the cap - tives _ and re -

G Em C D *

cov-er-ing ___ of sight ___ to the blind, _____

G Em C D *

to set at lib-er-ty ___ those who are op-press-ed, ___ to pro -

Last time to Coda ⊕

claim the ac-cept-a-ble year of the Lord.

Coda ⊕

year of the Lord, to pro claim the ac-cept-a-ble

year of the Lord.

WELCOME • The Rev. Michael Burke

*OPENING HYMN • *Love Came Down At Christmas* • Hymnal #84

1 Love came down at Christ-mas, love all love-ly, love di-vine;
 2 Wor-ship we the God-head, love in-car-nate, love di-vine;
 3 Love shall be our to-ken; love be yours and love be mine,

love was born at Christ-mas: star and an-gels gave the sign.
 wor-ship we our Je-sus, but where-with for sa-cred sign?
 love to God and neigh-bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

OPENING SENTENCES

Priest *Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.*
People *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

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| SERVICE OF THE WORD |
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***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Priest God be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Let us pray.

Priest O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING • Jeremiah 31:7-14

Reader A Reading from Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
 and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
 over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
 and over the young of the flock and the herd;
 their life shall become like a watered garden,
 and they shall never languish again.
 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
 and the young men and the old shall be merry.
 I will turn their mourning into joy,
 I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
 I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
 and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
 says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 84:1-9

ANTIPHON

How lov - ely is thy dwell - ing place, O Lord of Hosts to me

my ve - ry heart and flesh cry out, O liv - ing God for thee

How dear to me is your dwelling,
 O God of hosts!
 I long, I yearn for the courts of the God;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
 The sparrow has found her a house
 and the swallow a nest
 where she may lay her young;
 by the side of your altars, O God of hosts,
 my ruler and my God.
 Happy are they who dwell in your house!
 they will always be praising you.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
 whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
 Those who go through the valley of Baca
 will find it a place of springs,
 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
 They will climb from height to height,
 and the God of gods will be revealed in Zion.
 Most High God of hosts,
 hear my prayer;
 hearken, O God of Jacob.
 Behold our defender, O God;
 and look upon the face of your anointed.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

How lov - ely is thy dwell - ing place, O Lord of Hosts to me

8 my ve - ry heart and flesh cry out, O liv - ing God for thee

vamp in A

SECOND READING • Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Reader A Reading from Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has

called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

***GOSPEL HYMN • *Coventry Carol* • solo** by Lana Ramos

The "Coventry Carol" is an English Christmas carol dating from the 16th century. The carol was traditionally performed in Coventry in England as part of a mystery play called The Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors. The play depicts the Christmas story from chapter two in the Gospel of Matthew: the carol itself refers to the Massacre of the Innocents, in which Herod ordered all male infants under the age of two in Bethlehem to be killed, and takes the form of a lullaby sung by mothers of the doomed children. [from Wikipedia]

Silence

The soloist begins...

Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child

Bye bye, lully, lullay

O sisters too, how may we do

For to preserve this day

This poor youngling for whom we do sing

"Bye bye, lully, lullay?"

Herod the king, in his raging

Charged he hath this day

His men of might in his own sight

All young children to slay

That woe is me, poor child, for thee

And ever mourn and may

For thy parting neither say nor sing

"Bye bye, lully, lullay."

Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child

Bye bye, lully, lullay

***GOSPEL • Matthew 2:13-15,19-23**

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Priest After the Magi had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Silence

SERMON • The Rev. Hannah Moderow

*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH



1. We be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all
 2. We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and
 3. We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the



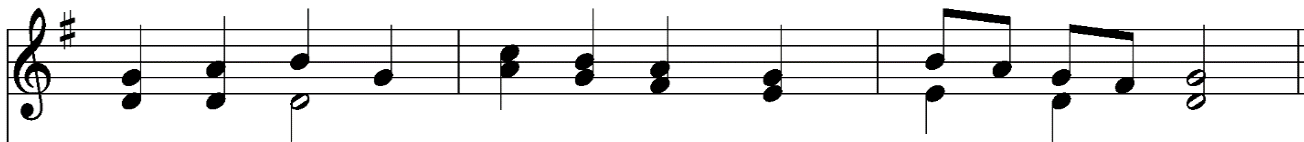
things that be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens,
 cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied—
 saints with - in one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly,



Keep - er of the sky and sea. We be - lieve in
 True Life there had tru - ly died. We be - lieve that
 where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the bod - y's



God's son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it
 on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed
 res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's



and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
 to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
 ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

*THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we come to the time of the prayers of the people, I invite you to stand or kneel as you are able. There will be a brief time to share our own prayers aloud, if you wish you may also leave your prayers in the offering basket when it is passed so that it can be delivered to our prayer team to be prayed over by the congregation throughout the week. For those online your prayers as well will be delivered to the prayer team, even if they are not read aloud.

Pause before continuing.

In hope we pray to God our Creator.

Silence

O God, who sent to us our Savior, whose Body is your Church, grant that all who wait for Christ may be united in your truth, live in your peace, and reveal your love to the world.

Silence.

God, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

O God, whose Kingdom holds heaven and earth as one, grant our leaders and all in authority would be convicted to love justice and govern rightly so that all people might live in safety; and where there is oppression, injustice, and inequity, we pray that your light would show forth and that the world might be healed.

Silence.

God, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

O God, whose Spirit comes among us to inspire and to restore, grant peace, healing, and hope to the sick, the hungry, the naked, and the imprisoned; the migrant, the refugee, the unemployed, and the unhoused; those who are victims of violence, those who struggle with mental health, and those whose lives are overtaken by turmoil and chaos.

Silence.

God, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

O God, who created this lovely world, grant to your people the desire, the knowledge and the determination to be proper stewards of the earth, that all may share in your bounty and your peace.

Silence.

God, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

O God, who knows our needs and concerns, and cares for us even as you care for the birds of the air and the flower in the field, we lift up these petitions that weigh on our hearts this week.

Silence, the people may add their own prayers or petitions here.

God, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

O God, who brings us the living water and leads us to eternal life, grant to the dying and those who mourn your comfort and your peace.

Silence.

God, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

A Priest says

Together, praying,

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

A Priest says

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

***THE PEACE**

Priest The peace of Christ be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

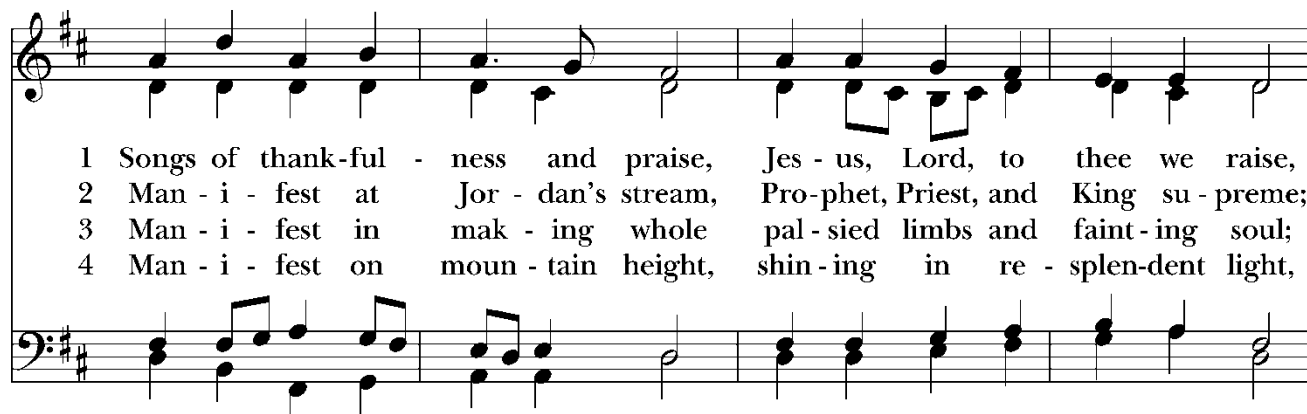
Then the People may greet one another in the name of God.

SERVICE OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

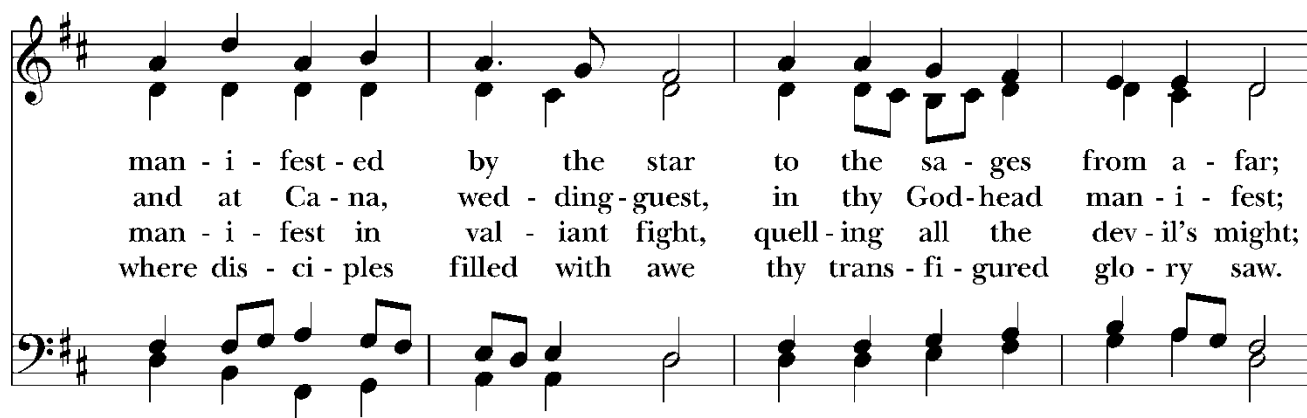
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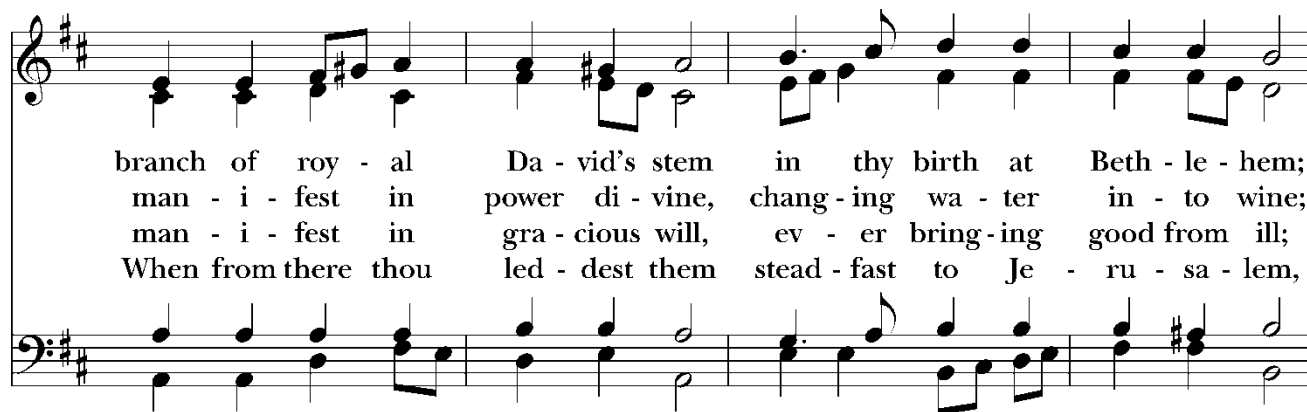


OFFERTORY HYMN • *Songs of Faithfulness and Praise* • Hymnal #135


1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal-sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
 Praise God, all creatures here below,
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
 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 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 our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant:

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
 almighty God and everlasting Creator,
 through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
 he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
 to open for us the way of salvation.

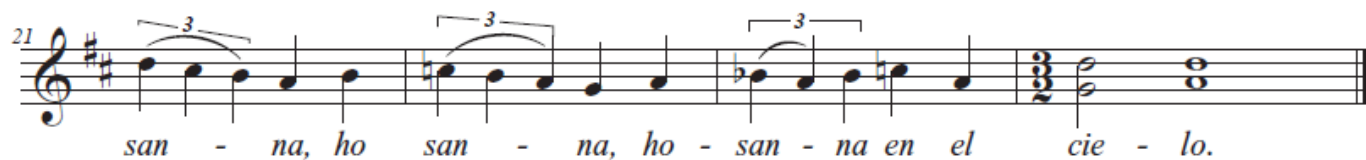
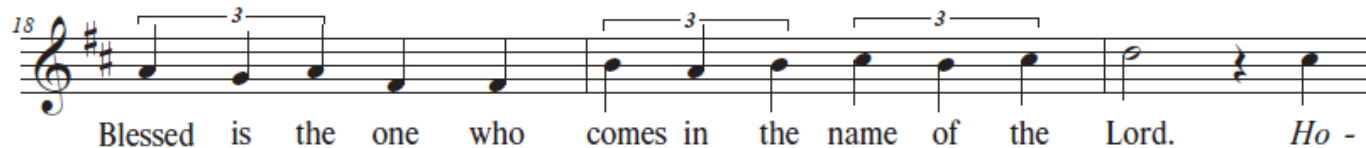
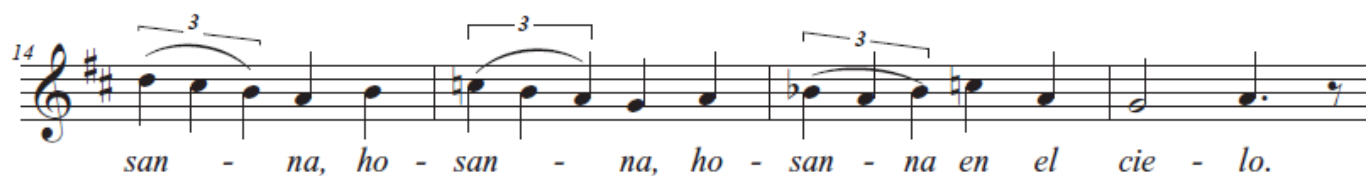
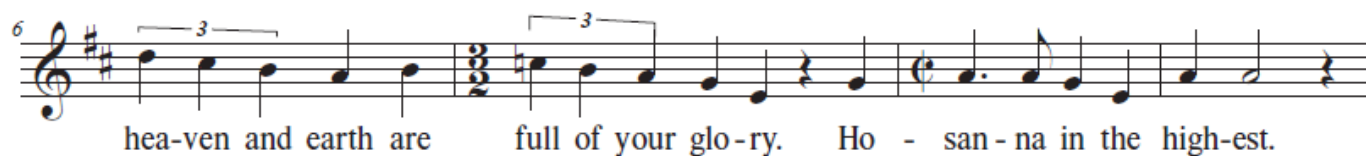
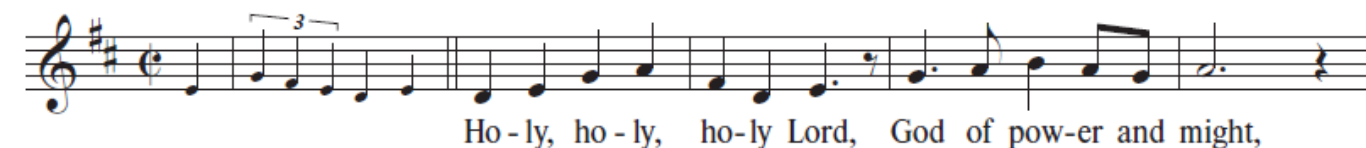
Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,

we now watch for the day
 when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
 and with all the company of heaven
 to proclaim your glory
 for ever praising you and *singing*:

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*SANCTUS • WLP 854

*A priest continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God,
 creator of the universe and giver of life.
 You formed us in your own image
 and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
 You gave the world into our care
 that we might be your faithful stewards
 and show forth your bountiful grace.
 But we failed to honor your image
 in one another and in ourselves;
 we would not see your goodness in the world around us;

and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,
and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.

You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.


Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat:


This is my Body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.” 

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.

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

A priest says Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.


A priest continues

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ’s Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your children, that with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. ***AMEN.*** 

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

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Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your
 Name, your king-dom come, your
 will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
 Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For -
 give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a -
 gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the
 king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are
 yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men, A - men.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE

This is Christ's Banquet. 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, you who have
been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried
to follow, and you who feel you have failed.

Come, because it is Christ who invites you.

COMMUNION HYMN • *The Huron Carol (Instrumental)*

COMMUNION HYMN • *We Three Kings of Orient Are* • Hymnal #128



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

O ——— star of won - der, star of night,
 star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,
 still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After Communion, a priest says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

Loving God,

we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING OUT EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: (Name), in the name of this congregation, we send you to share our Eucharist with _____. May you take the prayers of all of us as you deliver the sacrament of Christ's presence.

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in the one cup!

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

Watch over your child, O God, as their days increase; bless and guide them where ever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful, raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding, abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES

Send, O God, your blessing upon these your servants. Sustain them in their love and commitment to each other, that their home may be a place of peace and hospitality now and always. Amen.

SOBRIETY

Bless, O God, your servant in their work of recovery; defend them in their sobriety; and bless them with strength and wisdom now and always. Amen.

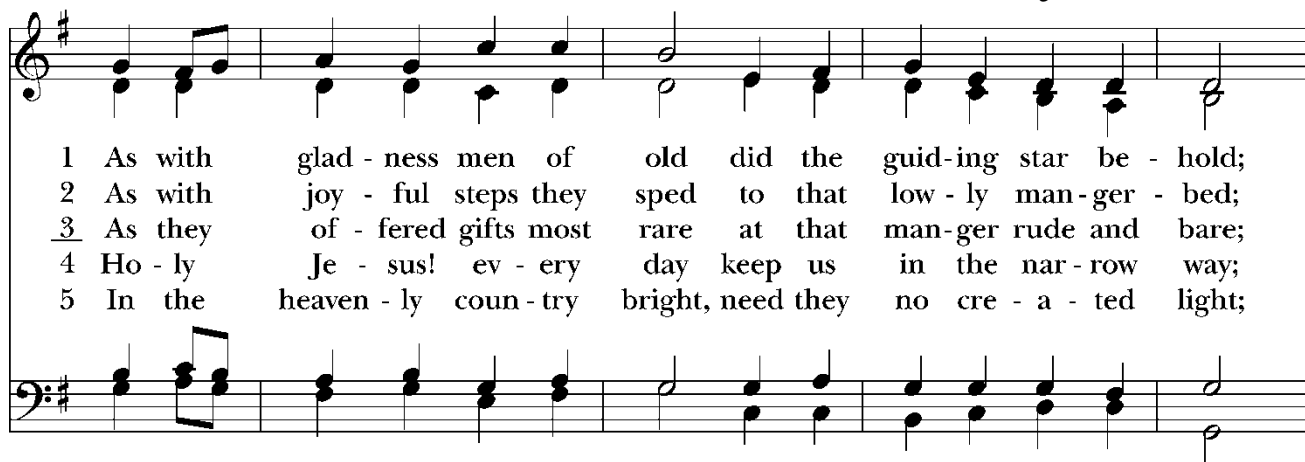
WORK TRANSITION OR RETIREMENT

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant who has enriched this community and brought gladness to friends and family; now bless and preserve them at this time of transition. Guide them in the continued use of your gifts; provide sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, friends to cheer the way, and a clear vision of the ministry to which you are now calling them. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

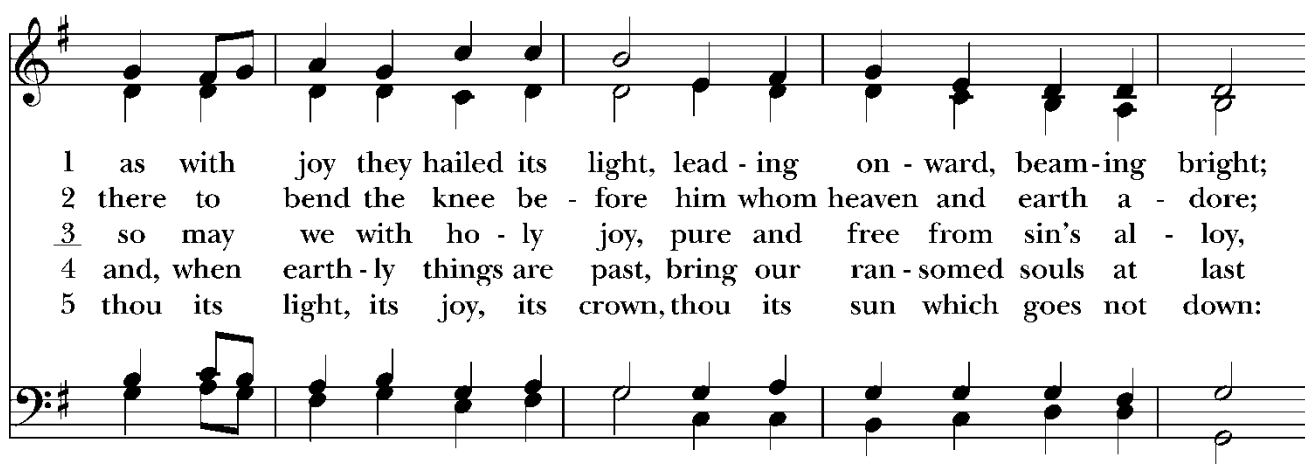
BLESSING SONG

May the blessing of God be upon you, the blessing of the Father and the Son. And may the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Love, be with you all your days.*

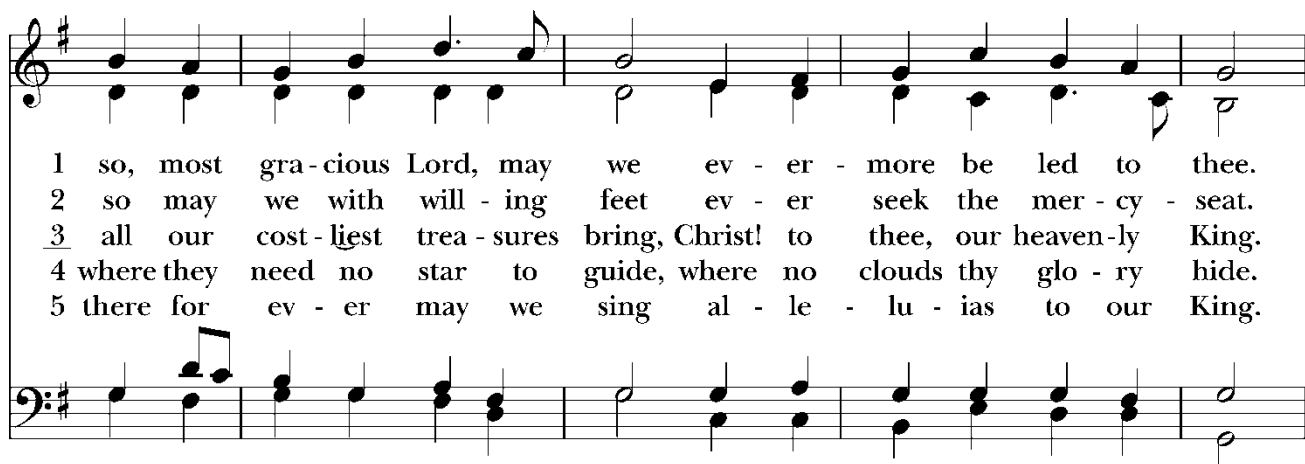
**Spirit of Peace [second verse]*

*RECESSIONAL HYMN • *As With Gladness Men of Old, v. 1-4* • Hymnal #119


1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;



1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
 3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
 5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:



1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
 2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.
 3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.
 4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

January 5-12, 2025



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Sunday, January 5

8 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**
Chapel

9 am **First Sunday Breakfast**
Waldron Hall

10 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**
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11:20 am **Fellowship Hour**
Waldron Hall

4 pm **Evening Prayer**
Sanctuary

Monday, January 6 - Epiphany

No scheduled church events

Tuesday, January 7

7 pm **Children's Christian Formation**
Team
Cay's Room

Wednesday, January 8

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

6:15 pm **Choir Rehearsal**
Sanctuary

7:30 pm **Praise Singers Rehearsal**
Sanctuary

Thursday, January 9

7 am **Men's Group**
Waldron Hall

Friday, January 10

1 pm **Book of Job Bible Study**
Cay's Room

Saturday, January 11

No scheduled church events

Sunday, January 12 – Baptism of our Lord

8 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**
Chapel

9 am **Christian Formation**
Cay's Room & classrooms

9 am **Children's Chapel**
Chapel

10 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**
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10 am **Godly Play**
Room 1

11:15 am **Clare House Meal Prep**
Waldron Hall Kitchen

11:20 am **Fellowship Hour**
Waldron Hall

4 pm **Evening Prayer**
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