

**ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

1307 North Main Street, Mount Airy, Maryland

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**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**December 25, 2022**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**9:30 AM**

# GATHERING

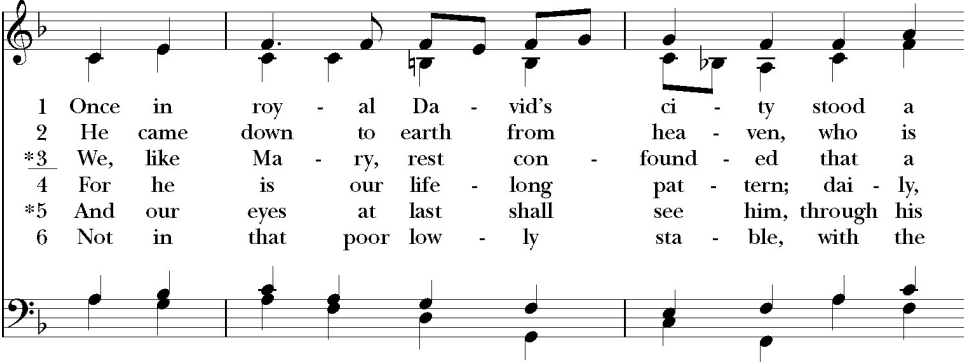
## Welcome

### The Prelude: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

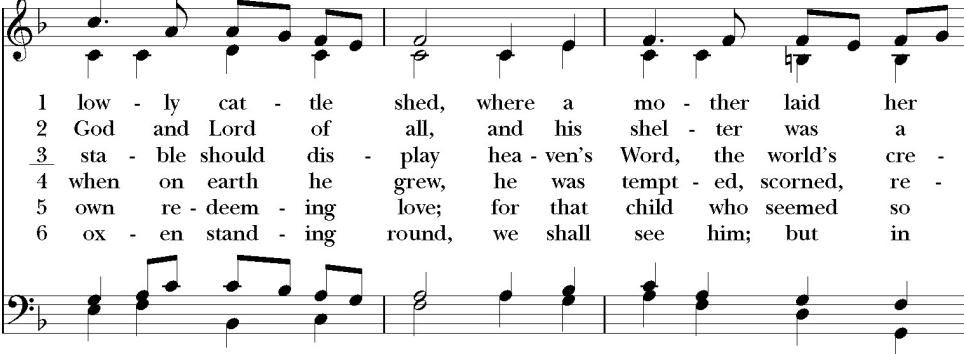
Richard S. Willis, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

### Processional Hymn: *Once in royal David's city* *You are invited to stand*

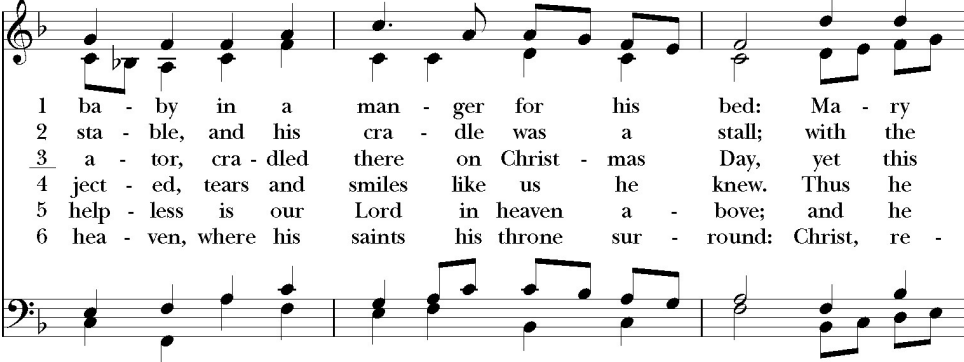
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1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a  
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is  
\*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a  
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,  
\*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his  
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the



1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her  
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -  
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -  
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so  
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in



1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry  
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the  
3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this  
4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he  
5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he  
6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —  
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.  
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —  
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

### The Acclamation

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

**You come to your people and set them free.**

### The Lighting of the Candles on the Advent Wreath

*All the candles are lighted*

**Lord Jesus, Light of light, you have come among us. Help us who live your light to shine as lights in your world. Glory to God in the highest. Amen.**

### The Hymn of Praise *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.**

**GLORIA - in excelsis Deo. GLORIA - in excelsis Deo.**

### The Collect of the Day

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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

## WORD

### **A Reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*Isaiah 52:7-10*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 98**

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his 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 the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 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 the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

### **A Reading from the Letter of to the Hebrews**

*Hebrews 1:1-4*

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the

exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Procession** *Hark! the herald angels sing*

*Mendelssohn*

*You are invited to stand*

**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!  
Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!**

**The Holy Gospel**

*John 1:1-14*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

**The Gospel Procession** *Hark! the herald angels sing*

*Mendelssohn*

**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 God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Kristin Krantz

**The Nicene Creed**

*You are invited to stand*

**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.**

**The Prayers of the People**

God of the prophets, give your church courage to speak truth, and to tell of your love.  
**God of the prophets, hear us and help us!**

God of the angels, give your church voice to sing your presence into the world. Give the world a freedom song, and help us to speak peace throughout the earth. **God of the angels, hear us and help us!**

God of Mary and Elizabeth, give your church grace to be pregnant with hope and to bring forth new life for a barren world.

**God of our mothers, hear us and help us!**

God of Zechariah and Joseph, give your church dreams and visions, and the courage to follow them. **God of our fathers, hear us and help us!**

God of the shepherds, give your church humility, and to all who sit in darkness, alone and afraid, a light from heaven proclaiming peace. **God of the shepherds, hear us and help us!**

God of the magi, give your church gifts, and the will to leave home to find you among the poor. **God of the magi, hear us and help us!**

God of the Holy Innocents, give your church power to stand against violence and to protect the powerless. **God of the victim, hear us and help us!**

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *Here other intercessions are offered.*

*The Celebrant prays the closing Collect:*

God our Sovereign, you are always coming into the world. Come to us now, soon, and forever, and let us receive you as the Child of holiness and the Wind of change, through whom, this day, we pray. **Amen.**

### **The Exchange of Peace**

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of Christ.*

### **Announcements**

### **Thanksgivings of the Community**

*You are invited to offer public thanks for the movement of God's Spirit in your own life: thanks for a birthday, an anniversary, a new job, and unexpected act of compassion, or another grace-filled moment in your life. We close this time with the following prayer:*

**O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they mark this day. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## TABLE

*Please place your offering in the plate  
when you come forward to receive communion*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer B, The Book of Common Prayer*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

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

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

### **Sanctus & Benedictus**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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 all 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 James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Savior Christ taught us, we now pray:

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

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A profound silence is kept*

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, or we all share in the one bread.**

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Behold what you are, become what you receive.

## **The Communion of the People**

*All who seek Christ are welcome at God's table.*

*We offer both wheat and gluten free wafers; inform the priest of your preference.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

*If you are not receiving communion today you are invited to silently pray  
the Prayer for Spiritual Communion found below.*

## **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

## **Music at Communion** *Silent Night, Holy Night*

Franz Grüber, arr. Patricia Lou Harris

## **The Prayer after Communion**

*You are invited to stand*

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## SENDING

### **The Christmas Blessing**

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

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

**Processional Hymn:** *Angels, from the realms of glory*

*Regent Square  
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### **The Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Processional Hymn: *Angels, from the realms of glory*

Regent Square

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;  
beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;  
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

*Refrain*  
now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,  
ye have seen his na - tal star:  
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

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

**December 25, 2022**

**Christmas Day**

**9:30 am**

|             |                         |          |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Celebrant   | The Rev. Kristin Krantz |          |
| Altar Guild | Karen Phillips          |          |
| Ushers      | Jim Bullington          |          |
| Reader      | Denise Warren           |          |
| Chalice     | Melissa Guessford       |          |
| Livestream  | Zach Krantz             |          |
| Counters    | Gabby Markham           | Dave Rak |

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| <b>TODAY</b>                            | <b>Office Closed December 23—January 2</b> |  |
| Sunday, December 25                     | 9:30 am                                    | Holy Eucharist with Christmas Carols with Livestream |
| <b>Christmas Day</b>                    |  |  |
| <b>NEXT SUNDAY, January 1</b>           |  |  |
| <b>The First Sunday after Christmas</b> | 9:30 am                                    | Christmas Lessons & Carols with Livestream           |
| Sunday, January 8                       | 8:30 am                                    | Holy Eucharist and Renewal of Baptismal Vows         |
| <b>The Baptism of Our Lord</b>          | 9:30 am                                    | Sunday School  |
|   | 10:30 am                                   | Holy Eucharist and Baptism with Music & Livestream   |

***Kristin+ Will Be Away***

Kristin+ will be out of the office from Monday, December 26 through Saturday, January 7. If you have a pastoral emergency please contact our Senior Warden Dave Rak.

***Prayer Rotation***

Please join the **Daughters of the King** in praying for each parishioner in rotation during 2022 by taking this notice home and by posting it where it will remind you pray to on a daily basis for the needs and blessings of:

Steve Stowell  
Joanna Sutphin  
Scott and Margaret Swetz

A member of the Daughters of the King will be contacting you this week for special prayer requests.



**DON'T TRASH YOUR BAGS!**  
**PLEASE DONATE HOLIDAY GIFT BAGS**  
**ALONG WITH TISSUE PAPER**  
(GENTLY USED OR NEW)  
FOR NEXT YEAR'S CHILDREN'S SECRET SANTA SHOP

**St. James Thrift Shop**

## Advent Wreaths

*Don't forget to return your wreath form.  
Look for the tub in the narthex*



***The Christmas flowers and music are offered  
To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:***

Dotty Oland, never forgotten by Dave Oland

Kris and Anne Nanavaty, Charles Bovaird by the Nanavaty Family

C.J. Hollar by Kelley and Mike Ritter

In loving memory of our grandson, Calvin Luis Williams by Beverly and Tom Williams

Departed loved ones by Bryant and Karen Dulany

My husband, Jon Fader by Joan Fader

We pray for our Marines (Brennan, McKenna) and each who cannot be with us this Christmas Eve by Chris, Mike, and Kaley Henyon

Lawrence and Carol Barry, John and Margret Kaufman, Mary Kaufman, Jim Kaufman, Jeanne Marie Kaufman, Kathleen Kaufman, Madeline Havrilla by Tom and Carla Kaufman

Carolyn Etzler, a beloved member of St. James' Altar Guild by the Pellicier Family

Gaje, Jake, and Kai by Lynda Ellis

Mary Ellen Thompson by Deb Schaeffer

My parents, Francis and Mary Ellen Thompson by Denise Thompson

Charles and Katherine Eaton, Fred and Margaret Kraft, Mildred Eaton by Violet Kraft

Mark Davis by Steve and Laura Davis

John and Licia Tippett by Terri and Denise Demosky-Tippett

***To the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for:***

Family and friends by Karen and Bob Larrimore

Our children, grandchildren, and spouses by Chuck and Susan Riel

My family (children, grandchildren and great grandchildren) by Aline Sautter

Family and friends by Deb Schaeffer

Family and Friends by Bryant and Karen Dulany

Our children and grandchildren by Donna and Lynn Carr

The St. James' Community by Kristin Krantz

Scott, Katie, and Greg by Violet Kraft

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Holy Eucharist: 8:30 am, Sunday School: 9:30 am, Holy Eucharist w/Music: 10:30 am

**The mission of the churches of the Diocese of Maryland is to  
ENCOUNTER Christ everywhere and  
ENGAGE in God's mission of reconciliation in the world.**

This Week's Commemorations (*A Great Cloud of Witnesses*, 2019, Church Publishing Group)

25 **The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

26 **Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr**

27 **Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**

28 **The Holy Innocents**

29 Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1170

30 Frances Joseph Gaudet, Educator and Prison Reformer, 1934

31 Samuel Ajayi Crowther, Bishop in the Niger Territories, 1891

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