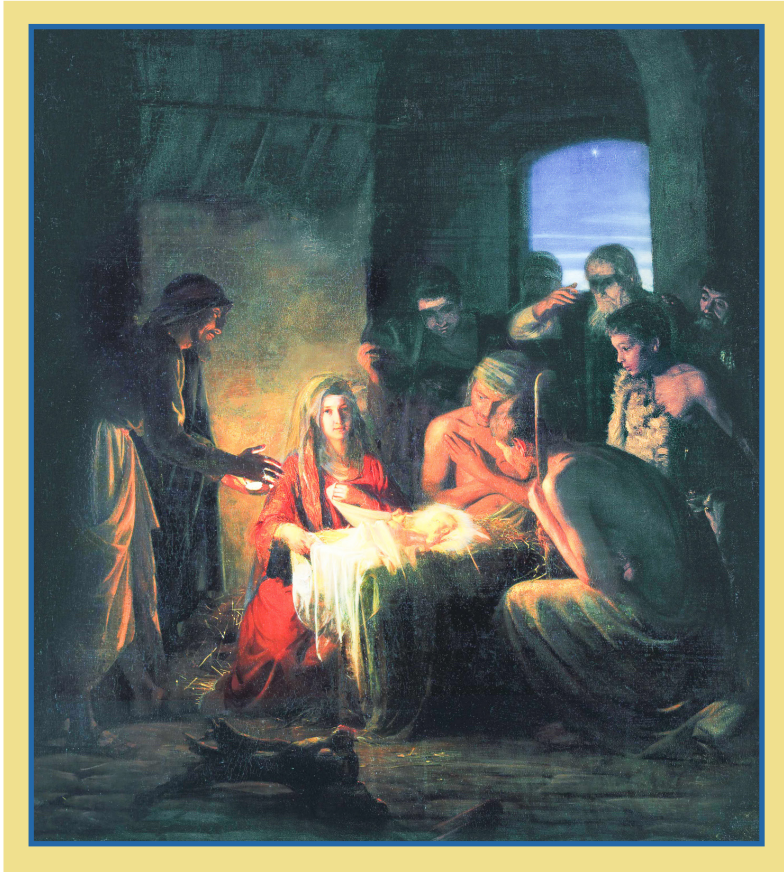


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THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND HOLY EUCHARIST
DECEMBER 24, 2024 • 4:30 P.M.



WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest*,
to all who mourn *and long for comfort*,
to all who struggle *and desire victory*,
to all who sin *and need a Savior*,
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship*,
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness*,
to all who have been blessed *and wish to give thanks*,
and to whoever will come—*this church opens wide her doors*
and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Restrooms are available in the Parish House, located at the corner of Church and Cumberland Streets. A greeter or usher will be happy to direct you.

Headsets for the hard of hearing are available in the video/sound booth at the end of the north side aisle.

New to St. Philip's? We are delighted to have you with us today and invite you to fill out the visitor card in your pew or online using the QR code at right. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate. We pray God will bless your time with us!



HOLY EUCHARIST

OPENING VOLUNTARY

A Nativity Suite
Noël Grand Jeu et Duo
Pastorale 'Gesù Bambino'
Trumpet Tune on *Joy to the World*

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)
Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)
Pietro Yon (1886-1943)
Michael Helman (b. 1956)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 236

Once in Royal David's City

Irby

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood, he would honor and obey.
Love and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good, as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love.
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

Words: Sts. 1-2 and 4-6, Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.; Music: *Irby*, melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876);
harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929); Descant and organ part by David Willcocks © 1970 Oxford University Press

The congregation remains standing for the Bidding Prayer.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Reader: Elise Simmons

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city. And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The congregation is seated and remains seated throughout the pageant, joining in the singing of the carols.

SCRIPTURE READING

Reader: Hagood Morrison

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

SCRIPTURE READING

Reader: Charlotte Stellita Freer

Luke 1:26-35, 38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the new-born King!

SCRIPTURE READING

Reader: Sydney Taylor

Matthew 1:20-24

As Joseph considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

Silent Night

Stille Nacht

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
 Round yon virgin mother and child, Holy infant so tender and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

SCRIPTURE READING

Reader: Smith Emerson

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

Away in a Manger

Cradle Song

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Reader: Birdie Adams

Luke 2:8-20

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths 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, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

Joy to the World

Antioch

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
 Let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing.

SCRIPTURE READING

Reader: Caroline A.B. Robinson

Matthew 2:1-11

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

We Three Kings

Three Kings of Orient

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
 Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
 O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright
 Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

The congregation stands for the reading from the Gospel according to John.

SCRIPTURE READING

Reader: Geer Villeneuve

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation remains standing and sings the following carols as parents come forward to walk their children back to their pews.

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
 The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste fideles

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem,
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels!

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

God of God, light of light, lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb,
Very God, begotten, not created. *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest. *Refrain*

See how the shepherds, summoned to His cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps. *Refrain*

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, we would embrace thee, with love and awe;
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. *Refrain*

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All stand and sing the offertory hymn and Doxology.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Words: Spiritual, 19th cent.; adapt. John W. York (b. 1901). Music: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, Spiritual, 19th cent.; arr. H.C. Boyer (b. 1935)

THE DOXOLOGY

The First Nowell

The First Nowell

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the king of Israel.

The Celebrant faces the People and says

The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People ***It is meet and right so to do.***

All remain standing as the Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. The People are invited to sing

THE SANCTUS, HYMN 797

Healey Willan

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, concluding with

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

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 PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

People and Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table; but thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Remaining kneeling, all are invited to sing the Agnus Dei.

THE AGNUS DEI

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion at the high altar or the standing stations in either one kind (bread only) or both kinds (bread and wine). You may stand or kneel to receive Communion. To receive the bread in the traditional way, please place your right palm over your left and the bread will be placed in your palm. You may consume the bread and drink from the chalice (please grasp the bottom of the chalice firmly and guide it to your mouth), or you may leave the bread in your palm and then dip it into the wine when the chalice is brought to you. Those who are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion (including children who do not yet receive) are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

The congregation is encouraged to sing the communion hymns:

COMMUNION HYMN 36

What Child is This

Greensleeves

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*

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him. *Refrain*

Text: William Chatterton Dix, c. 1865. Music: *Greensleeves* English, before 1642

COMMUNION HYMN 19 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Carol

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
Beneath the heav'nly strain have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife, and hear the angels sing!

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1849. Music: *Carol*.

COMMUNION HYMN 44

In the Bleak Midwinter

Cranham

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan,
 Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone:
 Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
 Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
 In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
 The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for him whom cherubim worship night and day,
 A breastful of milk and a mangerful of hay:
 Enough for him whom angels fall down before,
 The ox and ass and camel which adore.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
 Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air,
 But only his mother, in her maiden bliss,
 Worshiped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
 If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,
 If I were a wise man I would do my part,
 Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894).

Music: *Cranham*, Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

COMMUNION HYMN 30

The First Nowell

The First Nowell

The First Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay;
 In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
 Born is the king of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far;
 And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far;
 To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
 And there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain*

Then entered in those Wise Men three, full reverently upon the knee,
 And offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense. *Refrain*

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;
 That hath made heav'n and earth of naught and with his blood mankind hath bought. *Refrain*

Words: Old English carol, 18th cent.

Music: *The First Nowell*, Traditional English carol, pub. 1833

HYMN

The Snow Lay on the Ground

Venite Adoremus

The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,
 When Christ the Lord was born on Christmas night.
 Venite, adoremus Dominum;
 Venite, adoremus Dominum.

Refrain: Venite, adoremus Dominum; venite, adoremus Dominum.

'Twas Mary, daughter pure, came to the crèche,
 And brought into this world the Word made flesh.
 She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem;
 The ass and oxen shared the roof with them. *Refrain*

Saint Joseph, too, was near to tend the Child,
 To guard him, and protect his mother mild.
 The angels hovered round, and sang this song:
 Venite, adoremus Dominum. *Refrain*

And thus that manger poor became a throne,
 For he whom Mary bore was God the Son.
 O come, then, let us join the heav'nly host,
 To praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Refrain:*

Words: Source unknown, 19th. cent.

Music: *Venite adoremus*, melody adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

HYMN 42

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
 And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo,
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
 What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
 Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;
 Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. *Refrain*

Words: Traditional French Carol, alt. by Earl Marlatt, 1937. Music: French Carol Melody arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937.

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HYMN 40

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God Rest You Merry

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
 Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
 To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
 And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
 How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name, *Refrain*

“Fear not, then,” said the angel, “let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him from Satan’s pow’r and might.” *Refrain*

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace. *Refrain*

Text: London Carol, 18th cent. Music: London Melody, 18th century, harmonized by W. D., 1940.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us, thereby, of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works that thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 27 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

Mendelssohn

Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the Newborn King!

Christ, by highest heav’n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb,
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Ris’n with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! *Refrain*

Words: Charles Wesley, alt. George Whitefield Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn, arr. William H. Cummings. Public domain.

THE DISMISSAL

The Priest dismisses the People, and the People respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)



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In Christmas Recess

- Sunday School, Rector's Forum (resume January 5)
- Wednesdays Alive! service/supper/class (resumes January 8)
- Rector's Bible Study (resumes January 9)
- Middle School Youth Group (resumes January 10)
- High School Youth Group (resumes January 12)
- inSPIRE/eSPIRE mailing (resumes January 15)

The church office is closed for Christmas and the New Year through January 1. In the event of a pastoral emergency during that time, please call the Rev. Bill Christian at (843) 327-0791.

Foundations with the Rev. Andrew O'Dell begins January 5. This semester-long course explores the foundational beliefs of the Christian faith in an environment that allows for conversation and connection. For those who feel led to join St. Philip's, the class will culminate in the service of Confirmation when the bishop makes his annual visitation in the spring. Register at saintphilips.church/foundations or scan the QR code at right.



St. Philip's Academy Open Information Session is Sunday, January 12, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All parents interested in enrolling their child(ren) in 4K or kindergarten at St. Philip's Academy for the 2025-2026 academic year are invited to attend. Enrollment applications will be available. Please join us! Questions? Email stpacademy@stphilipschurchsc.org.

Our Young Adult/Parent (of 0-18) Oyster Roast is Sunday, January 12, from 3:00–5:00 p.m. on the Parish House lawn. Tickets are \$30 per person (pay-what-you-can available), and we will have oysters, chili, beer, wine, soft drinks, and water. Childcare for kids 0–3 is available by request during registration, but this is otherwise an adults-only event.



GriefShare, a 13-week video-based support group, is a Christian ministry hailed as the number-one grief support group in the world. Susan Keller and Juanita Orvin will be facilitating a GriefShare group at St. Philip's on Wednesday evenings (7:15 to 8:45 in the Parlor) beginning January 22. Please scan the QR code to register, or email susanckeller55@gmail.com if you prefer.



Important Dates:

- **January 5** ~ Epiphany Fellowship Brunch (noon in the Parish Hall)
- **January 8** ~ Monthly Men's Lunch (noon in the Parish Hall)
- **January 9** ~ Grandparents@Prayer drop-in (11:00–11:45 a.m. in the chapel)
- **January 12** ~ Guest Preacher: The Very Rev. Canon Dr. Bryan C. Hollon
- **January 12** ~ Second Sunday Choral Evensong (4:00 p.m.)
- **January 25** ~ Prayer as Worship workshop (9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m., lunch provided)
- **January 26** ~ Star Gospel canned food drive

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