

St. Mary the Virgin

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The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch, Rector

The Rev. Deacon John Yeager, Assisting

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

Commemoration of St. Stephen (26 Dec), St. John Evangelist (27 Dec),
and the Holy Innocents (28 Dec)

29 December 2024

Choral Mass

Processional

Forest Green

Hymn 21, 1st Tune

English Melody



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we___ see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And ga - thered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is giv'n!
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;



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ing of his heav'n.
Where mi - se - ry cries out___ to___ thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
Cast out our sin and en - ter in, Be born in___ us to - day.



Yet___ in thy dark streets shi - neth The ev - er - last - ing Light;
O___ morn - ing stars, to - ge - ther Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
No___ ear may hear his___ co - ming, But in this world of sin,
Where cha - ri - ty___ stands watch - ing And faith holds wide the door,
We___ hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad ti - dings tell;



The hopes and fears of all___ the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prai - ses sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.
Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
The dark night wakes, the glo - ry___ breaks, And Christ - mas comes once more.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!



A - men.

Phillips Brooks, 1867

Collect for Purity
Introit
Summary of the Law

BCP 67

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Kyrie Eleison

Hymn 710
Healey Willan, 1928

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, _____ have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on _____ us.

Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on _____ us.

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, _____ have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score for 'Kyrie Eleison' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.'; 'Lord, _____ have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on _____ us.'; 'Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on _____ us.'; 'Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.'; and 'Lord, _____ have mer - cy up - on us.'.

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymn 739
Old Scottish Chant

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

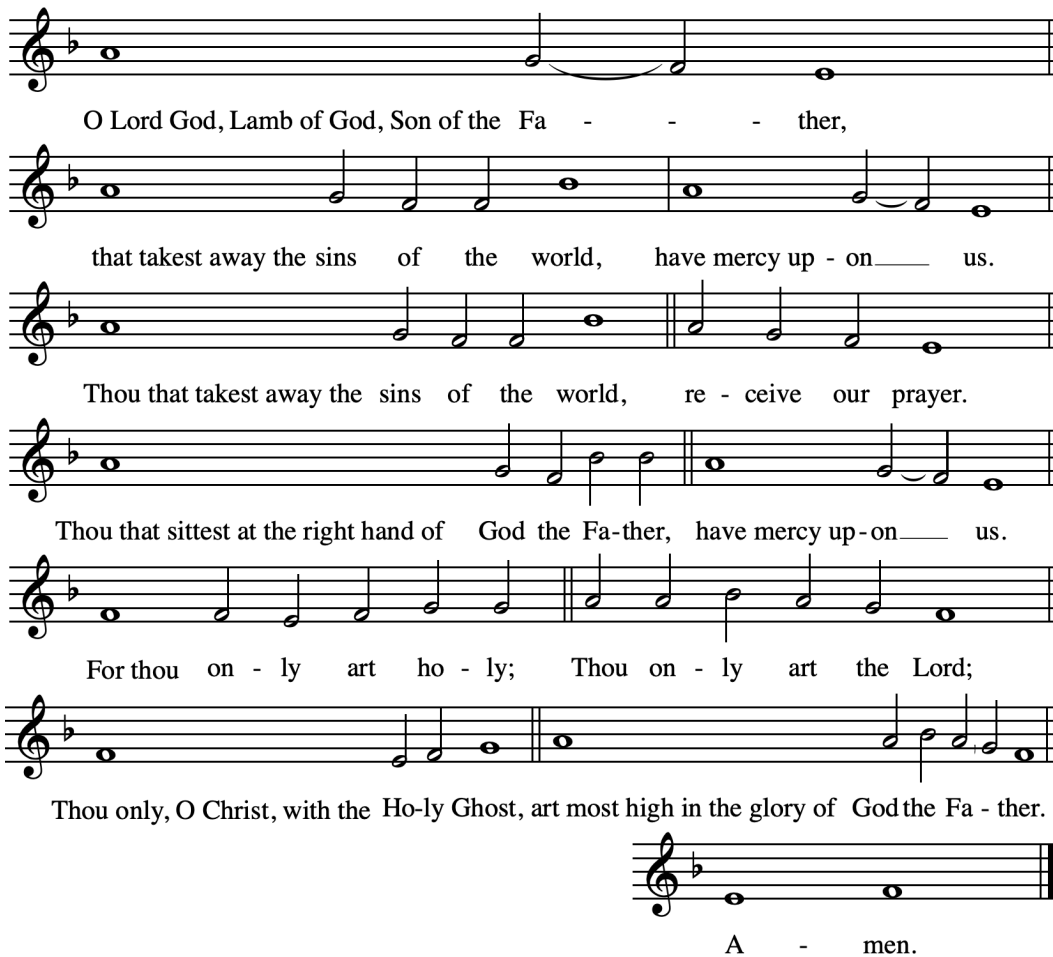
We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor - ship thee,

we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry,

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Al - migh - ty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

The musical score for 'Gloria in Excelsis' is written in D minor (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.'; 'We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor - ship thee,'; 'we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry,'; 'O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Al - migh - ty.'; and 'O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;'.



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - - - ther,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up-on us.
For thou on - ly art ho - ly; Thou on - ly art the Lord;
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa - ther.
A - - men.

Collect for the First Sunday after Christmas Day

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ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Collect for St. Stephen, Deacon and Protomartyr

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GRANT, O Lord, that, in all our sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of thy truth, we may stedfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and, being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors by the example of thy first Martyr Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to thee, O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God to succour all those who suffer for thee. our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Collect for St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

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MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it, being illumined by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John, may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for the Holy Innocents

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O ALMIGHTY God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify thee by their deaths; Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Te Deum Laudamus

Hymn 613A / BCP 10

E. G. Monk



WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to | be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father | everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the | Powers therein;

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim con|tinually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of | Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty | of thy **glory**.

The glorious company of the Apostles | **praise** thee.

The goodly fellowship of the | Prophets **praise** thee.

The noble army of Martyrs | **praise** thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world | doth acknowledge thee;

The Father, of an infinite Majesty; Thine adorable, true, and | only Son;

Also the Holy | Ghost, the Comforter.

THOU art the King of | Glory, • O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting | Son of • the **Father**.

When thou tookest upon thee to de|liver man,

thou didst humble thyself to be | born of • a **Virgin**.

When thou hadst overcome the | sharpness • of death,

thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to | all **believers**.

Thou sittest at the right | hand of God,

in the glory | of the **Father**.

We believe that thou shalt come to | be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed | with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered | with thy Saints,

in glory | everlasting.

O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine | heritage.
 Govern them, and lift them | up for ever.
 Day by day we | magni•fy thee;
 And we worship thy Name ever, | world without end.
 Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with|out sin.
 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have | mercy • upon us.
 O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our | trust • is in • thee.
 O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never | be confounded.

The Epistle

Galatians 4:1-7

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NOW I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: but when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Gradual and Alleluia

The Gospel

St. Matthew 1:18-25

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Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

THE birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.



Praise - be to thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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I BELIEVE in one God 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 worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one 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.*

Announcements

Sermon Hymn

Carol

Hymn 13, 2nd Tune

Richard Storrs Willis, 1850



1. While shep-herds watchd their flocks by night, All seat - ed on the ground,
2. "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day Is born__ of Da - vid's line__
3. Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth-with Ap-peared a shin - ing throng



The an - gel of__ the Lord came down, And glo - ry shone a - round.
The Sa - viour, who is Christ the Lord; And this shall be__ the sign:
Of an - gels prais-ing God, who thus Ad - dressed their joy-ful song:



"Fear not," said he,__ for might - y dread Had seized their trou - bled mind;
"The heav'n - ly Babe you there shall find To hu - man view dis - played,
"All glo - ry be__ to God on high And on__ the earth be peace;



"Glad ti - dings of__ great joy I bring To you and all man-kind,
All mean - ly wrapped in swath-ing bands, And in a man-ger laid."
Good will hence - forth from heav'n to men Be - gin and ne - ver cease."

Nahum Tate, 1700

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Anthony F. Rasch

Offertory Verse and Sentences

Offertory Hymn

Venite Adoremus

Hymn 41

Traditional Melody



1. The snow lay on the ground, The stars shone bright, When Christ our Lord was
2. 'Twas Ma - ry, vir - gin pure, Of ho - ly Anne, That brought in - to this
3. Saint Jo - seph, too, was by To tend the child; To guard him, and pro -
4. And thus that man - ger poor Be - came a throne; For he whom Ma - ry



born On Christmas night. Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi -
world The God mademan. She laid him in a stall At Beth - le -
tect His moth - er mild: The an - gels ho - vered round, And sung this
bore Was God the Son. — O come, then, let us join The heav'n - ly



num; — Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num. —
hem; — The ass and ox - en shared The roof with them. —
song, — Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num. —
host, — To praise the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly Ghost. —



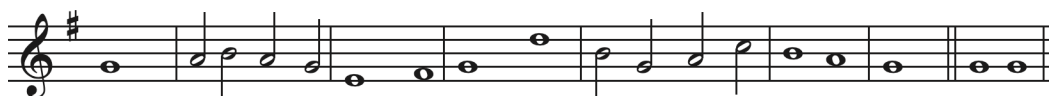
Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num, Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num. A - men.

Traditional Carol

Doxology (Hymnal 139, 1st verse)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;



Praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

Orate, Fratres

Celebrant: Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name; both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church

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General Confession

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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 honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

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The Comfortable Words

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Sursum Corda

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Priest The Lord be with you. *All* And with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts

All We lift them up unto the Lord

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All It is meet and right so to do

Preface

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymn 797
Healey Willan, 1928

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of hosts,
heav-en and earth are full of thy glo-ry:
Glo-ry be to thee, oh Lord most High.

Bless - ed _____ is he that com - eth _____ in _____ the
name _____ of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the _____ high - est.

Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: Let us pray : And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:
The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 722
Traditional, very ancient

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-pass-es, 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 pow'r, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev - er.
A - men. _____

The Fracture

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And with thy spirit.

Agnus Dei

Hymn 712
Healey Willan, 1928

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

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By traditional use, prayed by the Priest on behalf of all who will receive. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Communion of the Faithful

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People: (3x) Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

For those attending in person, we have resumed the custom of kneeling or standing at the Altar Rail to Receive. Here are the various Ways of Receiving:

1. *Receive the Host into your hands, or directly onto the tongue.
Receive directly from the Chalice, guiding it gently by the base.*
2. *Receive by Intinction, receiving the Host into your hands and leaving it there; the Deacon will take it and dip it in the Chalice and place it onto your tongue.*

3. *You may receive only the Host of itself, either in your hands or on your tongue. Our Lord is equally present in either Form.*

As a precaution and courtesy to others and for your own safety, we respectfully request that in the event you are currently suffering from a cold or other communicable illness, please refrain from receiving from the Chalice.

For those attending remotely: Please take a moment of silence to realize the presence of Jesus Christ in your soul and make your spiritual communion.

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood have been offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of Thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch Thy Body, so the soul of Thy servant may be healed by like faith in Thee, Whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through Thy tender mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.

Communion Hymn Holy Night

Hymn 33

Franz Grueber, 1818



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake at the sight,
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light



Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,
Glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,



Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace, Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. — A - men.
Christ, the Sa - viour, is born! Christ, the Sa - viour, is born! —
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth. —

Joseph Mohr, 1818

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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By traditional use, prayed by the Priest. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy

everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. 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 honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Communion Verse and Post-Communion Prayers

Dismissal

Episcopal Blessing

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord

People: From this time forth forever more.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord

People: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Bishop: The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the ✠Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Retiring Processional:

Hymn 27

Mendelssohn

Adapted from a chorus by Felix Mendelssohn, 1840



1. Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing— Glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2. Christ, by high-est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3. Mild he lays his glo - ry by, — Born that man no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ner re - con - ciled!
 Late in time be-hold him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them se - cond 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, —
 Ris'n 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!
 Pleas'd as man with man to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 Hail, the Sun of Righteous - ness! Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!



Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing Glo-ry to the new-born King! A - men.

Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

Announcements

Celebrant	The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch
Epistoler	Robert Jones
Lector	
Acolyte	Tony Shehata
Acolyte in Training	Robert Yeager
Altar Guild	Nancy Eisenhart
Zoom Wrangler	Landon Melamed

REJOICE, REJOICE, REJOICE! Deacon John Yeager has returned home as of yesterday and is recuperating, hoping to be attesting at the Altar this Wednesday at the 10:00 a.m. Weekday Mass (Feast of the Circumcision of Christ & New Year's Day) Meantime please keep Deacon (and Jackie) in your prayers for timely recoveries.

Welcome to our Visitors this morning. Please sign the Visitor Register inside the Church Entrance. You are cordially invited to join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee and Refreshments after the Mass.

Happy Birthday!

Robert Jones (29 December)

Ken Kubo (29 December)

A big thanks to all who helped decorate the Church for Christmas.

Sorry to announce that there will not be a Parish Christmas Party this year.

If your intention was to submit a Pledge Card for 2025 and you have not yet done so, please return it to the Treasurer by mail.

The Third Quarter Missionary Mite Box Offering totaled \$140. Thank you! The Offering has been sent to the Diocesan Treasurer for the Mission Work of the Diocese. The 2024 Fourth Quarter offering will be received throughout the month of January in the new year.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be conducted on Sunday, 26 January, in the Parish Hall following the Mass. Business to be conducted includes: election of two new members for a three year term on the Vestry, election of the 2025 Junior Warden, appointment of the 2025 Senior Warden, presentation and acceptance of the Treasurer's Annual Report for 2024, presentation and approval of the 2025 Parish Budget, and the election of delegates and alternates to the 2025 Diocesan Synod.

All are welcome to attend, however to propose or second motions or to vote, you must be a member of the Parish in good standing. To be nominated to the Vestry, you must be: 18 years of age or older, listed as a Member in the Parish Register, a Contributor of Record, and regular in attendance. Please, if you plan to nominate someone from the floor, ask their permission in advance to be certain of their willingness to serve and that they meet the Parish by-law requirements as stated.