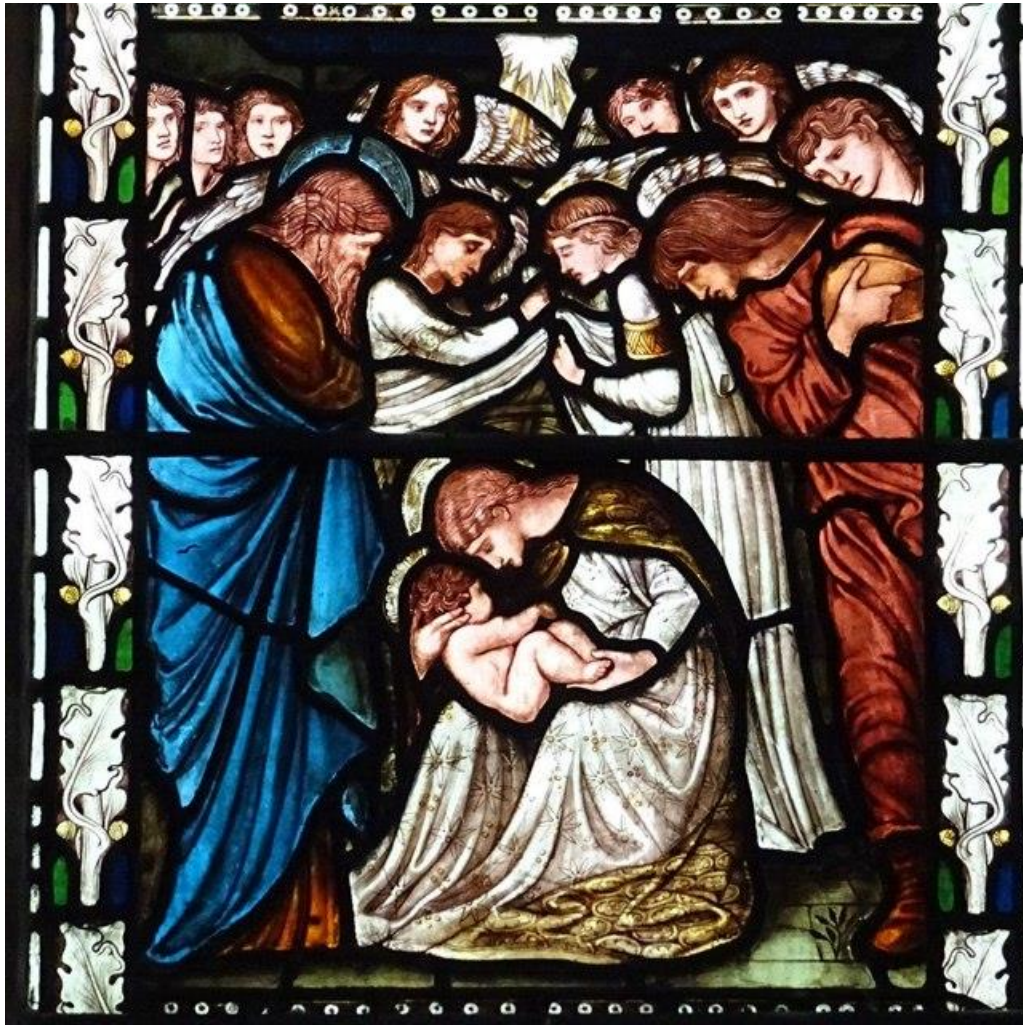


TRINITY BUCKINGHAM CHURCH

*Sharing God's love and serving God's people
with Christ in our hearts and God's work through our hands*



Christmas Eve

8 pm

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Welcome to Trinity Church!

Welcome to this gathering place, friend and stranger, saint and sinner. Come, with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness. May our generous God and our compassionate Savior and the life-giving Spirit bless you this night.

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us this evening. If you are new to worship in the Episcopal Church, we hope that you will simply enjoy the movement of the service and focus on the message of the Gospel, and not worry too much about what to do or what not to do. In general, we stand to sing, sit to listen and stand or kneel to pray, but please be comfortable. Some people will cross themselves, bow or kneel at different times—this reflects a personal preference and you are encouraged to follow your own.

If you are seeking a church just for tonight, thank you for celebrating with us and may God be with you as you travel. If you are searching for a new church home and family, know that you are welcome. We wish to follow up with you in whatever manner will suit you best. Please leave a visitor's card in the offering plate.

Face-to-face worship during a global health crisis continues to present some challenges. Your health and well-being are our highest priorities. While the CDC has ruled that vaccinated people may safely be indoors without masks, some in our community have not been vaccinated, so, while now optional, masking remains the safest practice.

Please help us care for one another by taking your bulletin and any trash with you when you go.

Children are always very welcome in the sanctuary. The nursery is not staffed, but you are welcome to visit it with your child. The audio from the sanctuary is transmitted to the nursery. Sunday School takes place during the first part of the 10 am service most Sunday mornings.

On First Sundays of the month, the 10 am service is intentionally hospitable to children, including interactive prayers, music and a children's message. No matter your age, this service is for you! The Children of All Ages service will be the main worship service on First Sundays.

Leading Worship this Evening

Celebrant & Preacher :The Rev. Dr. Nancy Burton Dilliplane

Lay Associate for Liturgy and Spirituality & Pianist: Martha Dudich

Greeters & Ushers: Natalie Welker-Marx, Deb Grant

Lay Reader & Intercessor: Deb Grant **Acolyte:** Joanne Welker

Chalicians: Steve & Marjorie Guidry (Psalmist)

Altar Guild: Joanne Welker/Meg Perry **A/V:** Jill Unger

Sacred Music

- ❖ “Sing Gloria!” . . . based on a Canon by William Billings
- ❖ “On This Day Earth Shall Ring” . . . Medieval carol, arr., Samuel Stokes
- ❖ “People, Look East” . . . French Besançon carol, arr. Douglas Wagner
- ❖ **A Pair of Lullabies: “God Comes Tomorrow” . . . John Bell**
 “Bethlehem” . . . Greg Gilpin
- ❖ **READING:** from “Into the Darkest Hour” . . . Madeleine L’Engle

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION:

“Child of the Poor/What Child is this?” . . . Ruth Morris Gay

The women of the choir will sing “Child of the Poor”, a contemporary carol by Scott Soper, composed as a companion to the 16th century English melody GREENSLEEVES, set to the familiar hymn “What Child is This?” some 300 years later by William Dix. The congregation is asked to join with these verses and refrain.

**What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?**

Refrain:

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.**

Refrain:

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

- ❖ “What is That Star?” . . . Bryan Sharpe

Trinity Church Choir Members

*Bradley Cagenello, Nancy Dilliplane, Kay Kinney, Robert Kinney, Judy Krauss,
Steve Mann, Karen Parker, Kathi Sadowski, Wayne Sadowski, Suzanne Snyder*

Trinity Church Handbell Ensemble

*Nancy Dilliplane, Marjorie Guidry, Steven Guidry, Kay Kinney,
Robert Kinney, Karen Parker, Suzanne Snyder*

THE WORD OF GOD

Gathering Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful

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.

Salutation

One: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Many: And we beheld his glory.

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.

Hymn of Praise Angels we have heard on high

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

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)

77. 77 with Refrain

Collect

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: 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.***

Please be seated for the Lessons

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

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.

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

Psalm 98

1. Sing a new song to God, *
who has done marvelous things.
2. With your right hand, O God, and your holy arm, *
you have won for yourself the victory.
3. You have made known your victory; *
your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.
4. You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
5. Shout with joy to God, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
6. Sing to God with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
7. With trumpets and the sound of the horn, *
shout with joy before God who reigns in majesty.

8. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
9. Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before God,
who will come to judge the earth.
10. God shall judge the world in righteousness *
and the peoples with equity.

Second Lesson

Titus 2:11-14

For 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.

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

Gospel Anthem vs. 1 & 2 before, verse 3 & 4 after the Gospel



1. The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a
2. To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - ther - ing
3. To us the prom - ised Child is born, to us a
4. His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er



glor - i - ous light; on them broke forth the
na - tions come, as joy - ous as when the
Son is given; him shall the tribes of
-more a - dored, the Won - der - ful, the



hea - ven - ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.
 reap - ers bear their har - vest treas - ures home.
 earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.
 Coun - cil - or, the might - y God and Lord.

Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816);
 harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

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

Gospel Reflection

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Burton Dilliplane

Please stand as you are able for the Creed and the Prayers

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,
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.**

Prayers of the People for Christmastide

O Jesus you sat at table with the betrayed and rejected of Palestine. We pray for those today who do not feel welcomed in their daily lives.
Christ, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O Jesus, you identified with the naked and with those who had no place to lay their heads. We pray for the thousands who are homeless this night.
Christ, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O Jesus, you belonged to a refugee family. We pray for the millions of displaced people in our world. Christ, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace. We pray for those caught up in wars around the world: for soldiers, refugees and those who hold fast to the reasons for fighting.
Christ, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O Jesus, you are the Great Physician. We pray for all who are ill, coping with pain, fearing the worst, and for those who worry for the future.
Christ, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O Jesus, you are our Brother. We pray for those who struggle in relationships, especially at this “family time”, when the cracks lie just below the surface.
Christ, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O Jesus, you proclaimed release to the captives. We pray for all who are imprisoned this night. And we pray for those who are enslaved by addictions.
Christ, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O Jesus, you wept at the tomb of your friend Lazarus. We pray for all who mourn, and who are missing loved ones and companions, especially during these memory- and emotion-charged times.

Christ, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O Jesus, you cared for your companions and for the little ones who surrounded you. We pray for those for whom God has given us special care.

Christ, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O Jesus, you prayed that we might be one as you and the Father are one. We pray that we may feel at home with one another and with you in our midst.

Christ, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

O Jesus, you are the Hope of the World. And for our deepest hopes we now pray...*prayers are added, aloud or silently.*

Those things, O God, that we, your children have prayed for, give us also the grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution of Sin

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.**

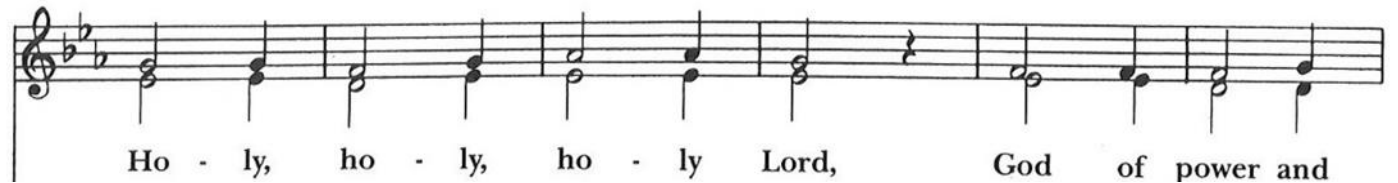
**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

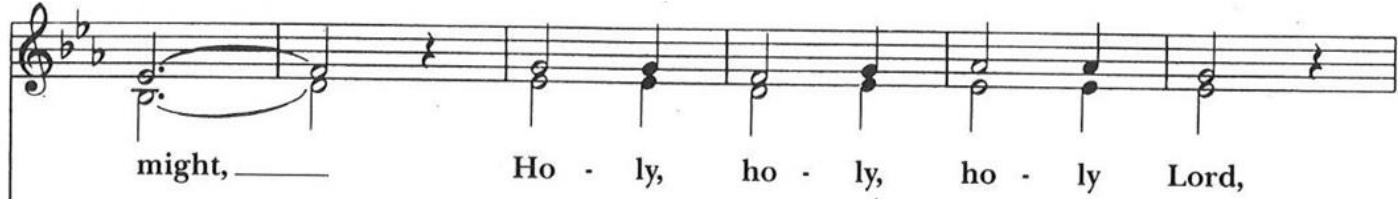
Peace

Offertory Anthem: Comfort and Joy ~Ruth Morris Gray

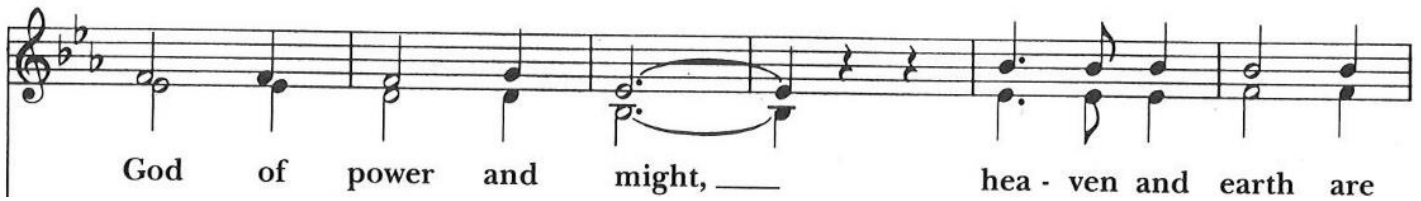
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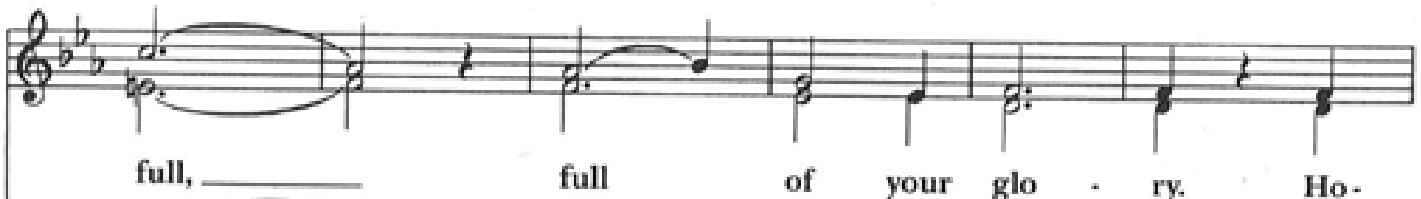
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



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.**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

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.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Communion Hymns: Love has Come Text: Ken Bible

1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the

2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -

3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -

Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav-en has come to pro - claim it;
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.

hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un-to
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the

you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Angels from the Realms of Glory

An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
 Shep - herds, in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Brigh - ter vi - sions

all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - si - ding;
 beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions;

Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth. Come and wor - ship,
 Yon - der shines the in - fant light:
 Ye have seen His na - tal star.

come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Hymn following Communion Silent Night, Holy Night

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 3 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.
born!
birth.

Sleep in heavenly peace.
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Prayer after Communion

Gift-giving God, God of angels and stars; magi and shepherds; promise and hope; journeys and longing; God who calls and sends, blesses and guards, hides and reveals, asks and waits; Ancient Love, that is always new; God of Christmas, God of our hearts; may we bear the Christ to all who need him, and allow his birth in us again. Amen.

Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things on earth and things in heaven, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God, Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and those you love and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Joy to the World!

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

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ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 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
 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 -
 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.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



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