

# **BETHESDA EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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Saratoga Springs, New York 12866**



**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
CHRISTMAS EVE at 10:00 P.M.  
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# Music of the Nativity *at 10:00 p.m.*

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*Please switch off all cellular telephones, Blackberries, and other electronic devices. Thank you.*

**Organ** – *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*      David Maxwell (1944-2015)

**Carol** – *Noël Nouvelet*

Nowell, sing Nowell good people gathered here.  
Offer thanks, ye faithful, to the news give ear.  
Sing we nowell, a new King born today.  
Nowell, sing nowell good people gathered here.

Unto humble shepherds came the angel near;  
'Hence', said he, 'to Bethlem, be ye of good cheer.  
Seek there the Lamb of God, love own pure ray.'  
Nowell, sing nowell good people gathered here.

When to Bethlehem they came in lowly fear,  
Found they gentle Mary with her Son so dear.  
Heaven's mighty Lord all cradled in the hay,  
Nowell, sing nowell good people gathered here.

Eastern sages seek him, in the darkness drear  
By a star illumined shining forth so clear,  
Guiding them to Bethlehem far away.  
Nowell, sing nowell good people gathered here.

Now doth our Savior Jesus Christ appear,  
Bringing salvation promised many a year

By his redeeming blood this happy day.  
Nowell, sing nowell good people gathered here.

Words: French traditional carol. English by John Rutter  
Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

**Carol – *Quittez, Pasteurs***

Quittez, pasteurs, Vos brebis, vos houlettes,  
*Come leave your sheep, Your ewes with lambs a-feeding,*  
Votre hameau Et le soin du troupeau;  
*O shepherds, hear Our message of good cheer;*  
Changez vos pleurs En une joie parfaite;  
*No longer weep; The angel-tidings heeding,*  
Alez tous adorer  
*To Bethlehem haste away!*  
Un Dieu, qui vient vous consoler.  
*Our Lord is born this happy day.*

Vous le verrez Couché dans une étable  
*He lieth there within a lowly manger;*  
Comme un enfant Nu, pauvre, languissant;  
*An infant poor He languisheth full sore.*  
Reconnaissez Son amour ineffable  
*God's loving care Hath saved us all from danger*  
Pour nous venir chercher  
*And brought us to his fold;*  
Il est le fidèle berger!  
*Now own His faithful love revealed of old.*

Rois d'Orient L'etoile vous éclaire;  
*Ye sages three Arrayed in royal splendor,*  
A ce grand roi Rendez hommage et foi.  
*Your homage pay; a king is born this day.*

L'astre brillant Vous mène à la lumière  
*The star ye see Its radiance must surrender*  
De ce soleil naissant;  
*Before our Sun most bright:*  
Offrez l'or, la myrrhe et l'encens.  
*Your gifts are precious in his sight*

Esprit divin A qui tout est possible  
*Come Holy Ghost, Of blessings source eternal,*  
Percez nos coeurs De vos douces ardeurs;  
*Our souls inspire With thy celestial fire;*  
Notre destin Par vous deviant paisible;  
*The heavenly host Praise Christ the Lord supernal*  
Die prétend nous donner  
*And sing the peace on earth*  
Le ciel envenant s'incarner.  
*God gives us by his holy birth.*

Words: French traditional carol. English John Rutter  
Music: John Rutter

**Carol** – *Il est né divin enfant*

Il est né le divin enfant,  
*Born on earth the divine Christ Child,*  
Jouez hautbois, résonnez musettes;  
*Oboes, rejoice, with bagpipes vying;*  
Il est né le divin enfant,  
*Born on earth the divine Christ Child,*  
Chantons tous son avènement.  
*Sing to welcome the Savior mild.*

Depuis plus de quatre mille ans  
*'Tis four thousand years and more*

Nous le promettaient les prophètes,  
*Men his birth have been prophesying;*  
Depuis plus de quatre mille ans  
*'Tis four thousand years and more*  
Nous attendions cet heureux temps.  
*While we longed for the joys in store.*

Ah! qu'il est beau, qu'il est charment,  
*Ah! such beauty and charm adore!*  
Ah! que ses graces sont parfaites!  
*Ah! such perfection of grace undying!*  
Ah! qu'il est beau, qu'il est charment,  
*Ah! such beauty and charm adore!*  
Qu'il est doux ce divin enfant!  
*Promised us in days of yore.*

Une étable est son logement,  
*In a stable here on earth,*  
Un peu de paille est sa couchette;  
*Jesus, in the manger lying,*  
Une étable est son logement,  
*In a stable here on earth,*  
Pour un Dieu quell abaissement!  
*O how lowly our Savior's birth!*

O Jésus, roi tout puissant,  
*O Jesus, Savior, heaven's Lord,*  
Si petit enfant que vous êtes;  
*Tiny child in the manger crying,*  
O Jésus, roi tout puissant,  
*O Jesus, Savior, heaven's Lord,*  
Régnez sur nous enteérement.  
*Christ our King for evermore.*

Words: Traditional French carol. English by Jaqueline Froom  
Music: John Rutter

**Carol** – *In the Bleak Midwinter*

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.

Enough for him, whom cherubim,  
worship night and day,  
a breast full of milk,  
and a manger full of hay,  
Enough for him, who angels,  
fall down before,  
the ox and ass and camel,  
which adore.

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 incarnate,  
Jesus Christ.

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: Christiana Rossetti (1872)  
Music: Harold Darke (1888-1976)

**Carol** – *What Sweeter Music*

What sweeter music can we bring  
Than a carol, for to sing  
The birth of this our heavenly King?  
Awake the voice! Awake the string!

Dark and dull night, fly hence away,  
And give the honor to this day  
That sees December turned to May,  
That sees December turned to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn  
Smile, like a field beset with corn?

Or smell like a meadow newly shorn  
Thus on a sudden.? Come and see

The cause, why things thus fragrant be;  
'Tis he is born, whose quickening birth  
Gives life and lustre, public mirth,  
To heaven and the under-earth.

We see him come, and know him ours,  
Who with his sunshine and his showers,  
Turns the patient ground to flowers.  
The darling of the world is come,  
And fit it is, we find a room  
To welcome him.  
The nobler part  
of all the house here is the heart,

Which we will give him; and bequeath  
This holly, and this ivy wreath,  
To do him honor; who's our King,  
And Lord of all this reveling.

What sweeter music can we bring  
Than a carol, for to sing  
The birth of this our heavenly King.

Words by Robert Herrick (1591-1674)  
Music: John Rutter

# Solemn Eucharist *at 10:30 p.m.*

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## The Entrance Rite: The Great Procession

*All stand as the Sacred Ministers and acolytes enter the church, during which the Choir sings the*

### **Introit** – *One Waits to Come In*

God will send His Son; Trim each flickering light.  
The little Lord Jesus may come in the night!  
Listen to His Voice! Have you heard it before?  
The Kind Galilean is nearing your door.  
Quicken your steps the Forgiver of sin  
is there at your threshold.  
Will you let Him in?

Words: Farrell Goehring  
Music: Farrell Goehring (b. 1957)

*The Celebrant greets the people as follows*

Dear friends: As we gather here to celebrate the birth of Christ, let us pray that God will bless us, that all who worship his Son, born of the Virgin Mary, may come to share his life in glory.

*Deacon*                      Let us go forth in peace.  
*Choir and People* In the Name of Christ. Amen.

*All now sing this*



## **Hymn**

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 from God, Light from Light eternal,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father; *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain*

## **Station at the Creche**

*Celebrant*           The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:  
*Choir and People* And we beheld his glory.  
*Celebrant*           Let us pray.

O God our Creator, to restore our fallen race you spoke the effectual word,  
and the Eternal Word became flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary:  
Mercifully grant that as he humbled himself to be clothed with our humanity,  
so we may be found worthy in him, to be clothed with his divinity; who lives  
and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*Celebrant*

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In  
his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

*The people kneel. Silence is kept for a space.*

*Celebrant* God our Father, you sent your Son, full of grace and truth:  
forgive our failure to receive him.

*Choir and People* Lord, have mercy.

*Celebrant* Jesus our Savior, you were born in poverty and laid in a  
manger: forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

*Choir and People* Christ, have mercy.

*Celebrant* Spirit of love, your servant Mary responded joyfully to  
your call: forgive the hardness of our hearts.

*Choir and People* Lord, have mercy.

*Celebrant* May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to  
himself, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the  
Word made flesh, and be cleansed from all your sins,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Choir and People* Amen.

*The people stand and the Procession continues, all singing this*

## **Hymn**

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;  
Ww would not love thee, loving us so dearly? *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786), circa 1743;  
stanzas 1-3 & 6 trans. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880), 1841;  
stanzas 4 & 6 trans. William Thomas Brooke (1848-1917).  
Music: *Adeste fideles* (18th century melody, probably John Francis Wade, 1711-1786); harmony mainly by William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

*The choir now sings*

### **Kyrie eleison**

|                          |                            |                          |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Kyrie eleison.           | Christe eleison.           | Kyrie eleison.           |
| <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> | <i>Christ, have mercy.</i> | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i> |

### **Gloria in excelsis**

Glória in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax  
homínibus bonae voluntátis.  
Laudámus te,  
benedícimus te,  
adorámus te,  
glorificámus te,  
grátias ágimus tibi  
propter magnam glóriam tuam,  
Dómine Deus, Rex cæléstis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Dómine Fili Unigénite,  
Iesu Christe,  
Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Fílius Patris,  
qui tollis peccáta mundi,  
miserére nobis;  
qui tollis  
peccáta mundi,  
súscipe deprecaciónem nostram.

*Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace,  
good will towards men.  
We praise thee,  
we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee  
for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty,  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son,  
Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takes away  
the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.*

Qui sedes  
ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Iesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu:  
in gloria Dei Patris.  
Amen.

*Thou that sittest  
at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.*

Words: Traditional

Music: *Miss brevis "Rorate coeli desuper"* - Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*Choir and People*    And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light on earth, so we may also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reignth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

# The Liturgy of the Word

*All sit.*

## **The First Lesson** – *A Reading from the Book of 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. (9:2-7)

*Lector*                      The Word of the Lord.

*Choir and People* Thanks be to God.

*The choir now sings the*

## **Gradual** – *Cantate Domino*

- 1            Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
              sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2            Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
              proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3            Declare his glory among the nations \*  
              and his wonders among all peoples.

- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 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 he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.

Words: *Psalm 96*

Music: Anglican Chant, David Hurd (b. 1950)

### **The Second Lesson—** *A Reading from the Letter of Paul to 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. (2:11-14)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*Choir and People* Thanks be to God.

*All now stand and sing the*

### **Sequence: Hymn**

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?  
Which 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. *Refrain*

*All now face the Book of Gospels.*

### **The Holy Gospel – Luke 2:1-14**

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

*Choir and People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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!"

*Deacon*                    The Gospel of the Lord  
*Choir and People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

### **Response: Hymn**

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

Words: Traditional French Carol; trans. James Chadwick, 1862.  
Music: *Gloria*

### **The Sermon**

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### **The Nicene Creed**

*All stand and say*

I believe in one God,  
    the Father Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
    the only-begotten Son of God,  
    begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
    God of God, Light of Light,  
    very God of very God,  
    begotten, not made,



being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
    came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
    to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
    and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
    and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People**

*The Celebrant bids the Intentions of the Eucharist, concluding*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

*All kneel. The Deacon continues*

Father, in this holy night your Son our Savior was born in human flesh.  
Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.  
Mercy and truth have met together;  
*Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

In this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with  
your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty.  
Mercy and truth have met together;  
*Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

In this holy night Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to birth. Hold  
in your hand all who are in pain or distress.  
Mercy and truth have met together;  
*Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

In this holy night your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring  
comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world.  
Mercy and truth have met together;  
*Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

In this holy night the angels sang, "Peace to God's people on earth."  
Strengthen those who work for peace and justice.  
Mercy and truth have met together;  
*Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

In this holy night shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us  
grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption.  
Mercy and truth have met together;  
*Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

In this holy night strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in  
the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love.  
Mercy and truth have met together;  
*Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

In this holy night heaven is come to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom.

Mercy and truth have met together;

*Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

In this holy night Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.

Mercy and truth have met together;

*Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

*The Celebrant concludes the Intercessions as follows*

Father, in this holy night angels and shepherds worshiped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with blessed Mary, Saint Joseph, and all the Saints, through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*All stand.*

*The Celebrant says*

This holy night the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to all in whom he delights."

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Choir and People* And also with you.

*All may exchange a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Greetings and necessary announcements are now made.*

# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

*The choir now sings this*

## **Anthem** – *For Unto Us A Child Is Born*

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder;  
and His name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, The mighty God,  
The everlasting Father, The prince of Peace.  
Glory to God in the highest!  
and on earth Peace, good will toward men! Peace!

Words: *from The Messiah, Isaiah 9:6*  
Music: G. F. Handel (1695-1759)

*Then all stand and sing this*

## **Hymn**

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 wondering 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 given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him,  
still the dear Christ enters in.

Where children pure and happy  
pray to the blessed Child,  
where misery cries out to thee,  
Son of the Mother mild;  
where charity stands watching  
and faith holds wide the door,  
the dark night wakes, the glory breaks,  
and Christmas comes once more.

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!

Words: Phillips Brooks (1867)

Music: *Forest Green*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906)

## **Eucharistic Prayer II**

*The people remain standing.*

|                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Celebrant</i>        | The Lord be with you. |
| <i>Choir and People</i> | And with thy spirit.  |
| <i>Celebrant</i>        | Lift up your hearts.  |

*Choir and People*      We lift them up unto the Lord.  
*Celebrant*              Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*Choir and People*      It is meet and right so to do.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

### **Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit**

*Celebrant, Choir, and People*

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.

Words: Traditional  
Music: Healy Willan (1928)

*The people kneel, then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he 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."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one

body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same 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.*

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

*Celebrant, Choir, and People*

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.*

*Then is said*

### **Pascha nostrum**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*



The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The Sacred Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *Amen.*

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. *Amen.*

*During the ministration of Communion, the choir sings the following*

### **Agnus Dei**

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

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

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Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, **dona nobis pacem.**

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

Words: Traditional

Music: Haydn

### **Carol** – *Nativity Carol*

Born in a stable so bare,  
Born so long ago:  
Born 'neath light of star,  
He who loved us so.

*Refrain*     *Far away silent lay*  
*Born to day, you homage pay,*  
*For Christ is born for aye,*  
*Born on Christmas Day.*

Cradled by mother so fair,  
Tender her lullaby;  
Over her son so dear  
Angel hosts fill the sky.  
*Refrain*

Wise men from distant far land,  
Shepherds from starry hills  
Worship this babe so rare,  
Hearts with his warmth he fills.  
*Refrain*

Love in that stable was born  
Into our hearts to flow;  
Innocent dreaming babe,  
Make me thy love to know.  
*Refrain*

Words & Music: John Rutter

### **Carol** – *Manger Lullaby*

Mary, look, your baby's sleeping,  
Sleeping on his bed of hay;  
Mary, look, our Savior's resting,  
Resting for another day.

*Refrain* Rock him gently, keep him warm,  
Sheltered from the wind and storm;  
Mary, look, our Savior's lying  
Helpless on his bed of hay.

Angel hosts proclaim his glory,  
Shepherds humble tribute bring;  
Wise men open wide their treasures,  
Treasures for an infant king. *Refrain*

Born to be a king forever,  
Born to reign on David's throne;  
But for now a child most helpless,  
Needing comfort, warmth and home. *Refrain*

Words & Music: Cyril Johnston (b.1945)

*After the ministration of Communion, all kneel and sing this*

## **Hymn**

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.

Silent night, holy night,  
shepherds quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Words: Josef Möhr (1792-1848)

Music: Stille Nacht (Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863)

## The Concluding Rite

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All kneel. The Celebrant continues*

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant now bestows*

## **The Blessing**

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*All stand.*

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

*All now sing this*

## **Hymn**

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.

Christ, by highest heaven 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 us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark, the herald-angels sing  
glory to the new-born King.

Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Risen with healing in his wings,  
Light and life to all he brings,

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace:  
hail, the Sun of Righteousness.  
Hark, the herald-angels sing  
glory to the new-born King.

Words: Charles Wesley, alt. (1739)

Music: *Mendelssohn*; adopted from a chorus by Felix Mendelssohn (1840)

**Organ** – *On This Day, Earth Shall Ring*

David Maxwell (1944-2015)

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*The Priests of Bethesda would be honored and privileged to bring the Blessed Sacrament to those unable to attend the liturgies of Our Lord's Nativity. Please telephone the Parish Office to make arrangements.*

## **CHRISTMAS COMMEMORATIONS 2017**

In Thanksgiving for  
***The Incarnation of Our Lord***  
***and for***  
***The Bethesda Family***

by  
*The Very Rev'd Marshall J. Vang*

The Aumbry Candle is given in memory of

***Ray Priestley***  
***and***  
***Madeline Stewart***  
by *Lynne Priestley*

**Given By:**

*Jane Agee*

*Grady & Judy Aronstamm*

*Audrey J. Ball*

*Daniel Biggie*

*Sharon & Gordon Boyd*

*Laurie Brenenstuhl*

*Johanna Brackett*

*Betsy Cummins*

*Phyllis R. Curtis*

*Joe & Janet Equale*

*Anita E. Harding*

*Pam Houde*

*Pickard, Lance Pickard*

*Jean Huber*

*Joan Swire Hyman*

**In Loving Memory Of:**

*William Hugh Agee*

*Dorothy & Frances McTygue*

*Edward Ball*

*Richard Biggie, Jr.*

*Ruth Petersen Walker*

*John and Emily Capano*

*John E. Brackett, Jr.*

*Hoppy & Dean Wallace*

*Dean Wallace, Jr.*

*Tom Cummins*

*for family blessings*

*Anna Equale*

*Rose DiGangi*

*Margaret & Roy Funderburk*

*Aimee Harding-Anderson*

*Gary Houde ,Clarence Pickard*

*Laura*

*James Norton*

*Adelaide Peters*

*Bette Swire*

*William Swire*

**Given By:**

*Mildred Meeker*

*Joseph Moore*

*Rhoda Nimsker*

*Loved ones*

*Audrey & Paul Parobeck*

*Lynne Priestley*

*Carol Simek*

*Eleanor & Cliff Stevens*

*Shauna M. Sutton*

**In Loving Memory Of:**

*Robert C. Meeker*

*John Hoyle*

*Lottie Hoyle*

*M. Tyrone Bullard*

*Florence Sharp*

*Lester Nimsker*

*Edwin Warren*

*John Sunderland*

*The Rev'd Thomas T. Parke*

*Mickey M. Vassallo*

*Mary M. Blunt*

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*Paul & Anna VangorParobeck*

*Ray Priestley, Madeline Stewart*

*Emilie & John Becher,*

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*Tom Connor*

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*Muriel Armer Sutton*

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*May Sutton Hodgson*

*Fred H. Hodgson*

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*Karen & Craig Walton*

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*Nancy & David Wilder*

*Mary Withington*

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Albert M. & Elizabeth M. Chandler*

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Gene & Nellie & Tasso  
Andrew & Julia Tykwinski*

*Russell Tessier  
Ivy & Ed Cahill  
Bunny & David Tessier  
Joseph Brown*

*Michael Stockman*

*Amanda Lynne Weinhagen  
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Kathleen Dodge Withington  
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