
ST GEORGE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
THE HOLY EUCHARIST



Adoration of the Shepherds

Charles Le Brun (1619-1690)

Oil on canvas

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Welcome to St. George's Episcopal Church

Welcome to worship! We pray that our time of worship will express praise and thanks to God for the gift of Christ, and help you live a more faithful, abundant life.

If you are a visitor, please know that we are delighted that you are here. We know that following the beautiful and ancient worship of the Episcopal Church is not always easy for those unfamiliar with the Anglican tradition. Please do not feel obligated to do anything but to enjoy the service reverently and expectantly.

At the time of The Holy Communion, *all baptized Christians* are welcome to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Ushers will direct you to the altar rail, and you may return to your pew on an outside aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available from the intinction cup to the left of the lectern.

We invite **newcomers** to fill out a visitor's card, found in the pew rack, place it in the offering plate or hand it to a member of the clergy.

We are grateful for your presence!

A Note on the Use of Incense

"Another angel with a golden censer came and stood at the altar; he was given a great quantity of incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that is before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel." Revelation 8:3-4

Incense has a long history in the Christian tradition. It was widely used in Judaism and other cultures of the ancient world as a means of sacrifice, purification, and veneration. Frankincense, or pure incense, was among the gifts brought by the Magi to the young Christ child.

Incense comes from aromatic gums and spices which are burned to produce a fragrant smoke. It is used to symbolize prayer rising to God. In this service incense will be carried in the procession and used to cense the gospel book and the altar.

Choral Prelude by St. George's Choir

And the Glory of the Lord

G. F. Handel

And the glory, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together,
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Annunciation Carol

Robert Lehman

Nova, nova ave fit ex Eva. (News, news Eve's wrong is made right in Mary.)
Gabriel of high degree, he was sent from Trinity, to Nazareth of Galilee;
He met a maiden in that place, there he knelt before her face,
And said, "Hail Mary, full of grace."

When the maiden heard his song, she was fill'd with troubles strong,
And feared that she had done a wrong. Then said the angel,
"Fear not thou, for thou shalt conceive in great virtue the Saviour thou shalt call Jesus."

"There are yet but six months gone since Elizabeth conceived
John to be the Herald of God's Son;" Then said the maiden,
"Verily, I am thy servant right truly, ecce ancilla Domini (lo the handmaid of the Lord)."

Ave Maria

Franz Biebl

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Behold the hand maiden of the Lord
Do to me according to your word.*

And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Lo, How A Rose

Hugo Distler

Lo! How a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came a flow'ret bright
Amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind.
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to men a Savior, when half spent was the night.

This flow'r whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness ev'rywhere. True man, yet very God!
From sin and death He saves us and lightens ev'ry load.

Sussex Carol

arr. Sir David Willcocks

On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring,
News of great joy news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place,
Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the new born King.

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night,
Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and forever more, Amen.

How Still He Rests

Brent Pierce

How still the child rests in quiet splendor.
How peacefully he lies in the manger so bare.
He rests in peace while angels in heaven sing
Glory to God on the night of his birth.

Sleep on, sleep on, oh infant divine.
How quiet the night. Holy child, son of God, hear us praise thee.
Our hearts sing with joy on this night of your birth.
Still he rests. How still he rests. He lies asleep.

Gloria in Excelsis *from Christmas Cantata*

Daniel Pinkham

Glory to God in the highest and on earth to men of good will peace and love abiding.
O be joyful in the Lord, ye nations, with gladness serve the Lord, with gladness serve ye Him.

Come before Him, come before His presence, come unto Him with singing, joy and exultation.

Now know ye: know that the Lord He is God strong and mighty He created us and not we ourselves. Alleluia!

O Holy Night

arr. John Rutter

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appeared and the soul felt it's worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angel voices! O night divine!
O night when Christ was born, o night divine, o night divine.

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by his cradle we stand;
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here came the wisemen from the Orient land.
The King of kings lay in lowly manger, born our friend; he knows our every need,
To our weakness no stranger;

Behold, behold your King! Before him lowly bend!
Behold your King, behold your King! Before him bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another; his law is love and his Gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in his Name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise his holy Name.

Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we, His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim,
His pow'r and glory ever, evermore proclaim.

Unto Us Is Born A Son

arr. Sir David Willcocks

Unto us is born a son,
King of quires supernal:
See on earth his life begun,
Of lords the Lord eternal.

Christ, from heav'n descending low,
Comes on earth a stranger;
Ox and ass their Owner know
Becradled in a manger.

This did Herod sore affray,
And grievously bewilder,
So he gave the word to slay,
And slew the little childer.

O and A and A and O,
Cum cantibus in choro,
Let our merry organ go,
Benedicamus Domino.

Of his love and mercy mild
This the Christmas story:
And O that Mary's gentle Child
Might lead us up to glory!

Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel

Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;
And he shall reign forever and ever. King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

The Holy Eucharist: Rite I—11:00pm

The Rev. Timothy Jones, Celebrant

The Word of God

Christmas Prayer

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn #83: O come all ye faithful

Adeste fideles

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| 1 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;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord. | 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord. |
| 2 God from God, Light from Light eternal,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Only begotten Son of the Father;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord. | 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord. |

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

Hymn #96: Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

- 1 Angels we have heard on high,
Singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
- 2 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.

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

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

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.

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

Psalm 96

The response is sung first by a soloist, then by all. It is repeated as noted below.

Chant by E. G. Monk

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the chant, with lyrics 'Sing to the Lord a' underneath. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics 'new song, sing to the Lord all the earth.' The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The melody is simple and melodic, suitable for a soloist and then a group.

- 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.

Response

Response

The Second Lesson

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.

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

Hymn #79: O little town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 5 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!

The Holy Gospel

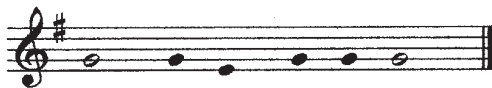
Luke 2:1-20 (KJV)

All standing, the priest reads the Gospel, saying,

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

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.



**Glory be to thee, O Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Reader

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. R. Leigh Spruill

The Nicene Creed (*congregation stands*)

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.

Prayers of the People (*congregation kneels*)

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Katharine, our Presiding Bishop, John, our Bishop, Leigh, our Rector, and all the clergy of this parish, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Barack, the President of the United States, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Priest says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. (Matthew 11:28)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

All stand.

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

For Unto Us a Child is Born

G. F. Handel

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son a given,
And the government shall be upon his shoulder;
And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
The mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince the Peace.

At the Presentation:

The Doxology

Old 100th

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

The people kneel or stand.

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 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 Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept as the Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

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

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The Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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Music during the Communion

What Child is This?

arr. Dale Warland

What child is this, who laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds 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.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners hear the silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son on 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.

O magnum mysterium

Morten Lauridsen

O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent
Dominum natum,
jacentem in praesepio!

*O great mystery,
and wondrous sacrament,
that animals should see
the newborn Lord,
lying in their manger!*

Hymn: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

arr. David Willcocks

1 Infant holy, Infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
nowells ringing,
tidings bringing,
Christ the Babe is Lord of all!

2 Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping,
vigil till the morning new;
Saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing,
greet the morrow,
Christ the Babe was born for you!

Hymn #101: Away in a manger

Cradle Song

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

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 side until morning is nigh.

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

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

The People join in saying this prayer

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

Hymn #III: Silent Night (*kneeling*)

Stille Nacht

1 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.

2 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!

3 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.

The Priest blesses the people.

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.**

Hymn #100: Joy to the World

Antioch

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;
Let us our songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessing flow
Far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love.

The Priest dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on "In dulci jubilo"

J. S. Bach

Verger: Bob Van Cleave

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Ramsey, Judith Broadbent, Neal Clayton, Greg Wilber, and Claudia Padfield

Acolytes: Winn Van Cleave and Cara Sanders

Thurifer: David Weeks

Greeters: Brooks Loomis and Bob Peerman

Announcements

C3: Christ, Church, Culture Conference March 1st-3rd

This second annual conference will help attendees better understand the wider culture and inspire creative responses to it. The 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey will keynote and there will be an entire track of workshops for parents of youth. See www.stgeorgesinstitute.org to register or contact the Rev. Timothy Jones at (615) 385-2150 x 217 for more information.

Adult Classes Beginning Sunday, January 8th at 10:05am

For Inquirers and Those Interested in Confirmation • The Rev. Tim Jones • Dandridge A & B

St. George's will host a series of adult classes on the history, traditions, and sacraments of the Episcopal Church, as well as essential Christian beliefs. The class will lead to confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church or will simply offer a better grasp of what we believe and why. Yellow cards are in the pew racks for more information or contact the Rev. Tim Jones at 385-2150 x 217.

The Rector's Forum: Reading Mark's Gospel with 21st Century Eyes • The Rev. R. Leigh Spruill • Johnson Hall

This class provides a lively engagement with the earliest gospel written and the most action-oriented. We look at Mark with one question in mind: how does the witness to Jesus' life in this gospel encourage us to contemplate more robust Christian living for ourselves?

Back to the Future: Highlights from Church History • The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam • Hampton Hall

Why does the church as we know it look the way it does? Have we always believed this way or has the church changed over the centuries? Does it matter? Should we care? Our Christian faith in America is the sum of decisions and events from our past. This reality shapes who we are and how we envision God, the church, and ourselves. Join us as we take a "Bill and Ted"-like excellent adventure through church history, "island hopping" through the centuries and (re)discovering our heritage within the Christian Church!

The Bible in 90 Days • The Rev. Marcia King, Robert Rigger, and Bob Schwartz • Bride/Family Room

The Bible in 90 Days is a unique program that minimizes the hurdles most people stumble over when trying to read the entire Bible. The goal is to read the Bible quickly but attentively in order to sense the broad sweep of salvation history, the Garden of Eden to the new heaven and new earth, prophesy and fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Copies of *The Bible in 90 Days* and *The Essential Bible Companion* are available in the St. George's Bookstore or on amazon.com. Participants can begin reading at any time before class begins to get a head start.

Real Life, Real Topics: Expanding Your Faith Journey for Life's Journey • Larry Trabue

How do we make room for God the other six days and twenty-two hours of the week to address life's changes, challenges, and triumphs. Ages 23-39. Engaging discussion of life and an exploration of the Book of Psalms.

Ethics, Theology, and Conversation (ETC) • Facilitated by Shirley Hercules and other lay leaders • Conference Room

ETC is a round-table, open discussion of theological, spiritual, and ethical issues.

Sitting With God • Led by the Rev. Roger Senechal • Chapel

This offering is not just for "advanced Christians"; it is for anyone of any age who wants to be quiet before the Lord and enjoy His Presence—hence the name "Sitting With God." Sitting With God is open to occasional visitors as well as regulars.

Children's Discipleship Offerings

Save the date for our Vacation Bible School - We're recreating the village of Nazareth right here at St. George's this summer for a very special Holy Land VBS experience! Come walk where Jesus walked when He lived among us. Mark your calendar for July 16-19, and send an email to children@stgeorgesnashville.org for early registration.

Solemn Communion Preparation for second graders will meet Sundays, January 29th through March 4th during the 10:05am hour. The series concludes with a Saturday retreat and special Eucharist which can be used as a first communion experience. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Nash at 385-2150 x 268.

Children's Discipleship classes reconvene during the 10:05am hour in our children's wing on Sunday, January 8th. Children will explore the meaning of our liturgy, parables of the kingdom, Holy Week narratives, and baptism during the second half of our year.

Events

The In Excelsis Concert Series Presents Westminster Choir January 6th at 7:30pm - One of the finest choirs in America, Westminster has set the standard in many genres of music for over 90 years. Please join us for an evening of music from Rachmaninov to Craig Hella Johnson. Also, please contact Kim Messer at 385-2150 x 253 or kim.messer@stgeorgesnashville.org if you are able to house one or more pairs of singers.

St. George's Preaching Series Presents The Rt. Rev. GERALYN WOLF, Sunday, January 22nd - The Rt. Rev. Wolf has served as the twelfth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island since February 1996. She is the author of several published anthems and is author of *Down and Out in Providence*, detailing her experiences as a homeless person. Wolf serves on several national committees and is the Liturgist for the House of Bishops. She will preach at both the 8:45am and 11:15am services on January 22nd as well as teach *The Rector's Forum* at 10:05am in Hampton Hall.

*The flowers in the Jane Tompkins Weeks Chapel today are given to the Glory of God.
The Altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the following:*

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