

# ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

11:00 PM FESTAL EUCHARIST



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CHRISTMAS EVE  
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!

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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.

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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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# 10:30 PM MUSIC BEFORE THE EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

*Offertoire sur Deux Noël's*

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

HYMN 83 V. 1-3 & 6

O come, all ye faithful

Adeste fideles

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;

*Refrain*  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore 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; **Refrain**

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others. Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

Bring a torch, Jeannette, Isabella,  
Bring a torch, come hurry and run.  
It is Jesus, good folk of the village,  
Christ is born, and Mary's calling:  
Ah! Ah! beautiful is the Mother:  
Ah! Ah! beautiful is the Child!

Skies are glowing, the heavens are cloudless,  
Bright the path to the manger bed.  
Hasten, all who would see little Jesus,  
Shining bright as yonder star,  
Ah! Ah! beautiful is the Mother,  
Ah! Ah! beautiful is the Child!

It is wrong, when the Baby is sleeping,  
It is wrong to speak so loud;  
Silence, now, as you come near the cradle,  
Lest you awaken little Jesus,  
Ah! Ah! beautiful is the Mother,  
Ah! Ah! beautiful is the Child!

## HYMN 109

## The first Nowell

## The First Nowell

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
2 They look - ed up and saw a star

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
2 and to the earth it gave great light,

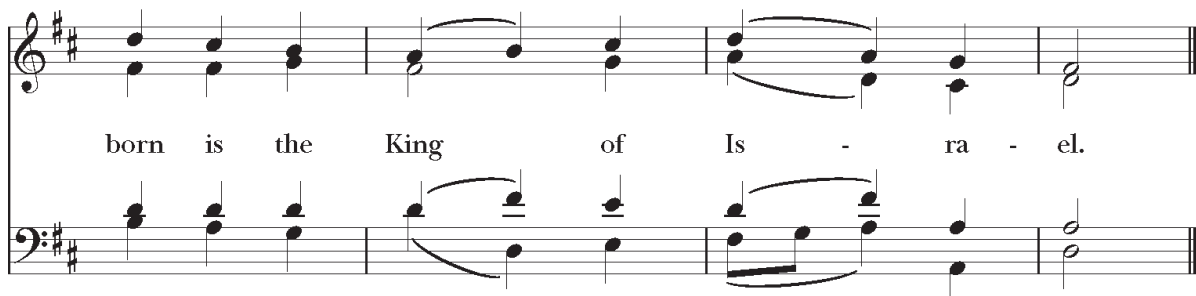


1 on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.

*Refrain*



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



born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood our life hath bought.

*Refrain*

*Alternative Refrain*  
*Descant (others unison)*



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,  
born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Words: English Carol, 18th cent.

Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901); alt. refrain harm. and desc. Healey Willan (1880-1968)

MOTET

*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 sung 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*

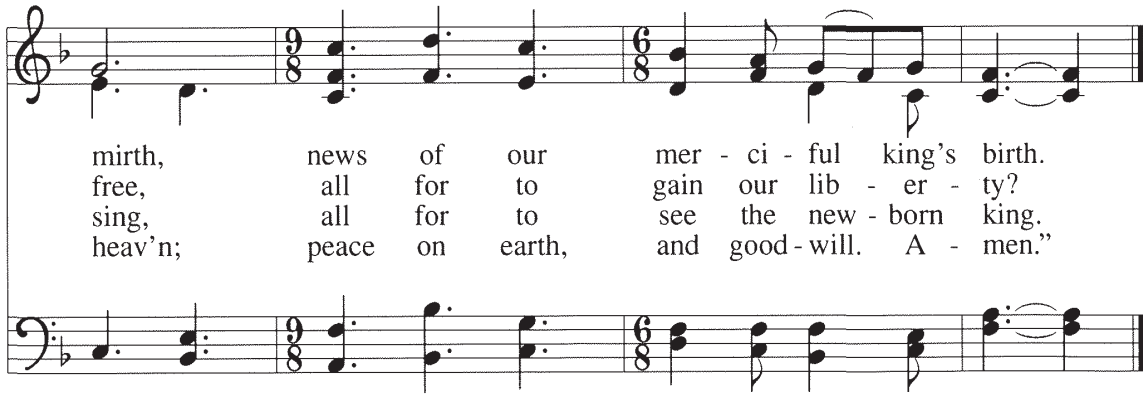
HYMN

On Christmas night all Christians sing

1 On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the  
2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our re-deem-er  
3 When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then life and health come  
4 All out of dark-ness we have light, which made the an-gels

an-gels bring. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to  
made us glad? Then why should we on earth be sad, since  
in its place. When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then  
sing this night. All out of dark-ness we have light, which

hear the news the an-gels bring: news of great joy, news of great  
our re-deem-er made us glad, when from our sin he set us  
life and health come in its place. An-gels re-joice with us and  
made the an-gels sing this night: "Glo-ry to God in high-est



mirth, news of our mer - ci - ful king's birth.  
 free, all for to gain our lib - er - ty?  
 sing, all for to see the new - born king.  
 heav'n; peace on earth, and good - will. A - men."

Text: Luke Wadding (d.1686), alt. Music: English traditional, arr. R. Vaughan Williams (1872–1958).

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.

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

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)



1. The first good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of one;  
To see the blessed Jesus Christ when he was first her son:  
*When he was first her son, good man: And blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.*
2. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of two;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to make the lame to go:  
*To make the lame to go, good man: And blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.*
3. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of three;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to make the blind to see:  
*To make the blind to see, good man: And blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.*
4. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of four;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to read the bible o'er:  
*To read the bible o'er, good man: And blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.*
5. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of five;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to bring the dead alive:  
*To bring the dead alive, good man: And blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.*
6. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of six;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, upon the crucifix:  
*Upon the crucifix, good man: And blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.*
7. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of sev'n;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to wear the crown of heav'n:  
*To wear the crown of heav'n, good man: And blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.*

# 11:00 PM – HOLY EUCHARIST

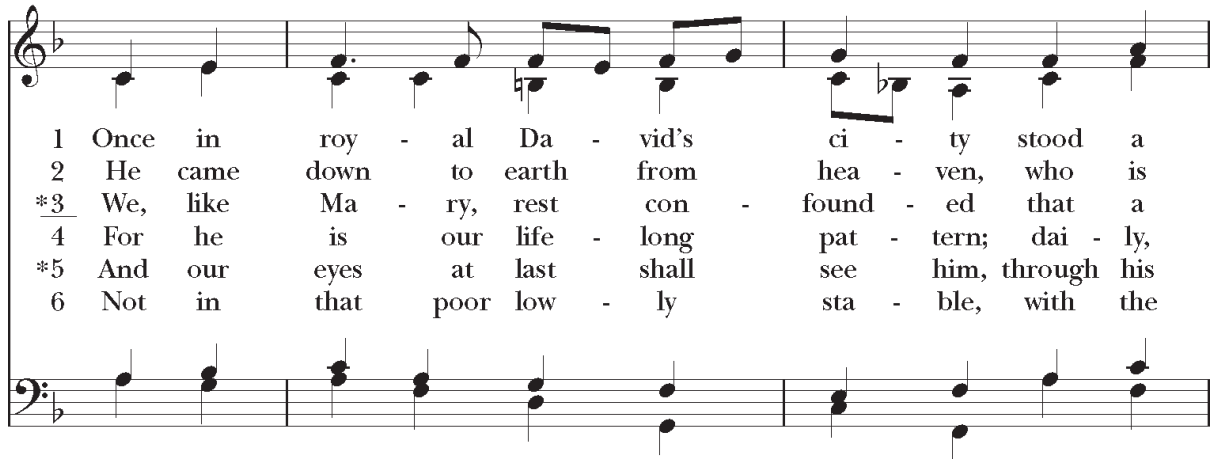
HYMN 102

*all standing*

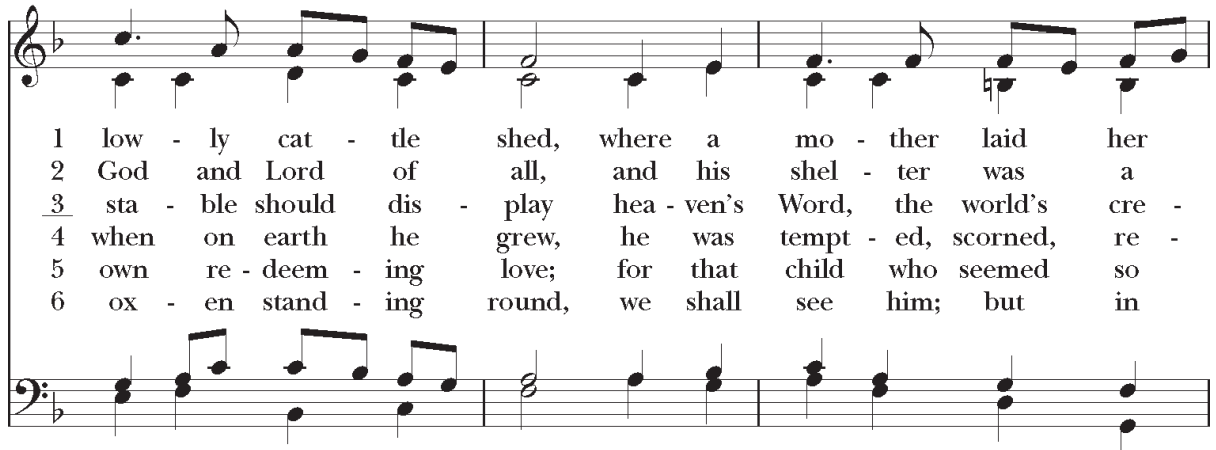
Once in royal David's city

Irby

*verses 1 & 2 sung by the choir*



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a  
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is  
\*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a  
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,  
\*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his  
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the



1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her  
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -  
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -  
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so  
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in



1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry  
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the  
3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this  
4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he  
5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he  
6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —  
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.  
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —  
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

Words: Sts. 1-2, 4-6, Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-1895), alt.; st. 3, James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)  
 Music: *Irby*, melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)

## THE GREETING

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

## SONG OF PRAISE 96 *remain standing* Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain on next page*

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.; Music: Gloria, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* 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. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING: **Isaiah 9:2-7**

A hymn of thanksgiving and hope offered at the birth of a new king in Jerusalem.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## ANTIPHON

*Choir first, then All:*

All the ends of the earth have seen the sal - va-tion of our God.

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for God has done marvelous things.
2. With God's right hand and holy arm \*  
has God won the victory.

**Antiphon**

3. The Lord has made known this victory; \*  
and has openly shown righteousness in the sight of the nations.
4. God remembers mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victo-ry of our God.

**Antiphon**

5. Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
6. Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.

**Antiphon****SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14**

The two comings of Christ: first in his sacrificial ministry for all people, and then in glory.

*The Reader concludes* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*People* Thanks be to God.

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,  
 \* 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.  
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.  
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the  
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to  
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.  
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Words: St. 1-2 German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). St. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859): tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925); ver. *Hymnal* 1940; Music: *Es ist ein Ros*, melody from *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

## THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

The story of the birth of Jesus.

*At the announcement of the Gospel, the People respond* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*The reader concludes* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

*A period of silence is kept.*

NICENE CREED *all stand as able*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Presider* As Christmas fills the earth with the good news God has come among us, let our prayers lift up the needs of all God's children.

*Leader* Let us pray for the church's worldwide ministry of compassion, that by works of charity and advocacy we may love and serve all in trouble, in need or facing any adversity. God, in your love,

*All* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Let us pray for international efforts to enact justice and make peace, that all nations may gladly welcome and embrace messengers of good news. God, in your love, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who are houseless, those in addiction, for those with mental illness, for those lonely and bereaved, for all who find the winter season difficult or the holidays a burden, that we may be for them the instruments of Christ's light and life. God, in your love, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for families unable to reunite for the holidays, for homes gladdened by children, and for hearts made joyful in friendship, that all may bless God who comforts and sustains us. God, in your love, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all of us, friends and strangers, one community gathered together in prayer and in Spirit, that we may remember one another in the light of Christ. God, in your love, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our beloved departed, that they may see Christ now in the fullness of his glory. God, in your love, **hear our prayer.**

Let us remember those on our prayer list and lift other needs and concerns to God.

(Pause)

*Presider* We pray through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**





## 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.



# THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

ANTHEM

*Mary had a baby*

Trad. Spiritual  
arr. William L. Dawson (1899-1990)

Kaeli Porter, soprano soloist

Mary had a baby. (My Lord!)  
Where was He born?  
Born in a manger.  
Oh, Mary had a baby born in a manger,  
Oh, Mary had a baby. (My Lord!)  
What did they call Him?  
"King Jesus,"  
Oh, Mary had a baby  
He was called "King Jesus."  
Mary had a baby, oh, yes!  
He is called "King Jesus,"  
"Mighty Counsellor," "King Emmanuel,"  
"Mighty God," "Everlasting Father,"  
"Prince of Peace"  
Mary had a baby. (My Lord!)

HYMN 101

*Away in a manger*

Cradle Song



1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
\* 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.  
close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Words: Traditional carol; Music: *Cradle Song*, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*Unison or harmony*

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

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

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898); Music: *Greensleeves*, English melody; harm. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

Please collect a candle from the ushers after receiving Communion.

Light will be shared among candles as we sing.

HYMN 111

Silent night, holy night

Stille Nacht

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

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

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885); Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

## PRAYER FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* **Holy God, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, whose Son took our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of the One, Holy, and Triune God, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*Candles are extinguished.*

## HYMN 100

### Joy to the world!

Antioch

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
\*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
3 far as the curse is found, far  
4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
peat the sound - ing joy,  
as the curse is found,  
won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon or Assisting Priest* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*Response* Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Noël: Grand Jeu et Duo*

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)









# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2023

*In thanksgiving for our family, by Joe & Sherri Afryl*

*In gratitude for all the years of happy family Christmases, by Carl & Cheryl Braginsky*

*In memory of all those killed in Gaza, Ukraine, Russia and Israel, and in thanksgiving for my health recovery, by Jan Clark*

*In memory of Victor & Mary Curtin, and Elizabeth "Liddy" Curtin, by Bill Curtin*

*In thanksgiving for the 38th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood, by Scott Dolph*

*In memory of Steve Evans, Fred & Elizabeth Evans, and Shig & May Horio, by Patti Evans*

*In thanksgiving for the life and sheer goodness of Janet Kneeland, by Lynda Garner & Amy Valentine*

*In memory of the Belgian merchant seamen who perished in WWII, by Jean-Rene Goslain*

*In thanksgiving for Emily, Maya, Jacob & Kate, by Jack & Sue Harper*

*In thanksgiving for my family and the wonderful people I have met in Portland, by Sally Harrison*

*In memory of my parents, Bill & Lavina Hoeffler, and my beloved sister, Janice Hoeffler McMullen, by Bev Hoeffler*

*In loving memory of Nell Adele Rehm, by Terrie Ingram and the Rehm family*

*In memory of Gladys & Lee Jacoby, by Lee & Pam Jacoby*

*In memory of Joann Muntzel, and in thanksgiving for Soryn Lee, Joanne's great-granddaughter, by Jan Jenkins*

*In memory of Dorothy Fisher, by the Kallen family*

*In memory of Carol Lovelock, Penny's sister, and my sister, Carol Hoffmeyer, by Bob Kreinberg*

*In thanksgiving for new beginnings and new adventures, by Gary Lawrence & Marla McGarry-Lawrence*

*In thanksgiving for Brian Litzenberger, by Caroline Litzenberger*

*In memory of Don Johnson, and in thanksgiving for St. Michael's friends, family, Adam & Hannah Jo, by Hjalmer Lofstrom*

*In memory of Mickey Harnage, by Virginia Malone*

*In memory of Mary & James Boswell, by Virginia Malone*

*In thanksgiving for St. Michael's parishioners, by Joan Meyerhoff and Bruce Collins*

*In thanksgiving for family and friends, by Stuart & Gayle Morris*

*In thanksgiving for the friendship of Kitt Patten and Karen Schrader, by Jean Morrison*

*In thanksgiving for the mission and ministry of St. Michael's, by the Rev. R. Scott Painter*

*In thanksgiving for the life and ministry of the Rev. Dennis j. Sagun Parker, by Michael S. Parker Sagun*

*In memory of Sue's mother Nell Rehm, and in thanksgiving for our granddaughter Revna, by JT & Sue Quanbeck*

*In memory of Kelly Schleigh, by Roberta Recken*

*In memory of Shelby Reilly and Tommy Green, by Marili Green Reilly & Dave Reilly*

*In thanksgiving for our family in good health, by Marion & Jim Robbins*

*In thanksgiving for family and community, by Ed & Virginia Rouffy*

*In thanksgiving for all of the children in our lives – young and grown, by Stephen & Elizabeth Rouffy*

*In thanksgiving for Cheryl Howard, by Ed Rowe*

*In loving memory of Alice Updike Scannell, by John Scannell*

*in memory of Ken & Margie Spiers, by Bob Spiers*

*In memory of David Scruggs, by the St. Michael's staff*

*In memory of my wife Pat, my mother Florence and my son-in-law E. Dale Rushton, by Gerry Wilson*

## SERVING TODAY

<b>Presider &amp; Preacher</b>	The Rev. R. Scott Painter
<b>Assisting Priest</b>	The Rev. Patrick Tomter
<b>Music</b>	St. Michael's Singers Hannah Brewer, Music director/Organist Brian Fairbanks, Choir Director
<b>Crucifer</b>	Gayle Morris
<b>Acolyte</b>	Benji Lighthart-Faletta
<b>Eucharistic minister</b>	Henry Welch
<b>Lectors</b>	Leslie Tuomi, Kristina Kallen
<b>Ushers</b>	Sarah Rowley, Garry Neil, Stuart Morris, Ed Rowe
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Stephanie English, Richard Hartman Josh English, Jeanne Pace
<b>Bread</b>	Charlene Sabin, Dave Reilly

## VESTRY

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

## SERVICES AFTER CHRISTMAS EVE

<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Eucharist with Carols
<b>December 31</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Alternative Readings & Eucharist

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