



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

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

### SONG OF PRAISE

*H# 376 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

1 Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-lect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,  
 hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a-bove.  
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean-depth of hap-py rest!  
 Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way;  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash-ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Bro-ther: all who live in love are thine;  
 giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
 teach-us how to love each o-ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM: 96

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \***  
**proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.

**<sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.**

**<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.**

**<sup>6</sup>Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**

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

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

**<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.**

**<sup>10</sup>Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*  
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

**<sup>11</sup>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.**

**<sup>12</sup>Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.**

**<sup>13</sup>He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.**

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

A reading from the letter to Titus.

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

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

*H #101 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed*

.Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

.  
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

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

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in

a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

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

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

**THE SERMON**    The Rev. Tracey Kelly

#### **THE NICENE CREED**

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

*Leader* Come let us adore Christ, the Lord. Let us pray saying,  
“Glorious Lord; ... *Grant us your peace.*”

*Celebrant* Son of God, child of Mary, child of joy and peace born in the stable at Bethlehem, hear the prayers of your people and help us to come to you and be born anew this holy night. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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

## THE PEACE

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

*People* And also with you.

## GATHERING

*GTG #19 God of Great and God of Small*

God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all.

God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,  
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny,  
God of never-ending power, yet beside me every hour,  
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

God of silence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,  
God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right,  
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,  
God of now and days before, God who reigns for evermore,  
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY *Away in a Manger*

*Blake R. Hensen*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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

### SANCTUS S 130 *Holy, holy, holy*

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

The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus S 130. It features a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and". The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter).



might, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_ hea - ven and earth are

full, \_\_\_\_\_ full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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 he 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, according to his command, O Father,

*We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

FRACTION ANTHEM S 164 *Jesus, Lamb of God*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

COMMUNION INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*(The bread and wine are given to the people. Please indicate that you would prefer a gluten-free wafer by placing your hands with palms together when you come up to receive Communion.)*

COMMUNION HYMN

H#79 *O little town of Bethlehem*

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!

2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,

3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!

\*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,

5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;

2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.

3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.

4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;

5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - ell

### COMMUNION HYMN *H# 109* *The first Nowell the angel did say*



1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
2 They look - ed up and saw \_\_\_ a star  
3 And by the light of that \_\_\_ same star  
4 This star drew nigh to the \_\_\_ north - west,  
5 Then en - tered in those wise \_\_\_ men three



1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
2 shin - ing in \_\_\_ the east \_\_\_ be - yond \_\_\_ them far,  
3 three \_\_\_ wise \_\_\_ men came \_\_\_ from coun - try far;  
4 o'er \_\_\_ Beth - le - hem \_\_\_ it took \_\_\_ its rest,  
5 full \_\_\_ rev - erent - ly \_\_\_ up - on \_\_\_ their knee,



1 in fields as \_\_\_ they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
2 and to the \_\_\_ earth it gave \_\_\_ great light,  
3 to seek for a king was their \_\_\_ in - tent,  
4 and there it \_\_\_ did both stop \_\_\_ and stay  
5 and of - fered \_\_\_ there in his \_\_\_ pres - ence



1 on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 3 and to fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.  
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

*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*

**POST COMMUNION HYMN H#111 *Silent night, holy night***



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.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take 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 his 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 his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

H#87 Hark! the herald angels sing

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!

POSTLUDE *Silent Night*

Arr. Cindy Blevins

DISMISSAL/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

From riteplanning.com. Copyright © 2024 Church Publishing Inc. All rights reserved. Hymns and service music are from *The Hymnal 1982* (Church Publishing Inc.), *Wonder, Love and Praise* (Church Publishing Inc.), *Lift Every Voice and Sing, Voices Found*, and *Glory to God* (GTG) hymnal (Presbyterian Publishing Corp). Music is reprinted and streamed with permission under ONE LICENSE # A-730051. All rights reserved.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Day Service, Wed., Dec. 25, 10:45 am

Sermon drama presented by the St. James Players, Sun. Dec 29, 10:45 am.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

The Rev. Tracey Kelly, Rector, [tracey@ourholyfamily.org](mailto:tracey@ourholyfamily.org)

The Rev. Deacon Paulette Remppel, [paulette@ourholyfamily.org](mailto:paulette@ourholyfamily.org)

Rev. Tammy Bales, Preaching Associate, [pastortam12@gmail.com](mailto:pastortam12@gmail.com)

Ryan Singleton, Music Director, [singletonryan97@gmail.com](mailto:singletonryan97@gmail.com)

Jeanne Mason, Parish Administrator, [secretary@ourholyfamily.org](mailto:secretary@ourholyfamily.org)

Liz Spahr, Pastoral Care Coordinator, [liz@ourholyfamily.org](mailto:liz@ourholyfamily.org)

Jodi Harbin, Youth Ministry Coordinator, [jodi@vetonthego.com](mailto:jodi@vetonthego.com)

Michal Baird, Sr. Warden, [michal@ourholyfamily.org](mailto:michal@ourholyfamily.org)

Kelly Beaty, Secretary, [kstb@icloud.com](mailto:kstb@icloud.com)

Patti Angrisani, Vestry Liaison for Invitation & Growth,  
[pangrisani2795@gmail.com](mailto:pangrisani2795@gmail.com)

Benjamin Hall, Vestry Liaison for Welcome & Hospitality,  
[lbh49geo46@gmail.com](mailto:lbh49geo46@gmail.com)

Warren Spahr, Vestry Liaison for Connection & Communication,  
[wspahr@gmail.com](mailto:wspahr@gmail.com)

Zebbi Sampler, Treasurer, [zebbi.baynard@gmail.com](mailto:zebbi.baynard@gmail.com)