



ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 24, 2023

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S

We manifest joy through vibrant worship, beautiful music, and the active participation and nurturing of our children and youth.

We embrace resilience by learning each other's stories, proclaiming the Good News of God's unconditional love, and strengthening our capacity to hope.

We seek justice by advocating for political change, continuing our work as an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation, and striving to understand our role in social, economic, and racial inequality.

We live in love through our Baptismal Promises to welcome and respect the dignity of every human being, care for God's creation, and engage in the ministry of Jesus to bring light, healing, and grace to our world.

We are rooted as an Episcopal Church, honoring our traditions from the creative perspective of our community, learning how to engage the bilingual and multicultural makeup of our congregation, and seeking silence and stillness to glean insight from the Holy Spirit among us.

Episcopal worship gathers the hearts and prayers of everyone present and involves call and response between the leader and the assembly. You'll find the responses of the community here, in bold type, marked "People."

Children are welcome here, voices and wiggles and all! The very young (infants to five years) are invited to play in our childcare room on the lower level, though some children prefer to remain in worship with their families. Early in the service, school-age children (generally, grades K-5) will be invited downstairs for their Liturgy of the Word, and they return to the gathered community before communion. Coloring and reading books for children are located at the back of the church.

We'd love to know more about you. Please sign the guest book by the door or fill out a pew card, and we'll be in touch with you for further conversation. You may also email us using the addresses listed below.

Thank you for coming together!

St. Michael & All Angels, located in Multnomah County, rests on the traditional homelands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Molalla, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin Kalapuya, and many other indigenous nations of the Columbia River. We acknowledge the ancestors of this place and understand that we are here because of the sacrifices forced upon them. By recognizing these communities, we honor their legacy, their lives, and their descendants.

St Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church acknowledges the gifts of sacred music written by African Americans, indigenous peoples and all people of color. This music enriches our liturgies, and we are grateful for these musicians. Music of oppressed cultures has been appropriated by the dominant culture without an appreciation of the pain and suffering experienced by its creators. We repent and commit to the work of racial justice and ending racism.

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

What sweeter music

John Rutter (b. 1945)

HYMN 66

all stand

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Stuttgart

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788); Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

remain standing

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All **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. Amen.**

TRISAGION

Holy God

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: Jeffrey Smith, *Mass in E*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Children's Liturgy of the Word is on hiatus today.
All are welcome to worship together in the Nativity Hall*

Please be seated

THE FIRST READING 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

The enemies of David have been subdued and David turns his thoughts to building a temple to the Lord.

Reader concludes Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 15 THE SONG OF MARY *Please stand.*

Luke 1:46-55

The choir or cantor sings the first verse. All join in the following verses.



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my / **Savior**; *
for he has looked with favor on his / **lowly servant**.

From this day all generations will call me / **blesséd**: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and / **holy is his Name**.

He has mercy on those who / **fear him** *
in every / **generation**.

He has shown the strength of / **his arm**, *
he has scattered the / **proud in their conceit**.

He has cast down the mighty from their / **thrones**, *
and has lifted / **up the lowly**.

He has filled the hungry with / **good things**, *
and the rich he has sent / **away empty**.

He has come to the help of his servant / **Israel**, *
for he has remembered his prom-/-ise of **mercy**,

The promise he made to our / **fathers**, *
to Abraham and his chil-/-dren for ever.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

Paul reminds the new Christians of the mystery now disclosed to all nations, bringing them to faith and obedience.

Reader concludes Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 265

The angel Gabriel from heaven came

Gabriel's Message

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!

Words: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924); Music: *Gabriel's Message*, Basque carol; harm. Edgar Pettman (1865-1943)

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

The story of the visit to Mary by an angel: Gabriel tells her that she is to bear Jesus, who will be called the Son of God.

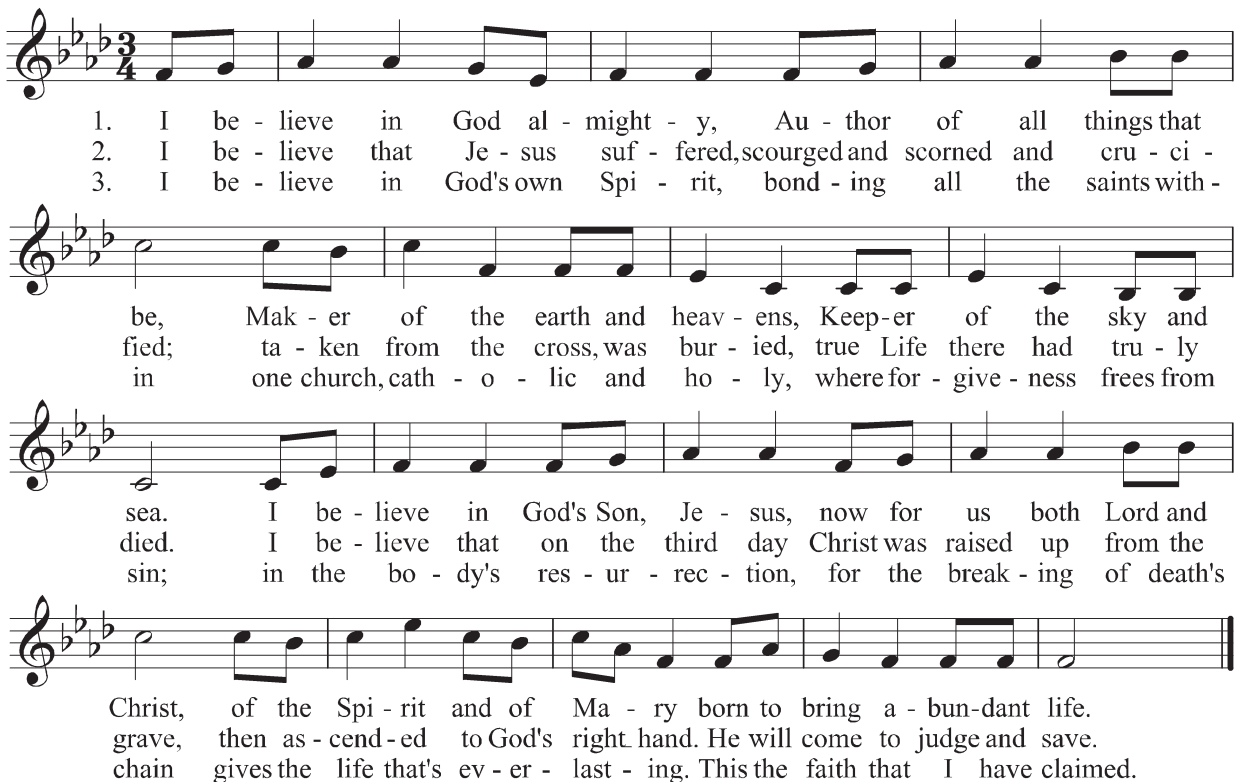
Gospeler concludes The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON *please be seated*

Quiet for reflection

SUNG FORM OF THE CREED *all stand*



1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that
2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -
3. I be - lieve in God's own Spi - rit, bond - ing all the saints with -
be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and
fied; ta - ken from the cross, was bur - ied, true Life there had tru - ly
in one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from
sea. I be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and
died. I be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the
sin; in the bo - dy's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's
Christ, of the Spi - rit and of Ma - ry born to bring a - bun - dant life.
grave, then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
chain gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Music: Gaelic melody; harm. Richard Proulx.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *remain standing*

Deacon Let us by prayer and intercession, with thanksgiving, make our requests to God.

Leader Gracious God, we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation throughout the world. We pray for the honoring of human dignity, and for the relief of the oppressed.
We give thanks for all that is gracious in the lives of people.

People **Hear our prayer, O God.**

Leader We pray for the renewal of the Church in faith, love and service. We pray for bishops, ministers, and for the life of this community. We give thanks for the gift of your word, the grace of the sacraments and the fellowship of your people.

People **Hear our prayer, O God.**

Leader We pray for this local community and for all people in their daily life and work. We pray for the young and the elderly, for families, and all who are alone. We give thanks for human skill and creativity and all that reveals your loveliness.

People **Hear our prayer, O God.**

Leader We pray for all who suffer pain and loss; for those without housing, who are food insecure, and who experience addiction or mental illness.

We pray for victims of violence, war, and natural disaster, and for all in harm's way.

We give thanks for the peacemakers and advocates who work to make the world whole.

People **Hear our prayer, O God.**

Leader We pray for those who are in need; for the sick, sorrowful and bereaved. We pray for all who bring comfort, care and healing. We give thanks for human love and friendship and for all that enriches our daily lives.

People **Hear our prayer, O God.**

Leader We especially pray for those on our prayer list, and for those we name silently or aloud.

(Silence)

We commend to God's mercy all who have died, especially those we name silently or aloud.

(Silence)

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and love of God.

The Presider says

(Veronese Sacramentary)

God our rock and refuge: keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray to you faithfully and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION *remain standing*

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

A WORD OF WELCOME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please be seated

A PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Rose that Bare Jesu

Duncan Tuomi (b. 1994)

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space:
Res miranda, res miranda, res miranda.

By that rose we may well see
That he is God in persons three:
Pari forma, pari forma, pari forma.

The angels sungen the shepherds to:
"Gloria in excelsis Deo!"
Gaudeamus, gaudeamus, gaudeamus.

Leave we all this worldly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth:
Transeamus, transeamus, transeamus.
Alleluia. Res miranda. Pari forma. Gaudeamus. Transeamus.

Anonymous, c. 1420

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *all stand*

BCP Prayer A (Expansive Language)

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

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

The Presider continues:

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in flesh and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world; that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the One who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san -
na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Jeffrey Smith, *Mass in E*

The Presider continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Presider continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A Period of Silence is kept

FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God

Sung twice

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: Jeffrey Smith, *Mass in E*

*Everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table to receive Holy Communion.
At this service we receive communion standing. Please come in two lines
to receive the bread; then go to the left or right to receive the cup.
Return to your seat by way of the side aisle.*

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

COMMUNION MOTET:

In the stillness

Music by Sally Beamish (b. 1956),
Text by Katrina Shepherd

In the stillness of a church where candles glow,
In the softness of a fall of fresh white snow,
In the brightness of the stars that shine this night,
In the calmness of a pool of healing light,
In the clearness of a choir that softly sings,
In the oneness of a hush of angels' wings,
In the mildness of a night by stable bare,
In the quietness of a lull near cradle fair,
There's a patience as we wait for a new morn,
And the presence of a child soon to be born.

TAIZÉ

The Lord is my light

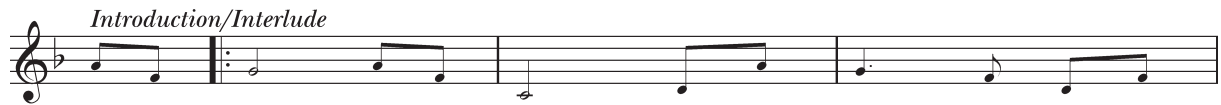
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Last time
God I trust, in God I trust.

Theme II

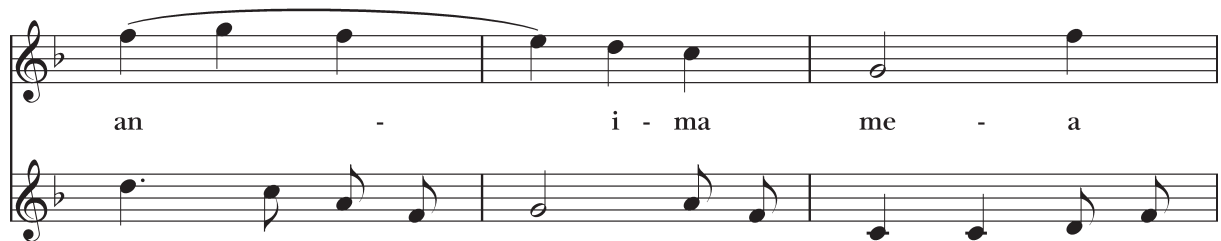
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Words and Music: Taizé Community.



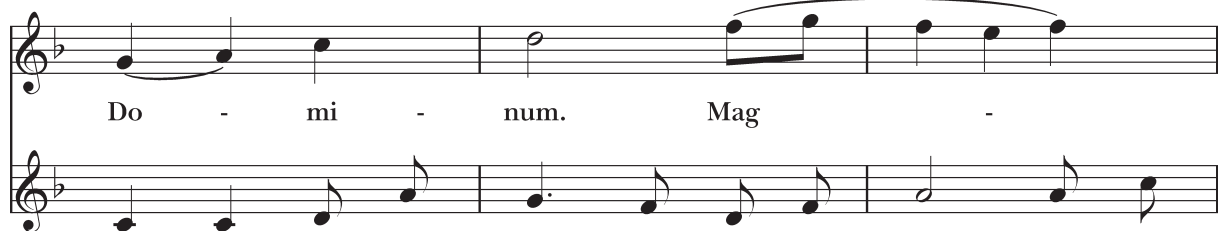
4 "Mag - ni - fi - cat

1 Ye who claim the faith of Je - sus, sing the
 2 Bless - ed were the cho - sen peo - ple out of
 3 There-fore let all faith - ful peo - ple sing the
 4 "Mag - ni - fy, my soul, God's great - ness; in my



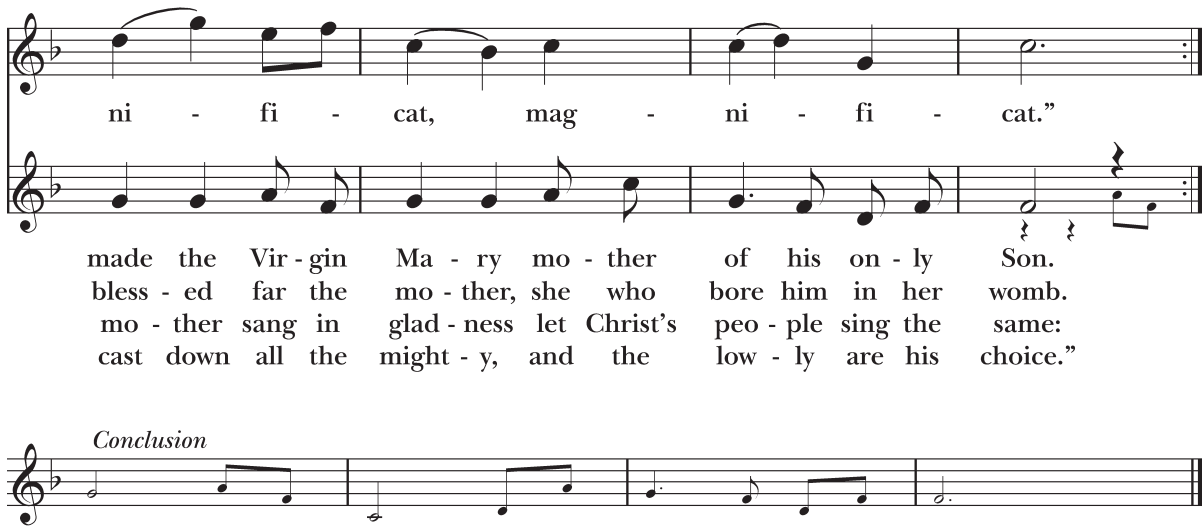
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won - ders that were done when the love of God the
 whom the Lord did come; bless - ed was the land of
 hon - or of her name; let the Church, in her fore -
 Sa - vior I re - jice; all the a - ges call me



Do - mi - num. Mag -

Fa - ther o - ver sin the vic - tory won, when he
 prom - ise fa - shioned for his earth - ly home; but more
 shad - owed, part in her thanks - giv - ing claim; what Christ's
 bless - ed, in his praise I lift my voice; he has



ni - fi - cat, mag - ni - fi - cat.”

made the Vir - gin Ma - ry mo - ther of his on - ly Son.
 bless - ed far the mo - ther, she who bore him in her womb.
 mo - ther sang in glad - ness let Christ's peo - ple sing the same:
 cast down all the might - y, and the low - ly are his choice.”

Conclusion

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

All **Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and shed light before your path; and the blessing of the one, holy and Triune God, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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THE DISMISSAL

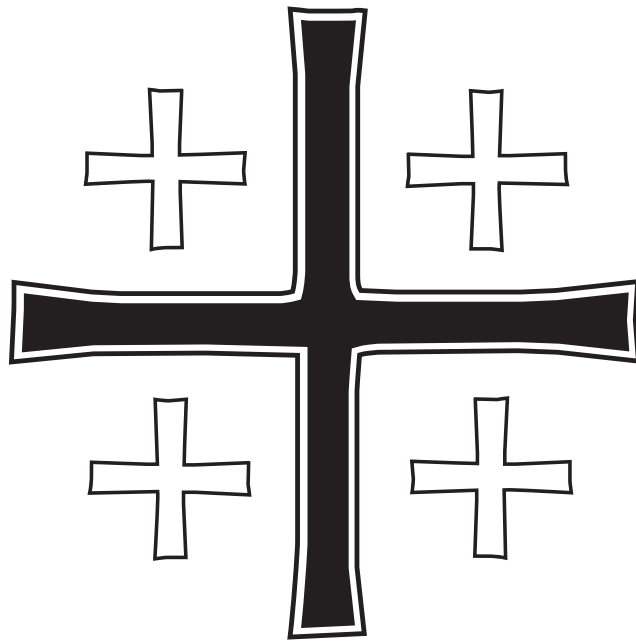
Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Cold December Flies Away

Catalonian carol arr. Lynette Maynard



SERVING TODAY

Presider & Preacher	The Rev. R. Scott Painter
Assisting Priest	The Rev. Scott Dolph
Music	St. Michael's Singers Hannah Brewer, Music director/Organist Brian Fairbanks, Choir Director
Eucharistic ministers	Jim Robbins, Gary Davis
Prayer Leader	Elizabeth Rouffy
Lectors	Leslie Tuomi, Nick Page
Ushers	Paula Raines, Elizabeth Rouffy
Altar Guild	Stephanie English, Richard Hartman Josh English, Jeanne Pace
Bread	Charlene Sabin, Dave Reilly
Coffee Host	Alice Hardesty, Bev Hoffer

VESTRY

Senior Warden	Helen Crandell
Junior Warden for the People	Sheri O'Brien
Junior Warden for Facilities	Carl Braginsky
Parish Clerk	Becky Tooley
Treasurer	Dave Reilly
First Year	Lindsay Gutierrez, Ann Hargraves Patrick McLaughlin, Susie Silva-Strommer
Second Year	Carl Braginsky, Beth Ilem Sheri O'Brien, Thrina Parent
Third Year	Helen Crandell Sundance Henry (one-year term) Nicolas Meneses, Ruby Welch
Diocesan Convention Delegates	Cheryl Braginsky Gillian Butler, Barbara Mason Karen Oglesby, Lynda Moses (Alternate)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE	4:00	Nativity Play & Eucharist
	6:00	Festive Eucharist
	10:30 Carols/11:00 Service	Festive Eucharist
CHRISTMAS DAY	10:00 am	Eucharist with Carols
DECEMBER 31	10:00 am	Alternative Readings & Eucharist

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