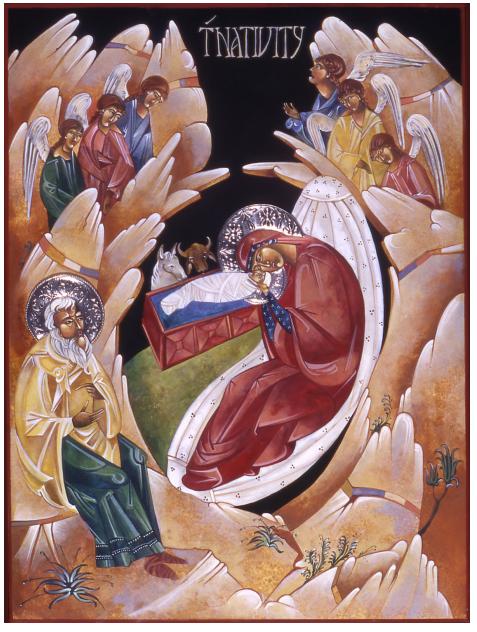


# **ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS** 6:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST



The Nativity, Mary Jane Miller, 2008

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.

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. 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 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

Angels we have heard on high Brian Fairbanks & Sundance Henry, flutes

arr. Richard Walters



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.

#### The Greeting

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE Angels we have heard on high we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night, 1 An - gels 9 re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light. and the moun-tains  $\mathbf{in}$ 6 9: 6 Refrain a 6 D Glo \_ ri - a \_ \_ -\_ -<u>d</u> à 0 in ex - cel - sis  $\operatorname{Glo}$ De о. d 0 0 000 D ri - a in ex - cel - sis De \_ 0. 4 Ø 8 0

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.

## All: And also with you.

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*Presider:* Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendor of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2–7

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

The Reader concludesHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.PeopleThanks be to God.

PSALM 96:1-9please stand as ablePlainsong Tone V.3The choir or cantor sings the first verse. All join in the following verses.



- 1 Sing to the Lord a / new song; \* sing to the Lord, / all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and / bless God's Name; \* proclaim the good news of salva-/-tion from day to day.
- 3 Declare the glory of the Lord among the / nations \* and the wonders of the Lord a-/-mong all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be / praised; \* and is more to be / feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but / idols; \* but it is the Lord who / made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's / presence! \* Oh, the power and the splendor of God's / 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 God's / Name; \* bring offerings and / come into God's courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of / holiness; \* let the whole earth trem-/-ble before the Lord.

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11–14

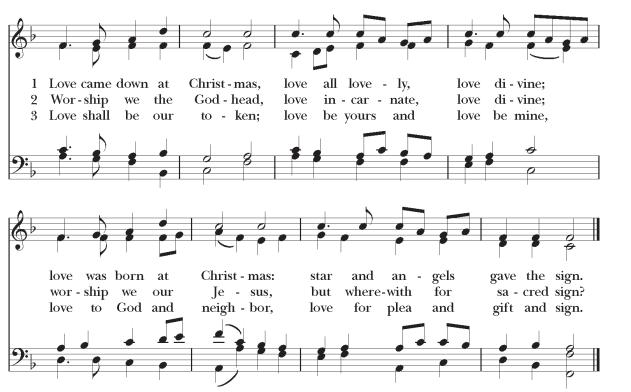
The two comings of Christ: first in his sacrificial ministry for all people and then in glory.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.



Love came down at Christmas



Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894), alt. Music: Gartan, melody from Petrie Collection of Irish Melodies, Part II, 1902; harm. David Evans (1874-1948)

#### 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

### Affirmation of Faith

Daily Prayer for All People

Gartan

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

#### The Prayers of the People

*Presider* As Christmas fills the earth with the good news of the Word made flesh, let our prayer embrace 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 bear our prayer.

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 all our 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.* 

### The Peace

All standing, the Presider then says to the People The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### A WORD OF WELCOME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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

Ha Nacido El Salvador

Alleluya, alleluya, ha nacido el Salvador. Alleluya, alleluya, ha nacido el Salvador.

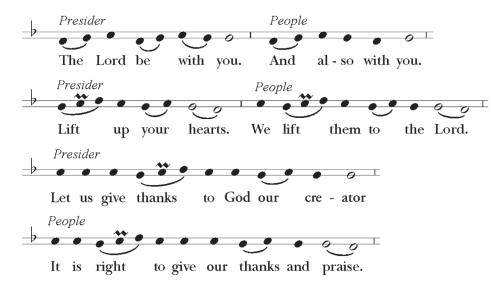
Escuchad, hermanos, una gran noticia: "Hoy en Belén de Judá os ha nacido el Salvador." Alleluya, alleluya, ha nacido el Salvador.

Escuchad, hermanos, una gran noticia: "Gloria en los cielos a Dios, y en la tierra al hombre paz." Alleluya, alleluya, ha nacido el Salvador.

Escuchad, hermanos, una gran noticia: "Dios a su Hijo envió: es Jesucristo Salvador." Alleluya, alleluya, ha nacido el Salvador.

### The Great Thanksgiving

BCP Prayer A (Expansive Language)



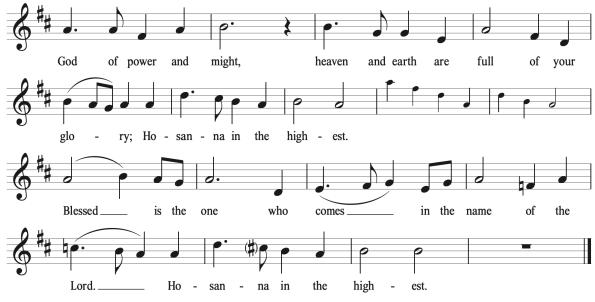
#### The Presider continues

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:







Setting: Peter Crisafulli.

#### 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:

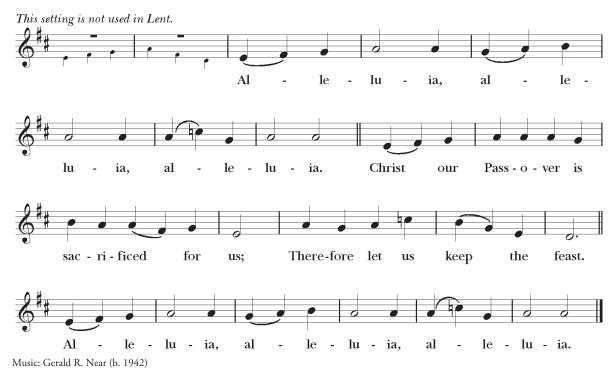
All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

#### The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

#### FRACTION ANTHEM

Christ our Passover



Presider

Come to this table, all who have much faith and all who would like to have more; all who have been here often and all who have not been for a long time; all who have tried to follow Jesus, and all who have failed: come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

All are welcome to share in Holy Communion. After singing the Fraction Anthem please be seated until invited by the ushers to move forward to stand or kneel at the altar. To receive only a blessing, place arms in an "x" across your chest as the priest approaches. To share the bread, extend hands open, palms up, one on top of the other. To share the cup, take hold of the base and guide it to your mouth. If not desiring to receive the wine, fold arms in an "x" over your chest as the cup passes by.

#### COMMUNION SOLO

#### O holy night

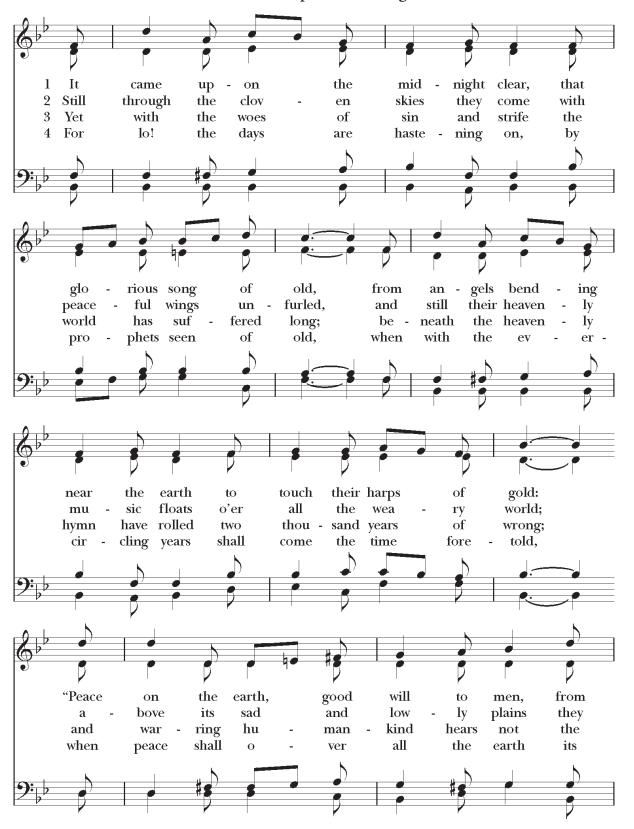
Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

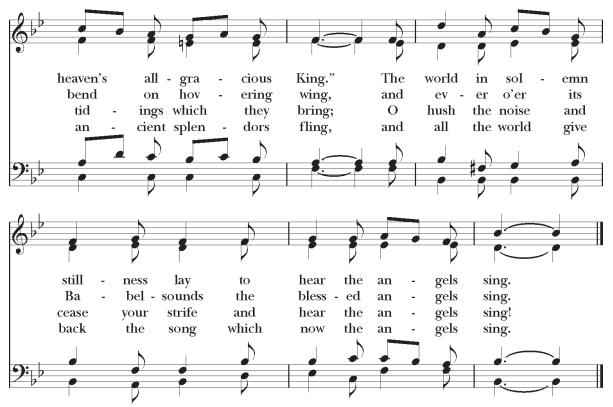
Palmer Haffner and Kaeli Porter, soloists

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, Till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born, O night divine! O 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. Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born, O night divine! O night, O night divine! It came upon the midnight clear

Carol





Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt.; Music: Carol, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900)



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 AFTER COMMUNION

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 reign. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. 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.

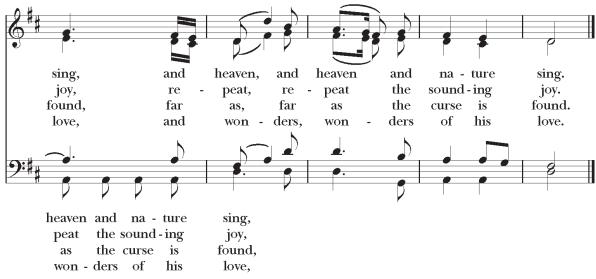
May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you peace and favor. Amen.

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



Joy to the world!





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

#### The Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.*Response* Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fantasia on "In dulci jubilo," BWV 729

J.S. Bach (1685-1750))

# 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 Hoeffer, and my beloved sister, Janice Hoeffer McMullen, by Bev Hoeffer 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		Vestry		
Presider & Preacher	The Rev. R. Scott Painter	Senior Warden	Helen Crandell	
Deacon	The Rev. Marla McGarry-Lawrence	Junior Warden for the Pe	eople Sheri O'Brien	
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Crucifer	Sheri O'Brien	First Year	Lindsay Gutierrez, Ann Hargraves	
Eucharistic ministers	James Robbins	Pat	Patrick McLaughlin, Susie Silva-Strommer	
Prayer Leader	Tami Painter	Second Year	Carl Braginsky, Beth llem	
Lectors	Marili Reilly, Sherri Afryl		Sheri O'Brien, Thrina Parent	
Ushers	Jack & Sue Harper, Joe Afryl	Third Year	Helen Crandell	
Altar Guild	Stephanie English, Richard Hartman Josh English, Jeanne Pace		Sundance Henry (one-year term) Nícolas Meneses, Ruby Welch	
Bread	Charlene Sabin, Dave Reilly	Diocesan Convention Del	egates Cheryl Braginsky Gillian Butler, Barbara Mason aren Oglesby, Lynda Moses (Alternate)	

# SERVICES AFTER CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Day		10:00 amEucharist w10:00 amAlternative Readings &		ist with Carols	
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