

# **ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

1307 North Main Street, Mount Airy, Maryland

**ENCOUNTER Christ ~ ENGAGE the World**



## **THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY**

**Candlelight & Carols Holy Eucharist**

**December 24, 2022 ~ 8:30 pm**

*Choral Christmas Prelude beginning at 8:00 pm*

***Welcome! We're glad you found your way to St. James' tonight.***

*Please sign our guest book to receive information  
about the mission & ministry of this community.*

***St. James' WiFi password on both levels is NorthMain.***

*We are on Facebook and invite you to check in  
or use your favorite social media app  
to let your friends know you are here tonight!*

#StJamesCandlelightChristmas

***An Invitation to Communion from The Right Rev. Eugen Sutton***

Tonight we will share Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you.

## CHORAL CHRISTMAS PRELUDE

<i>Carol of the Bells</i>	M. Leontovich, arr. Margaret Goldston
<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>	Adpt. Thomas Helmore, arr. John Carter
<i>Soon and Very Soon</i>	Andraé Crouch, arr. Jack Schrader
<i>All is Well</i>	Michael W. Smith and Wayne Kirkpatrick, arr. Lloyd Larson
<i>Sing We Now of Christmas</i>	Noel Nouvelet, arr. John Carter
<i>Snow on Snow</i>	Gustav Holst, arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
<i>Silent Night</i>	Franz Grüber, arr. Margaret Goldston
<i>Long-Awaited One</i>	Nicole Elsey, arr. Douglas Nolan

## ST. JAMES' CHOIR

Richard Drehoff Jr., Music Director  
Donna Carr, soprano  
Mike Henyon, bass  
Abby Markham, flute  
Deb Schaeffer, soprano  
Mara Snyder, soprano

## PARTICIPATING THIS EVENING

Celebrant	The Rev. Kristin Krantz	
Acolyte	Jasper Krantz	
Readers	Gail Wolfe	Jeannie Pellicier
Ushers	Jim Bullington	Blix Winston
Chalice	Jeannie Pellicier	
Livestream	Zach Krantz	
Altar Guild	Kathy Grumbach	Aline Sautter
	Karen Phillips	Jeannie Pellicier
	In thanksgiving for Carolyn Etzler	

# GATHERING

**Processional Hymn: *O come, all ye faithful***  
*You are invited to stand*

*Adeste fideles*

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.

### **The Acclamation**

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

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

### **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.**

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

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

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

## **WORD**

### **A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah**

*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.

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

### **The Psalm**

*Psalm 96*

- 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.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*  
 he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
 he will judge the peoples with equity."  
 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.  
 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
 and the peoples with his truth.

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus**

*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.

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**

*Luke 2:1-20*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

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

*After the Gospel*

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**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

On this holy night Christians across the world are celebrating Christ's birth. Open our hearts that Christ may be born in us. Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.' Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in our nation and around the world. Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night shepherds in the field heard good tidings of great joy. Give us grace to preach the good news of Christ. Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Help us to greet strangers as members of your family. Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

On 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. Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in our world, especially those in need of special prayer this holy night. Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night heaven has come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Bring into the fullness of your presence all who have died, those we love but see no longer. Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night, all who look to you in hope proclaim the glory of your name. Receive the glad praise we offer in companionship with Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, the angels, the saints, and all those we worship alongside this night. Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant prays the closing Collect:*

O God of heavenly glory and earthly peace, you have hallowed this sacred night with the joyful tidings of Christ's birth: May the Light dawning upon us kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may shine forth your glory in love; in Christ's name. **Amen.**

### **The Exchange of Peace**

*You are invited to stand*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

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

### **Welcome & Announcements**

## **TABLE**

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

**At the Offertory** *Calypso Lullaby*

Jester Hairston, arr. Joel Raney

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer B, The Book of Common Prayer*

*You are invited to stand*

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

*Franz Schubert*

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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "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". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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 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.

### **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 any are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The gift 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**

**Carol:** *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?**

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;**

**haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own him;**

**The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.**

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;**

**haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**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 the thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
and hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

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

**Carol:** *Away in a Manger*

James R. Murray

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

**The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes,  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

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

**Carol:** *It came upon a 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.**

**Carol: *The First Nowell***

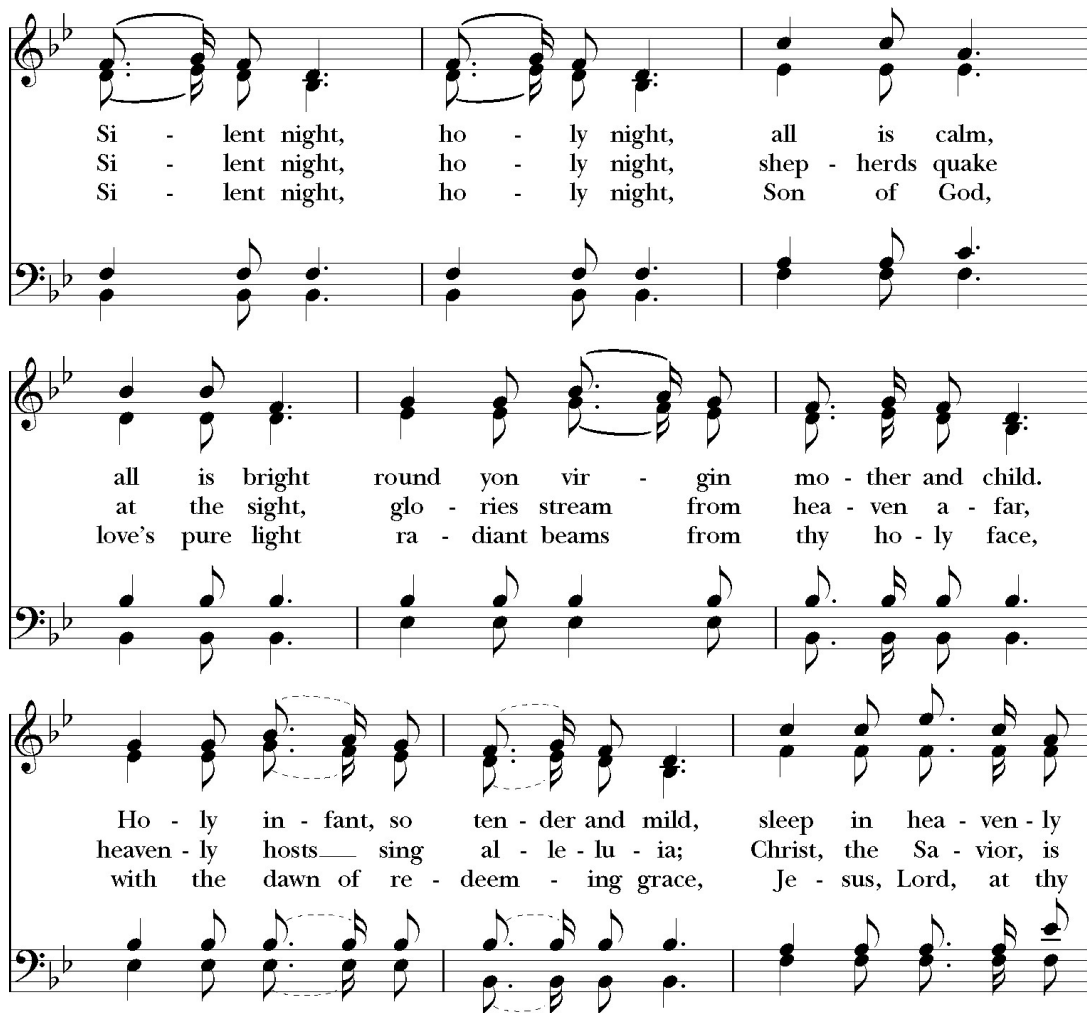
*The First Nowell*

**The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
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.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

**Carol: *Silent Night***

*Stille Nacht*



Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy



peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

**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: *Joy to the world*

Antioch

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 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  
 as the curse is found, far - as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far - as, far - as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

**The Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**The Postlude:**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
*The First Noel*

Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Mary McDonald  
William Sandys, arr. Mary McDonald



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

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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*, 2018, Church Publishing Group)

December 25	The Nativity of Our Lord
December 26	Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr
December 27	Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
December 28	The Holy Innocents

Readings for January 1, 2023  
Christmas Lessons & Carols  
9:30 am Combined Worship

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