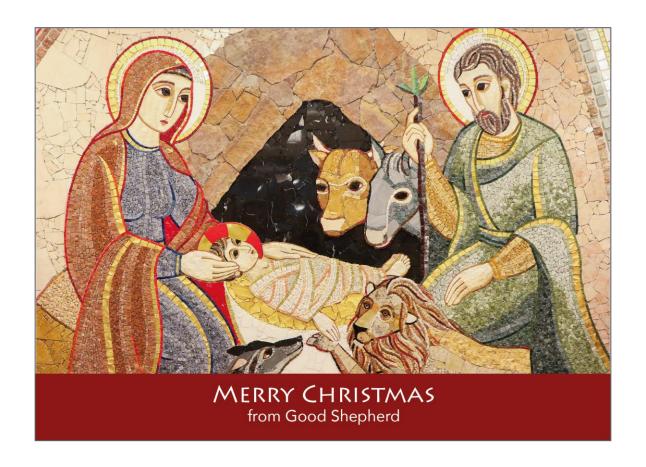


# Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist, Rite II

December 24, 2024, at 5:00p & 8:00p



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#### MERRY CHRISTMAS AND WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Grace and Peace and Merry Christmas to you! It is a good and joyful thing that we gather this evening, proclaiming the birth of the infant King, Jesus Christ our Lord. The Eucharist, our celebration of Holy Communion, opens our eyes to see the miracle of the Incarnate God here, in our world, this day and every day. In our fellowship and in our prayer, we greet Emmanuel – God with us – in each other's faces.

Whether you are returning to church after a time away or are new to the faith; whether you are looking for a new church home or simply seeking a place to experience community; we are glad you are here with us at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

On Sunday mornings, we gather for worship at 8:00a and 10:15a. Formation for All Ages is offered at 9:00a with Sunday School classes for children grades K-3 & 4-6, youth grades 7-12, and adults. Additional adult Christian formation opportunities are offered throughout the week.

Good Shepherd is a warm and welcoming community, offering a wealth of fellowship, Christian formation, music, and outreach activities for every age. If you are a guest or visitor today, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card located in the pew rack. Once completed, please place your Welcome Card into the offertory plate or hand it to an usher or clergyperson after the service, and we will look forward to being in touch with you soon.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come. May you and your family know that you are loved, this and every night.

Christmas blessings, The Rev. Christine Love Mendoza

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# Christmas Eve 2024 Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00p & 8:00p

# **Gathering Bell**

#### Rector's Welcome

#### **Introit**

**Anthem** Sing We Now of Christmas (Senior Choir & Walt Todenhoft, clarinet) Kyle Pederson

Sing we now of Christmas. Noel sing we here.

Hearts in expectation, noel drawing near.

Sing we noel, noel, noel, noel. Sing we now of Christmas. Sing we now noel.

In stillness lays the world in silent reverie,

longing for the birth in love and mercy.

Yearning for hope, good news to fill our souls,

turning to the manger that grounds all mystery.

Noel, noel, noel, noel...

Angels bending low, shepherds bend their knee,

wise men from the east all have come the child to see.

All of creation where love has come to dwell.

Sing we now of Christmas, the good news that we tell.

Sing noel, sing noel, sing noel.

**Hymn 60** Creator of the stars at night (Bell Choir, Senior Choir & Congregation) arr. Burkhardt

*Men* Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,

O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

Women When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright,

not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.

All At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:

all things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;

defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,

praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

**Anthem** The Shepherd's Song (Bell Choir) arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Anthem While Shepherds Lately Knelt (Senior Choir) Jaroslav J. Vajda/ Carl Schalk

Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word, I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred; but there is room and welcome there for me, but there is room and welcome there for me.

In that unlikely place I find him as they said: sweet newborn babe, how frail! And in a manger bed, a still, small voice to cry one day for me, a still, small voice to cry one day for me.

How should I not have known Isaiah would be there, his prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare; a child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me, a child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.

Can I, will I forget how Love was born, and burned its way into my heart unasked, unforced, unearned, to die, to live, and not alone for me, to die, to live, and not alone for me?

Anthem Mariä Wiegenlied / Mary's Lullaby (Nancy MacArthur Smith, soprano) Max Reger

Maria sitzt im Rosenhag und wiegt ihr Jesuskind,

durch die Blätter leise weht der warme Sommerwind.

Zu ihren Füßen singt ein buntes Vögelein: Schlaf, Kindlein, süße, schlaf nun ein!

Hold ist dein Lächeln, holder deines Schlummers Lust,

leg dein müdes Köpfchen fest an deiner Mutter Brust!

Schlaf, Kindlein, süße, schlaf nun ein!

Mary sits by the rose bower and rocks her little Jesus,

softly through the leaves the warm wind of summer blows.

A brightly coloured bird sings at her feet: go to sleep, sweet child, it's time to go to sleep!

Your smile is lovely, your happy sleep lovelier still,

lay your tired little head against your mother's breast!

Go to sleep, sweet child, it's time to go to sleep!

**Anthem** Exultate Deo (Brass Quintet) arr. Stephen DeCesare

**Anthem** Carol of the Bells (Bell Choir) arr. Michael Bedford

**Anthem** *Rejoice and Be Merry* (Bell Choir, Senior Choir and Brass) John Rutter

Rejoice and be merry in songs and in mirth.

O praise our Redeemer, all mortals on earth!

for this is the birthday of Jesus our King,

who brought us salvation—his praises we'll sing!

A heavenly vision appeared in the sky;

vast numbers of angels the shepherds did spy,

proclaiming the birthday of Jesus our King,

who brought us salvation— his praises we'll sing!

Likewise a bright star in the sky did appear,

which led the Wise Men from the east to draw near;

They found the Messiah, sweet Jesus our King,

who brought us salvation- his praises we'll sing!

And when they were come, they their treasures unfold,

and unto him offered myrrh, incense and gold.

So blessed for ever be Jesus our King,

who brought us salvation— his praises we'll sing!

Rejoice and be merry! Rejoice!

# THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand and sing as the altar party processes.

#### **Opening Hymn** 83 *O come, all ye faithful (vs. 1-3, 6)*

Adeste fideles

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,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

dore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

Light from Light eternal,

lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;

God from God,

only begotten

Son of the Father:

Christ, the Lord.

3
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,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.

6
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,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ. the Lord.

# **Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity**

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

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

# The Proclamation of the Birth of Jesus Christ

Celebrant

Throughout the season of Advent, the Church has reflected on God's promises, so often spoken by the prophets, to send a savior to the people of Israel who would be Emmanuel, that is, God with us. In the fullness of time those promises were fulfilled. With hearts full of joy let us hear the proclamation of our Savior's birth.

The Twenty-fifth Day of December, when ages beyond number had run their course from the creation of the world, when God, in the beginning, created heaven and earth, and formed humankind in his own image and according to his own likeness; when century upon century had passed since the Almighty, as a sign of covenant and peace, set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood; in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith, and his wife Sara came out of Ur of the Chaldees; in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses in the Exodus from Egypt; eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the Judges; around the thousandth year since David was anointed King; in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel; in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; in the year seven hundred and fifty-two since the foundation of the City of Rome; in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus, the whole world being at peace;

Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming and loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea, and was made man.

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

#### **Song of Praise** 96 *Angels we have heard on high (vs. 1-3)*

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.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

3

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
come adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

# The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

#### First Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalm** 96 (Sung by the Choir)

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*

sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations  $^{\ast}$ 

and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;  $^{\ast}$ 

he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; st

but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*

Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \* ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \* bring offerings and come into his courts.

- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \* let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*

he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \* let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, \* when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \* and the peoples with his truth.

# Second Lesson Titus 2:11-14

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

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the hymn and Gospel procession.

# **Gospel Hymn** 87 Hark! the herald angels sing (vs 1-2)

Mendelssohn

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with man to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!

Please remain standing for the proclamation of the Gospel.

#### The Gospel Luke 2:1-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### **Gospel Hymn** 87 *Hark! the herald angels sing (vs 3)*

Mendelssohn

3 Mild he lays his glory by,

born that we no more may die,

born to raise us from the earth,

born to give us second birth.

Risen with healing in his wings,

light and life to all he brings,

hail, the Sun of Righteousness!

hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

**Sermon** The Rev. Redmond Self, *Associate Rector* 

Please be seated at the Preacher's bidding.

# Prayers of the People Form III

Please stand as you are able.

*Intercessor* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* That we all may be one.

*Intercessor* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

*Intercessor* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* That our works may find favor in your sight.

*Intercessor* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* That they may be delivered from their distress.

*Intercessor* We pray for all those who serve in the armed forces;

*People* That they would know your loving presence.

Intercessor Give to all the departed eternal rest; People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant says a concluding Collect.

All Amen.

#### **Confession & Absolution**

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

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

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

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

The Peace

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

People And also with you.

Please great each other in peace and then be seated.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

# **Offertory**

*Celebrant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

The altar is prepared while offering plates are passed and the choir sings.

**Anthem** Hodie, Christus natus est (Senio

(Senior Choir)

Healey Willan

Hodie, Christus natus est: Salvator apparuit: in terra canunt Angeli:

laetantur Archangeli: hodie, hodie, exultant justi, dicentes: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Alleluya!

Christ is born: The Saviour hath appeared: on earth the choirs of Angels sing:

Archangels together rejoice: the righteous rejoice together, saying: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Alleluya!

Voluntary Echo Noel Louis-Claude Daquin

## **Presentation of the Gifts** 93 *Angels, from the realms of glory* (vs 1)

Regent Square

Please stand as you are able and sing as the Ushers bring our gifts to the altar.

*All* Angels, from the realms of glory,

wing your flight o'er all the earth;

Ye who sang creation's story,

now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, come and worship,

worship Christ, the newborn King.

# The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

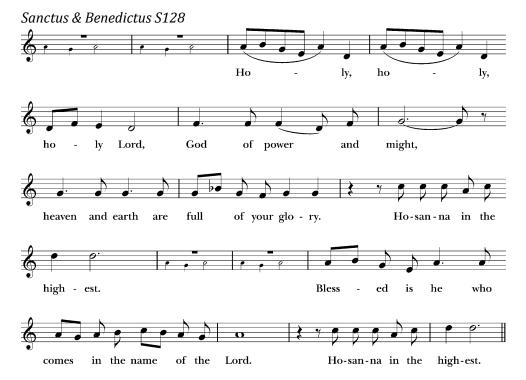
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you...

The Celebrant gives thanks for the wonders of this day.

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God...

The Celebrant gives thanks for God's steadfast love and saving acts through Christ.

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

The Celebrant asks God's blessing on this celebration and the gathered community.

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

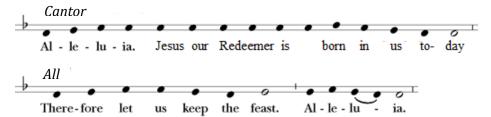
All AMEN.

# The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Fraction



Matthias

#### The Invitation

The Celebrant gives the invitation to Communion.

The Congregation may be seated until released for Communion by an Usher.

# The Communion of the People

Anyone who wishes a closer relationship with Christ is invited to receive the sacrament.

#### **Communion Instructions:**

To receive communion, merely offer your cupped hands to receive the host and then proceed to a chalice-bearer to sip from the cup. We also offer communion by intinction (host dipped in wine), simply tell the priest or give the appropriate gesture (fingers of one hand in the palm of the other) and the priest will dip the bread in the wine and give it to you. For reasons of public health and welfare, we discourage individual intinction directly into the chalice.

Gluten-free communion is available upon request.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

**Anthem** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* 

(Bell Choir)

Martha Lynn Thompson

**Voluntary** *Gaude, Christus est natus* 

(Brass Quintet and Organ)

1582/arr. T. Marchard

**Hymn** O Holy Night

(Brass Quintet and Congregation)

arr. Poehlmann

O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining. It is the night of our dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining 'til He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices for vonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees; O hear the Angel voices!

O night divine, O night when Christ was born, O night, O Holy night, O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another: His law is love and His Gospel is Peace. Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother and in His name, all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we. Let all within us Praise His Holy name! Christ is the Lord; O praise His name forever! His power and glory evermore proclaim. His power and glory evermore proclaim!

# Handheld candles are lit as the lights are lowered for "Silent night".

All kneel as you are able.

**Hymn** 111 Silent night

Stille Nacht

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round you virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

3 Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

# **The Post-Communion Prayer**

Remain kneeling as we pray.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Lord Jesus, holy infant who makes every birth holy,

may we, who, like the shepherds,

have witnessed in the stable a new kind of love.

return to our work with joy.

May we, for whom the heavens have opened

to proclaim that God is with us. reach out to bring your peace to earth. May we, who have fed on living bread and drunk the wine of heaven.

go forth as vessels of your grace, day by day. Amen.

# The Blessing

Remain kneeling as the Celebrant stands.

Celebrant May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy,

and make you heralds of the Gospel. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,

and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you this night and always.

People Amen.

As the lights come up and the music begins, please stand and sing as the altar party processes.

#### **Concluding Hymn** 100 Joy to the world!

Antioch

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground:

He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.

far as the curse is found. far as the curse is found.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: let us our songs employ,

while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,

repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love. and wonders of his love.

and wonders of his love.

## The Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Priest

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Postlude** God Rest You Merry Gentlemen (Brass Quintet and Organ) arr. Christa Harmon Small

We gratefully acknowledge tonight's Music Ministries: the Senior Choir and Soloists; Ring and Rejoice Handbell Choir, Walt Todenhoft, Director; David Helman, Librarian; Linda Sparks, Interim Director of Music and Organist; and all those who faithfully support logistics, sound production and communications.

We are also thankful for the talents of our Guest Musicians: Jason Ayoub, horn; Willie Clark, tuba; Curt Duer, tympani/percussion; Drew Fremder, trumpet; Caeley Jackson, trumpet; and Dave Perkel, trombone.