

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
DECEMBER 25, 2024  
10:00 AM



ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SAN MIGUEL Y TODOS LOS ÁNGELES  
IGLESIA EPISCOPAL

# 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 grounded in the Episcopal Church tradition, expressed from the creative perspective of our community. We are learning how to live into the bilingual and multicultural diversity 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! While the very young (infants to five years) are invited to play in our childcare room on the lower level, children may prefer to remain in worship with their families. Coloring and reading books for children are located at the back of the church.

We'd love to know more about you! Please fill out a welcome card from the pew, place it in the offering plate when it comes by, and we'll be in touch to get to know you. You may also email us using the addresses listed on the back cover.

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.

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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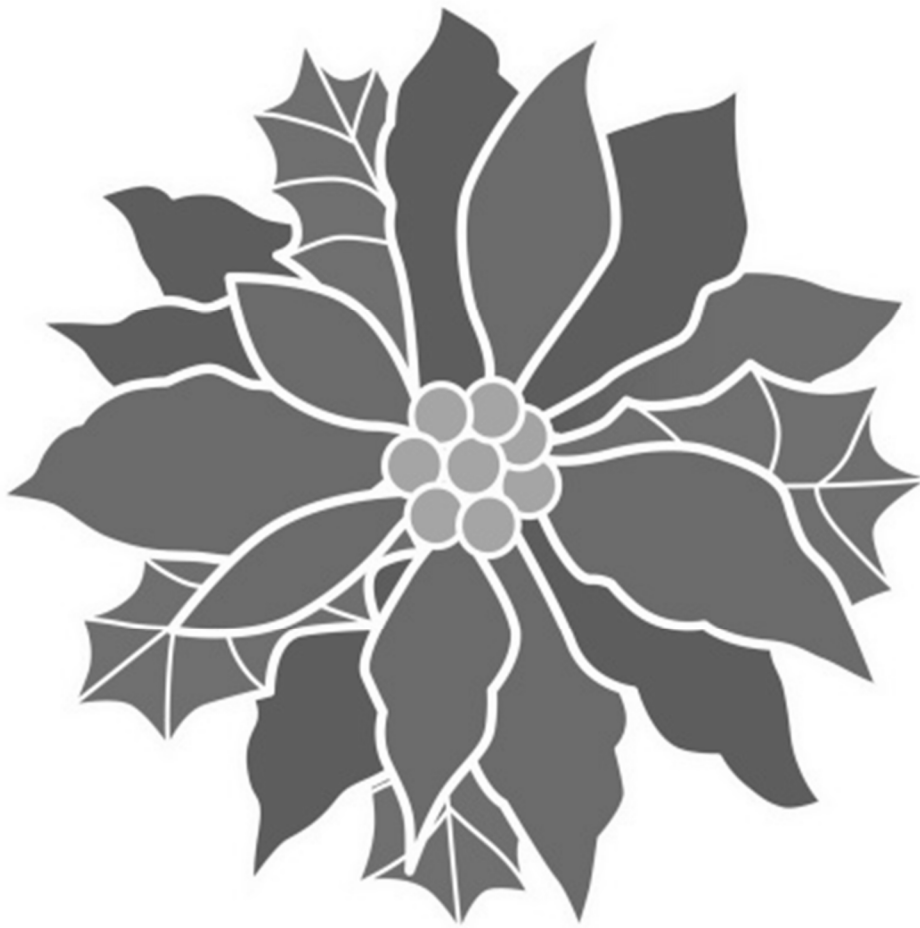
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# THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

*Chorale Prelude on "Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her"*

Johann Pachelbel

(1653-1706)

*Please stand as able*

## HYMN 87

*Hark! The herald angels sing*

Mendelssohn

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,

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,

*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).

## THE GREETING

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

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

## GLORIA

*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;

*... continued on the next page*

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*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1982), alt.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray together.

Son of God, Child of Mary, born in the stable at Bethlehem: be born again to us this day; that we and all the world may know the wonder of your love. Hear this prayer for your name's sake. Amen.

*Please be seated*

**THE FIRST READING**

Isaiah 9:2-7 (Common English Bible)

*Lector* A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.

You have made the nation great;

you have increased its joy.

They rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest,

as those who divide plunder rejoice.

As on the day of Midian, you've shattered the yoke that burdened them,

the staff on their shoulders,

and the rod of their oppressor.

Because every boot of the thundering warriors,

and every garment rolled in blood

will be burned, fuel for the fire.

A child is born to us, a son is given to us,

and authority will be on his shoulders.

He will be named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

There will be vast authority and endless peace

for David's throne and for his kingdom,

establishing and sustaining it

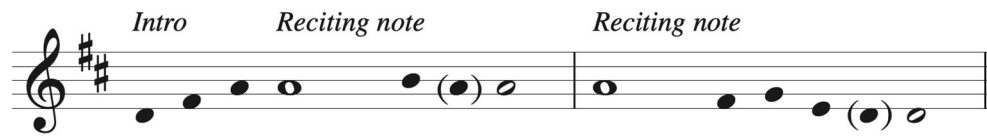
with justice and righteousness

now and forever.

The zeal of the Lord of heavenly forces will do this.

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

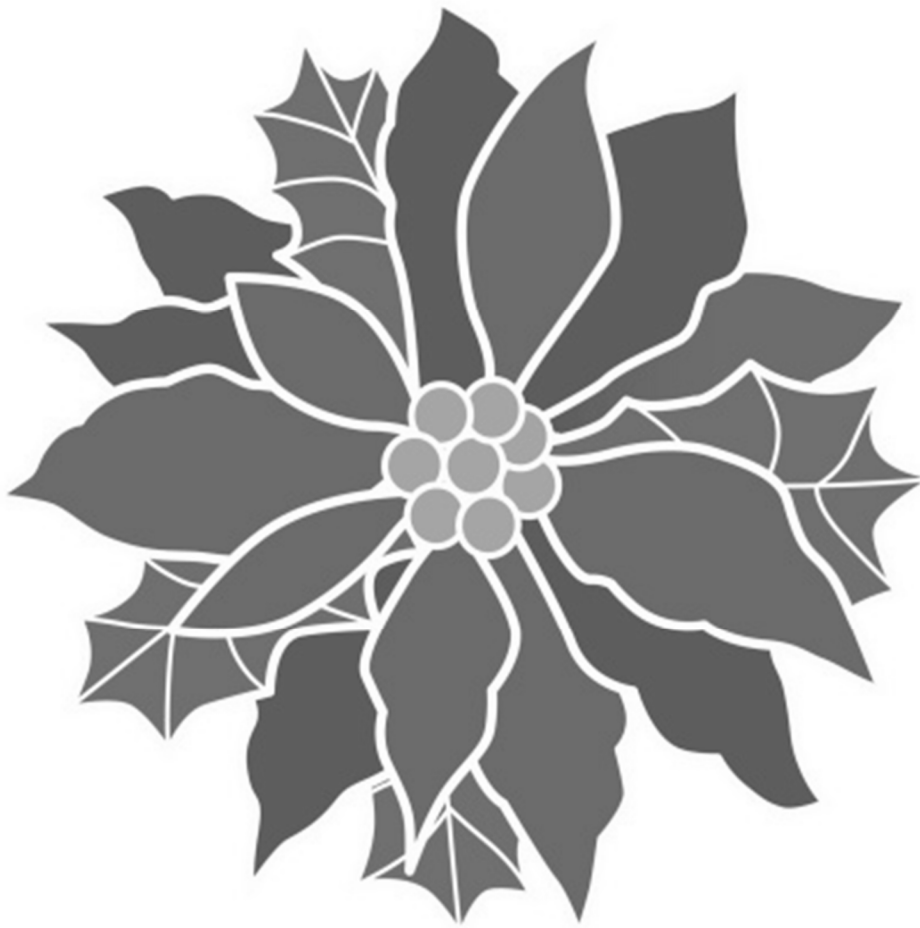
*People* **Thanks be to God.**



*The cantor sings the first verse; all join in singing 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 / **ble**s**s God's Name**; \*  
      proclaim the good news of God's salva-/-tion **from day to day.**
- 3     Declare the Lord's glory among the / **nations** \*  
      and God's wonders 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.**
- 10    Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is / **Sovereign**! \*  
      God has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
      and will judge the peo-/-ples **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 God comes**, \*  
      when God / **comes to judge the earth.**
- 13    The Lord will judge the world with / **righteousness** \*  
      and the / **peoples with truth.**





*Please remain seated*

## THE SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14 (Common English Bible)

*Lector* A reading from Titus

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people. It educates us so that we can live sensible, ethical, and godly lives right now by rejecting ungodly lives and the desires of this world. At the same time we wait for the blessed hope and the glorious appearance of our great God and savior Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us in order to rescue us from every kind of lawless behavior, and cleanse a special people for himself who are eager to do good actions.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as able*

## HYMN 107

*Good Christian friends, rejoice*

*In dulci jubilo*

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: In dulci jubilo, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

*Please remain standing as able*

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14 (Common English Bible)

*The Deacon or Priest says*

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

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

In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom.

Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified.

The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## THE SERMON

*Please observe a moment of quiet reflection*

*Please remain standing as able*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*The Deacon or Priest says*

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.

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

We 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,

**Hear our prayer.**

We 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.**

We 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.**

We 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.**

We 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.**

We pray for all the 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, in our hearts or with our voices, lift other needs and concerns to God.

*The Presider says*

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

**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*The Presider says*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Please greet each other with a sign of peace*

*Please be seated*

## **A WORD OF WELCOME**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **THE OFFERTORY**

*The Presider says the Offertory Bidding*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

#### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*The Wexford Carol*

trad. Irish  
arr. Brian Fairbanks

Good people all, this Christmas time  
Consider well and bear in mind  
What our good God for us has done  
In sending his beloved son  
With Mary holy we should pray  
To God with love this Christmas Day  
In Bethlehem upon that morn  
There was a blessed Messiah born

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep  
Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep  
To whom God's angels did appear  
Which put the shepherds in great fear  
'Prepare and go,' the angels said  
'To Bethlehem, be not afraid  
For there you'll find, this happy morn  
A princely babe, sweet Jesus born

With thankful heart and joyful mind  
The shepherds went, this babe to find  
And as God's angel had foretold  
They did our saviour Christ behold  
Within a manger he was laid  
And by his side the virgin maid  
Attending on the Lord of life  
Who came on earth to end all strife

*Please stand as able*

#### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

From the Church in South India

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to God.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to our Creator.

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

*The Presider continues*

Truly it is right and good to glorify you at all times and in all places, by offering you our thanksgiving, O God, holy Parent. You spoke and the light shattered darkness, order arose from confusion. You breathed into the dust of the earth and we were formed in your image. Through your Son Jesus you came to us while we yet wandered. He met us as a refugee, a threatened child. He called us to leave what is comfortable to be disciples, friends and partners.

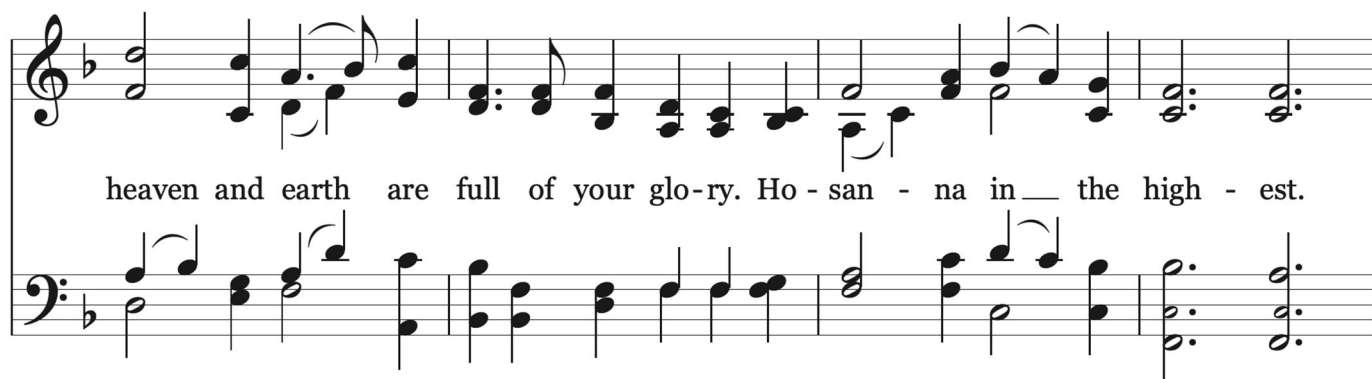
With outstretched arms on the cross, Jesus bore our sins; and by his resurrection we are saved. Through your Holy Spirit you brood over the chaos we often create, mothering us and shaping a new creation. You enlighten everyone coming into the world. You inspired the prophets and the apostles to find the right word at the right time. You liberate, equip and commission your people to continue your mission to make everything new. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim and sing your glory:

**SANCTUS**

Land of Rest



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —



heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.



Bless - ed is — the One who comes in the name of the Lord. —

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Ho-san - na in the high - est.' It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff: 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features a simple, folk-like melody with a steady bass accompaniment.

Setting: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner; harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)  
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*The Presider continues*

On the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

The same way after supper, he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

And now together we proclaim:

*All*        **We remember your death on the cross, we celebrate your resurrection,  
 and we await your coming.**

Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise for ever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Creator, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider* As Christ teaches us, we pray.

*All* Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Christ our Passover

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our  
Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed\_ for us; There-fore let us keep\_ the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

## THE INVITATION

*The Presider says*

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.*

*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.*

**HYMN**

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed*

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).

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* Holy God, the child born for us is the Savior of the world. May the one who made us to be your children welcome us into your good reign, where Christ is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

*The presider blesses the people*

May Christ, by whose Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace; and the blessing of God, holy and undivided Trinity, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

*Please remain standing*

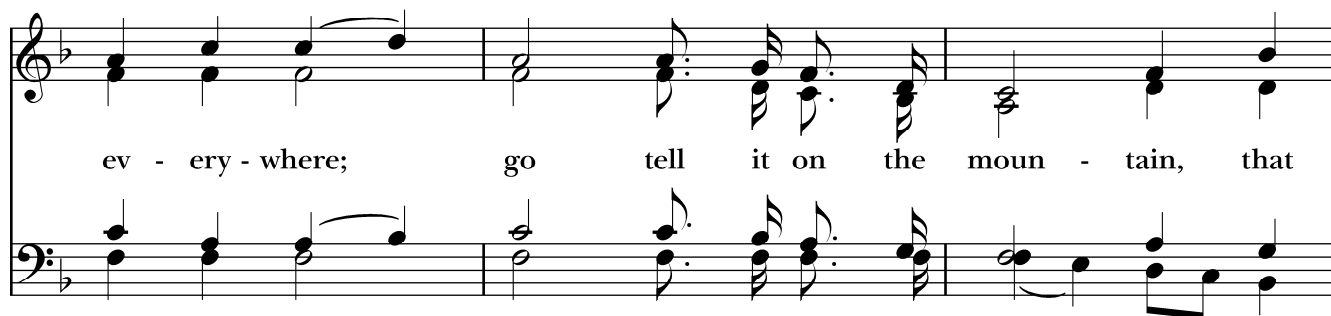
## HYMN 99

*Go tell it on the mountain*

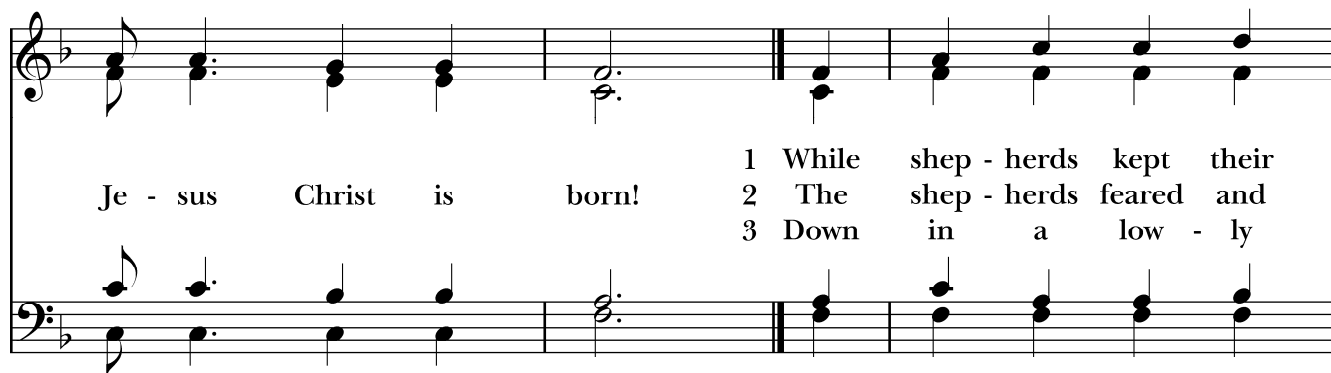
*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and



ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that



Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their  
2 The shep - herds feared and  
3 Down in a low - ly

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -  
 trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang  
 man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.  
 out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.  
 God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

*Repeat Refrain*

Words: African-American spiritual 19th cent.; adapt. John W. Work (1901-1967). Music: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, Afro-American spiritual, 19th cent.; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935). Arrangement, Copyright © 1984, Horace Clarence Boyer.

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon or Priest dismisses the people, saying*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*All* Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Intrada on "The first Nowell"*

Ashley Grote  
(b. 1982)

## ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Presider & Preacher	The Rev. R. Scott Painter
Organist	Hannah Brewer
Cantor and Soloist	Brian Fairbanks
Crucifer	Henry Welch
First Lector	Jan Clark
Second Lector	Ruby Welch
Prayer Leader	Tami Painter
Eucharistic Ministers	Gary Davis, Lynda Moses
Ushers	Amy Valentine, Craig Kolins
Bread Baker	Dave Reilly
Altar Guild	All Altar Guild Teams

## VESTRY

Senior Warden	Thrina Parent
Junior Warden-Facilities	Carl Braginsky
Junior Warden-People	Sheri O'Brien
Parish Clerk	Becky Tooley
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Second Year	Lindsay Gutiérrez, Ann Hargraves Patrick McLaughlin, Susie Silva-Strommer
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