

# SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## *Christmas Eve*

24 DECEMBER 2025  
FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

## *Saint John's Church, Mobile*

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## ABOUT THE MASS

Christians began celebrating Mass on Christmas Eve in the fifth century. Christmas Eve Masses are among the most beloved services of the year for most Christians.

Our celebration of the birth of Our Savior begins with carols for congregation and choir and anthems by the choir.

## Music for Choir and Congregation

Hymn 79

*St. Louis*

### O little town of Bethlehem

The musical score is written for a choir and congregation. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are arranged in five lines, with the first line being the main melody and the subsequent lines providing a response or continuation. The lyrics are as follows:

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
\*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

## Hymn 84

*Gartan*

## Love came down at Christmas

1 Love came down at Christ-mas, love all love - ly, love di - vine;  
2 Wor-ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate, love di - vine;  
3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine,

love was born at Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the sign.  
wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where-with for sa - cred sign?  
love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the final verse. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## Hymn 101

*Cradle Song*

## Away in a manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
 \* 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.  
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Words: Traditional carol. Music: *Cradle Song*, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

## It came upon a midnight clear

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that  
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with  
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the  
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing  
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heav - en - ly  
 world has suf - fered of long; be - neath the heav - en - ly  
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold;  
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;  
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from  
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they  
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn  
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its  
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and  
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!  
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt. Music: *Carol*, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900).

## Hymn 94

## Winchester Old

## While shepherds watched their flocks by night

*Descant*

2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled mind;  
 6 "All glo - ry be to God on high and on the earth be peace;

1 While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,  
 2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled mind;  
 3 "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's line  
 4 "The heaven - ly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,  
 5 Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth - with ap - peared a shin - ing throng

2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind."  
 6 good will hence - forth from heaven to men be - gin and nev - er cease."

1 the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.  
 2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind.  
 3 the Sa - vior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:  
 4 all mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."  
 5 of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high  
 and on the earth be peace;  
 good will henceforth from heaven to men  
 begin and never cease."



## **Prelude**

### **THE ENTRANCE RITE**

#### **Entrance Song**

*All stand at introduction to the entrance hymn. The Congregation sings the hymn as the choir and ministers of the assembly enter.*

#### **Hymn 83**

*Adeste Fideles*

**O come, all ye faithful**

*(see next page)*

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, —  
 \*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle, —  
 \*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, —

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;  
 4 leav - ing their flocks, — draw — nigh to gaze;  
 5 we would em - brace — thee, with love and awe;

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;  
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

*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.

6 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); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others. Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The *English Hymnal*, 1906.

## Opening Acclamation

*The Celebrant says the following, and the people respond.*

Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

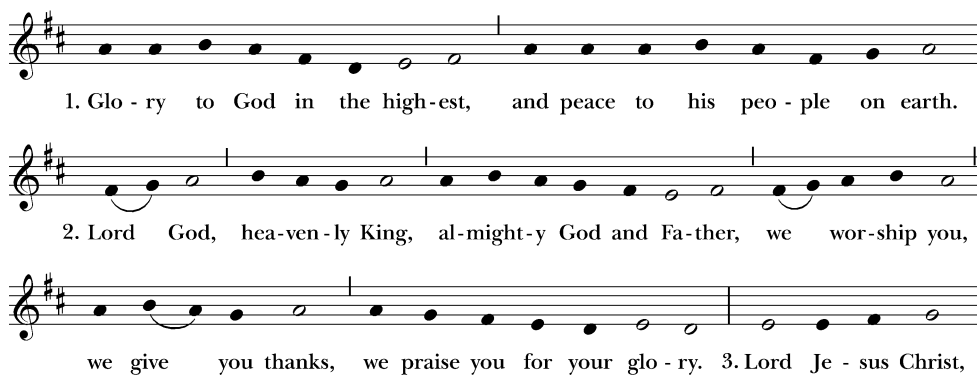
*The Celebrant continues*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Congregation sings the Gloria*

## Hymn S277

### Gloria in excelsis



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,

we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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*The people remain standing for the Collect of the Day.*

## The Collect of the Day

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*The Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

## The Readings

*The People are seated. The first lesson, Isaiah 62:6-12, is now read*

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

*The Reader concludes*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation sings* **Psalm 97**



- 1 The Lord is King;  
let the earth **rejoice**; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be **glad**.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round **about him**, \*  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his **throne**.
- 3 A fire goes **before him** \*  
and burns up his enemies on every **side**.
- 4 His lightnings light up the **world**; \*  
the earth sees it and is **afraid**.

- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the **Lord**, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole **earth**.
- 6 The heavens declare his **righteousness**, \*  
and all the peoples see his **glory**.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false **gods!** \*  
Bow down before him, all you **gods**.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah **rejoice**, \*  
because of your judgments, O **Lord**.
- 9 For you are the Lord,  
most high over all the **earth**; \*  
you are exalted far above all **gods**.
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate **evil**; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the **wicked**.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the **righteous**, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are **truehearted**.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you **righteous**, \*  
and give thanks to his holy **Name**.

*The second lesson, Titus 3:4-7, is now read*

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*The Reader concludes*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 91**

*Ermuntre dich*

**Break forth, O beautiful heavenly night**

*(see next page)*

Break forth, O beau - teous heaven - ly light, and ush - er in the

morn - ing; O shep - herds, greet that glo - rious sight, our

Lord a crib a - dorn - ing. This child, this lit - tle

help - less boy, shall be our con - fi - dence and joy, the

power of Sa - tan break - ing, our peace e - ter - nal mak - ing.

Words: Johann Rist (1607-1667); ver. *Hymnal* 1982. Music: *Ermuntre dich*, melody Johann Schop (d. 1665?), alt.; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

# Christmas Pageant and the Holy Gospel

## The Sermon

The Reverend John Talbert

## The Nicene Creed

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*The People stand as the Celebrant stands and all join in saying:*

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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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

*All may stand or sit. A minister bids these prayers of the assembly:*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

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

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

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

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

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

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

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

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

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

Receive unto to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

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

## The Peace

*The Celebrant says*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Welcome and Announcements

*The Congregation may be seated for the announcements.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## The Preparation of the Gifts

*The Congregation is seated for the Offertory*

## Choir Offertory

### Christmas Lullaby

*John Rutter*

*The Congregation stands and sings the Presentation Hymn while the ushers bring forward the people's gifts of bread, wine, money and other gifts.*

## Hymn 380

*Old 100th*

**All people that on earth do dwell**

*Vs 3 only*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

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*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

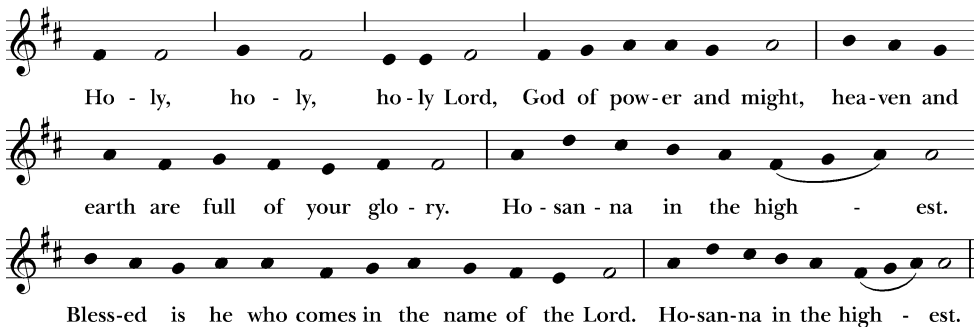
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the 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:

*The Congregation sings Sanctus and Benedictus.*

## Hymn S124

*Hurd*

### Holy, holy, holy Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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*The people stand or sit. Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in Glory.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 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.

*People*      **AMEN**

*The Celebrant says*

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant leads the Congregation in singing the Agnus Dei.*

## Hymn S161

*Hurd*

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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## The Invitation

*The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion.*

### WE ARE ALL INVITED TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, all baptized persons are invited to receive the Holy Communion. Persons who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing.*

*After receiving communion, the Congregation may be seated. Please join in singing the communion hymn*

## Hymn 112

*Cranham*

### In the bleak mid-winter

*(see next page)*

1 In the bleak mid-winter, frost-y wind made moan,  
 2 Our God, heaven can-not hold him, nor earth sus-tain;  
 3 An-gels and arch-an-gels may have gath-ered there,  
 4 What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i-ron, wa-ter like a stone;  
 heaven and earth shall flee a-way when he comes to reign:  
 cher-u-bim and se-ra-phim throng-ed the air;  
 If I were a shep-herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal-len, snow on snow, snow on snow, snow  
 in the bleak mid-winter a sta-ble-place suf-ficed  
 but his mo-ther on-ly, in her maid-en bliss,  
 if I were a wise-man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid-winter, long a-go.  
 the Lord God in-car-nate, Je-sus Christ.  
 wor-shipped the be-lov-ed with a kiss.  
 yet what I can I give him- give my heart.

## Postcommunion Prayer

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*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

## The Blessing

*The Celebrant blesses the People. The People respond*

**Amen.**

*The Congregation stands and sings the retiring processional hymn*

## Hymn 111

*Stille nacht*

**Silent night**

*(see next page)*

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.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885). Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910).



## **The Dismissal**

*The Celebrant dismisses the saying*

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

## **Postlude**

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## THIS WEEK AT SAINT JOHN'S:

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Today, Dec. 24.	4:00PM Holy Eucharist Christmas Eve
	5:15PM Fellowship time in the Great Hall
Thurs., Dec.25	11:00AM Holy Eucharist Christmas Day
Next Sunday, Dec. 28	10:00AM Holy Communion: Christmas 1
	11:15AM Fellowship time in the Great Hall

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### THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

are given by  
Kathe Gieseler  
to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
Ruth Love Morgret

THE POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS ARE IN THE INSERT

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### RECENT ATTENDANCE:

36	November 30, Advent 1
37	December 7, Advent 2
35	December 14, Advent 3

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

We lift up to you members of this church family, especially:

Bootsie Cieutat, Eddy Velaski, Julie Garner, Pat Fulford, Marie Brown, Neva Bache, David Rich, Bob Anderson, Helen Guthrie, Mike and Frances Barbour, Carolyn Pearce, Ashley Garris, Jayson Chestang, and Mary Catherine Warren.

We pray for our family and friends, especially:

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