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# ST GEORGE'S

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST



*The Nativity*  
1992

## 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.

**Nursery care** is available for infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds. Please follow this signs to the nursery.

*We are grateful for your presence!*

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite II –4:00pm

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The Rev. R. Leigh Spruill, Celebrant

## Opening Voluntary:

Pastorale on “Gesu Bambino”  
Silent Night  
Noel Suisse  
Prelude on “The holly and the ivy”  
The Coventry Carol  
The Holy Boy

Pietro Yon  
Norman Warren  
Louis-Claude Daquin  
Herbert Sumsion  
arr. Richard Gore  
John Ireland

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## The Word of God

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### 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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| <p>1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,<br/>O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him,<br/>Born the King of angels;<br/>O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,<br/>O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.</p> <p>2 God from God, Light from Light eternal,<br/>Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;<br/>Only begotten Son of the Father;<br/>O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,<br/>O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.</p> | <p>3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,<br/>Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;<br/>Glory to God, glory in the highest;<br/>O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,<br/>O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.</p> <p>4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;<br/>Jesus, to thee be glory given;<br/>Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;<br/>O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,<br/>O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.</p> |
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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your 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 also with you.**  
*Celebrant* 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.**

## 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. The first staff is in G major and 4/4 time, with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains the lyrics "Sing to the Lord a" and is marked "GPS". The second staff is also in G major and 4/4 time, with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains the lyrics "new song, sing to the Lord all the earth." and is marked "Response".

- 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.

**Response**

- 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**

## 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, a priest reads the Gospel, saying,*

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord 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.

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Homily

The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam

*All children are invited to come forward to the chancel steps.*

The Nicene Creed (*congregation stands*)

BCP 358

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, Form IV

BCP 388

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.

*Silence*

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.

*Silence*

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.

*Silence*

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.

*Silence*

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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend 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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin** (*congregation kneels*)

*The Priest says* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*All stand.*

**The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## The Holy Communion

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### The Offertory

For Unto Us a Child is Born

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.

**G. F. Handel**  
*St. George's Choir*

At the Presentation:

**The Doxology (Hymn 380, verse 3)**

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 Great Thanksgiving**

*The people remain standing.*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*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. 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:

*Celebrant and People*

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

**(S128) Mathias**

Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The people may stand or kneel as 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,

*Celebrant and People*

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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. Then is sung:*

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

**(S152)**

*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

#### In the Bleak Midwinter

**Harold Darke**

*St. Alban's & St. Cecilia's Choirs*

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.  
Snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter long ago.

Our God, Heav'n cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain.  
Heav'n and earth shall flee away, when He comes to reign.  
In the bleak midwinter, a stable place suffic'd  
The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

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

What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.  
Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

#### There is No Rose

**Robert Powell**

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu: alleluia.  
For in this rose contained was heav'n and earth in little space:  
A wondrous thing by that rose we may well see  
There be one God in Persons Three: in equal form.  
Then leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyous birth:  
Let us cross over alleluia.

**Ave Maria**

**Franz Biehl**

*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.*

**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 on 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.

**Sweet Little Jesus Boy**

**Spiritual**  
*Ben Petty, tenor*

Sweet little Jesus boy, born long time ago  
Sweet little holy child didn't know who you was  
Didn't know you'd come to save to us Lord, to take our sins away  
Our eyes was blind, we couldn't see. We didn't know who you was.

You done told us how, we's a tryin'.  
Master you done showed us how, even when you's dying.  
Just seem like we can't do right, look how we treated you,  
But please sir, forgive us Lord. We didn't know it was you.

**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.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
And grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Hymn #111: 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 Celebrant 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**

*St. George's special Christmas offering this year will go to The Nashville Food Project (formerly known as Mobile Loaves and Fishes).*

**Vergers:** Gail Thompson and Frank Puryear

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Brad Pendleton, Joe King, Jeff Overby, Red Martin, Bob Tuke, Beth Ross, David Maddux, and Fred Fairhead

**Acolytes:** Whitley Cargile, Davidson White, Sykes Cargile, Hudson Coombs, Hudson Walker, Eloise Wood, and Avery King

**Greeters:** Agatha Nolen, Cindy McConnell, Seawell Brandau, Marcy Brandau, Craig Starling, Margaret Starling, and Jonathan Meriwether

**We thank the office staff of St. George's Church  
for all their hard work in preparation for Christmas, and throughout the year:**

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Sandra Beld, Communications Coordinator  
Kathy Bradley, Financial Secretary  
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## Announcements

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### **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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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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***And in Thanksgiving for:***

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***In Honor of:***

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*The aumbry candle today is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
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