



# CHRISTMAS EVE

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

DECEMBER 24, 2023  
9:30PM CHORAL PRELUDE  
10:00PM SERVICE

## WELCOME TO ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to worship as we express praise and thanks to God for the gift of Christ.

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 Holy Communion, *all baptized Christians* are welcome to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Ushers will direct you.

We invite newcomers to fill out a Connect card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to a member of the clergy. You may also scan the QR code on the back of this bulletin.

*We are grateful for your presence.*

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Each year, St. George's Christmas offering is dedicated to meet a particular need of our neighbors in our community. This year our offering will be split evenly between two initiatives responding to critical needs in our community. **Matthew 25** seeks to alleviate homelessness by providing the resources for men to build a foundation on which they can transition to self-sufficiency. **Bellevue Community Food Bank** provides non-perishable items, fresh produce, and other essential goods to families who own or rent their homes and are gainfully employed, yet still struggle to make ends meet without support from the food bank. To make a contribution to the Christmas Offering, please use the offering envelopes in the pews or include "Christmas Offering" in the memo line. You may also give online at [stgeorgesnashville.org](http://stgeorgesnashville.org) or by texting "George Christmas" to 73256. *Message and data rates may apply.*

Thank you in advance for your generous participation in this offering, and may God bless you in this Christmas season.

## 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.

On the cover:

*The Adoration*

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## CHORAL PRELUDE

Selections from Part I of *Messiah*

*George F. Handel*

- IV. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. *Isaiah 40:5*
- VII. And He shall purify the sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. *Malachi 3:3*
- XI. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. *Isaiah 9:2*  
*Soloist: Jesse Turner*
- XII. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is 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 of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6*
- XIV. There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks 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. *Luke 2:8-9*  
*Soloist: Rebekah Alexander*
- XV. 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." *Luke 2:10-11*  
*Soloist: Rebekah Alexander*
- XVI. And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying: *Luke 2:13*  
*Soloist: Rebekah Alexander*
- XVII. "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will towards men." *Luke 2:14*
- XX. He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. *Isaiah 40:11*  
Come unto Him, all ye that labor, that are heavy laden, and He shall give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn of Him; for he is meek and lowly of heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. *Matthew 11:28-29*  
*Soloists: Debra Lee Williamson and Renee Neal*
- XIII. *Pifa* (Pastoral Symphony)

St. George's Choir

Anna Lisa Hoepfinger and Johna Smith, violins

Marie Winget, viola

Austin Hoke, cello

Matt Abramo, bass

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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*Please stand, as you are able.*

### CHRISTMAS PRAYER

*The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 161*

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 102 Once in royal David's city

*IRBY*

*Soloist: Renee Neal*

***The soloist sings***

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

***The choir sings***

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

***The congregation sings***

We, like Mary, rest confounded that a stable should display  
Heaven's Word, the world's creator cradled there on Christmas Day,  
Yet this child, our Lord and brother, brough us love for one another.

For he is our lifelong pattern; daily, when on earth he grew,  
He was tempted, scorned, rejected, tears and smiles like us he knew.  
Thus he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
For that child who seemed so helpless is our Lord in heaven above;  
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing round,  
We shall see him; but in heaven, where his saints his throne surround:  
Christ, revealed to faithful eye, set at God's right hand on high.

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*BCP, p. 323*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**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.

### SONG OF PRAISE Angels we have heard on high

*(Hymn 96 vv. 1 and 3) 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. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

3. Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

OLD TESTAMENT

*Isaiah 9:2-7*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96:1-9 *Sung by the choir.*

- 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.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

HYMN • 83 vv. 1-3, 6 O come, all ye faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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.
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.
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.
6. 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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20 (KJV)

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

*The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam*

*Please stand, as you are able.*

THE NICENE CREED

*BCP, p. 326*

**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 III

*BCP, p. 387*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

THE PEACE

*BCP, p. 332*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

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*Please be seated.*

THE OFFERTORY

*Sussex Carol*

*arr. D. Willcocks*

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring.  
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?  
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.  
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 newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night.  
All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:  
"Glory to God and peace to men, now and for evermore. Amen."

*Please stand, as you are able.*



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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP, p. 340

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

*People*

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Holy, holy, holy*

(Hymnal S114) Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy  
 glo - ry. Glo - - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that  
 com - eth in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please kneel, as you are able.*

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,

**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 & THE FRACTION ANTHEM

*BCP, p. 337*

*Christ our Passover*

*(Hymnal S152)*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

*NOTES ON RECEIVING COMMUNION* All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. If desired, you may intinct (dip) your wafer at the altar rail or have the LEM intinct it for you. Gluten-free wafers are available at the side station.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*The Shepherd's Carol*

*John Wells*

We stood on the hills, Lady, our day's work done,  
Watching the frosted meadows that winter had won.

The evening was calm, Lady, the air so still,  
Silence more lovely than music folded the hill.

There was a star, Lady, shone in the night,  
Larger than Venus it was, and bright, so bright.

Oh, a voice from the sky, Lady, it seemed to us then  
Telling of God being born in the world of men.

And so we have come, Lady, our day's work done,  
Our love, our hopes, ourselves, we give to your Son.

*Coventry Carol*

*arr. B. Smith*

*Soloist: Debra Lee Williamson*

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child,  
By by, lully lullay.  
Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child,  
By by, lully lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do  
For to preserve this day this poor youngling,  
For whom we do sing, By by, lully lullay?

Herod, the king, in his raging,  
Charged he hath this day his men of might,  
In his own sight, all young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child for thee!  
And ever morn and day, for thy parting  
Neither say nor sing, By by, lully lullay!

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child,  
By by, lully lullay.

HYMN • 115 What child is this, who laid to rest

*GREENSLEEVES*

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

2. Why lies he in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

*Please kneel, as you are able.*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*BCP, p. 339*

Let us pray.

**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. Amen.**

*Please remain kneeling, as you are able.*

HYMN • 111 Silent night, holy night

*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 BLESSING

*The Book of Occasional Services, p. 11*

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.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

HYMN • 87 Hark! the herald angels sing

*MENDELSSOHN*

1. Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
3. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

THE DISMISSAL

*BCP, p. 339*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729*

*J.S. Bach*

WORSHIP NOTES

*Clergy* The Rev. Colin Ambrose, celebrant; the Rev. J. Malone Gilliam, preacher; the Ven. Dr. Martin Odidi; and the Rev. Roger Senechal

*Verger* John Lewis

*Thurifer* David Weeks

*Acolyte* Cooper Wells

*Lectors* Jan Allison and Mary Jackson

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers* Dyer Rodes, Ella Redkevitch, Matthew Smith, and Greg Wilber

*Ushers* Mary & Brandon Jackson and Bob Schwartz

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

*In Loving Memory of*

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The Covenant School Families  
Muddie and Papa  
Our Grandchildren: Mimi, Sophie,  
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Harris and Camille May  
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*In Thanksgiving for*

The Gift of Grandchildren: Penelopi,  
Emaline, and Everett  
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The aumbry candle in the Nave is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of George Edward Johnson by Lucy, Caroline, George, Nathan, Grace, and David Johnson.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tornado Relief** We are all anxious to help folks in our community who have suffered from the recent tornadoes. Staff and lay leaders are working to organize ways to respond that are most helpful to those in need. Thanks for your prayers for those who are recovering from the storms, and stay tuned for more details to come.

**Worship on Christmas Day** Monday, December 25, at 10:00am in the Nave.

### Worship Schedule for Sunday, December 31

7:30am Holy Eucharist

9:00am The Table\* (*This is a change from what is published in The Shield.*)

10:00am Holy Eucharist\*

5:00pm Evening Prayer with Eucharist

\*Nursery available for 8-week-old infants through 2-year-olds born in 2021

**Essentials Small Groups** Our next series of small groups will dive into the dramatic story of Exodus. In Exodus, we have the story of God's redemptive work through Moses, the shepherding of God's people into a new life with him, and the giving of God's own words in the Law. This spring, please join us as we walk alongside Moses and learn more of God's strength, power, and profound compassion for his people. Join a 10-week, small group study today. Groups launch in mid-January. Details at [stgeorgesnashville.org/essentials](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/essentials).

**New Opportunities in 2024** There are so many ways to engage at St. George's – from Bible studies to church events, from new college grads to our robust senior adults. We invite you to pick up the new 2024 opportunities brochure or visit [stgeorgesnashville.org](http://stgeorgesnashville.org) for a complete list of offerings this season.

**Seniors Helping Others** Our senior adults gather on Tuesday, January 9, at 10:00am in the Library to write Valentine cards for our veterans. New people are welcome anytime, and we organize a new project each month. Contact church member Karen Lackey if you can help: [lackeykab@gmail.com](mailto:lackeykab@gmail.com) or 615-260-8063.

**Youth Group** Youth group for 7th-12th graders resumes on Wednesday, January 10, from 6:30-8:00pm in Akers Hall (upstairs). This is a casual time for students to gather for games and fellowship. Each week, we break out into small groups to learn about Jesus.

**Journey of Hope** Anyone who has experienced a deep loss of any kind is invited to participate in this series

on Thursdays, January 11 - February 15, from 9:00 to 10:30am. This 6-week course is led by a licensed professional counselor who specializes in grief and trauma. Under the care of a professional, you will learn about tools to process your grief in a safe and loving Christian environment. Please contact Robin Puryear to learn more or join the class: [robin.puryear@stgeorgesnashville.org](mailto:robin.puryear@stgeorgesnashville.org) or 615-385-2150 x 247.

**Coffee and Conversation** Seniors are invited to join us in the Gathering Space the second Thursday of every month from 9:00 to 10:30am to enjoy conversation without any agenda. Sweet treats and coffee provided. No reservations, just join us on January 11.

**Church in the Yard** Volunteers are invited to prepare food Saturday morning (January 13) and to set up worship and serve the meal on Sunday afternoon (January 14) at Church of the Holy Trinity downtown. St. George's supports this ministry the second Sunday of every month. Learn more and sign up online at [stgeorgesnashville.org/outreach](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/outreach).

**Newcomer Gathering** Meet clergy, parishioners, and other newcomers during an informal Sunday morning gathering at 10:05am in the church library. Our next event is Sunday, January 14, at 10:05am.

**Choral Evensong** Please join us on Sunday, January 14, at 5:00pm in the Nave for a contemplative service of choral music and chant led by St. George's Choir. Stay after the service for a reception with members of the choir.

**Application Season for Nashville Fellows** Did you know that each year, our church hosts a group of recent college graduates as they study, grow in faith, and pursue their vocations? These Nashville Fellows live with host families from our church, participate in graduate-level seminary classes one day a week, and work in their field of choice four days a week. Do you know a college senior who desires to start their next chapter well? Encourage them to apply now for the 12th Nashville Fellows Class at [thenashvillefellows.com](http://thenashvillefellows.com). The next application deadline is January 15.

**Prime Time Speakers Series** This popular monthly series begins with lunch at 11:30am followed by an engaging speaker on a variety of topics. Join us Thursday, January 18, to hear from the Rev. Margery Kennelly on "Glimpses of Christ: Pilgrimage on the Camino." Please make a reservation for the \$12 lunch online at [stgeorgesnashville.org/seniors](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/seniors).



**Room in the Inn Winter Shelter** Our Room in the Inn ministry continues as we host both men and women overnight during the cold months ahead. There are now additional volunteer opportunities posted for our men's shelters on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, and our next women's shelter is Thursday, January 18. We hope you will join us in providing food, shelter, friendship, and care to our unhoused neighbors. Visit [stgeorgesnashville.org/riti](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/riti) for details and to sign up.

**Sunday School Classes** Sunday School classes resume on Sunday, January 21, at 10:05am, with offerings for children, youth, and adults. Newcomers are welcome at any time! Visit [stgeorgesnashville.org/ministries](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/ministries) for details.

**20s & 30s Kick-Off Party** Calling all young adults! Join us Sunday, January 21, for a fun event to kick off the semester. Watch for details at [stgeorgesnashville.org/youngadults](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/youngadults).

**Bradford Gallery Event** Save the date for our next Bradford Gallery Event. On Thursday, January 18, all are welcome to join us at 5:30pm for a light reception and another engaging talk inspired by the work of artist Makoto Fujimura on exhibit in the gallery.

**Compline** Stemming from monastic practice, Compline is the last service of the day before bedtime. This brief and beautiful service is set in a darkened church and sung by a small men's choir. Remain as long as you wish after the service in this quiet space, departing in silence. Join us for a special matinee Compline on Sunday, January 21, at 5:00pm in the Nave.

**The Worry-Free Parent with Sissy Goff** Mark your calendars and make plans to join us on Thursday, January 25, at 5:30pm for a special evening with Sissy Goff of Daystar Counseling Ministries. This free event will invite us to reflect on a critical topic for our community: managing worry and anxiety in parenting. Space is limited, so register soon at [stgeorgesnashville.org/parenting](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/parenting).

**Mozart Birthday Concert** Friday, January 26, at 12:00pm in the Nave. Celebrating one of the most remarkable composers in history, the Mozart Birthday Concert has become the annual delight here at St. George's. Led and organized by Nashville-based musician Roger Wiesmeyer, we enjoy the delightful music of Mozart, celebrating his legacy as a composer. This year, donations will be collected for Nashville Freedom Schools, a nonprofit that unites community partners and young-adult mentors to teach literacy and life skills that instill

cultural pride, self-assurance, and active citizenship among marginalized children and youth of color.

**Wellness** As our bodies age, we can proactively engage in practices that build strength, flexibility, balance, cognition, and overall wellness. Mary Gilliam leads several classes for all ages and abilities. Each week, she offers tai chi, gentle yoga, yoga flow, and seated exercise. Classes are free or for a \$5 donation. Details at [stgeorgesnashville.org/wellness](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/wellness).



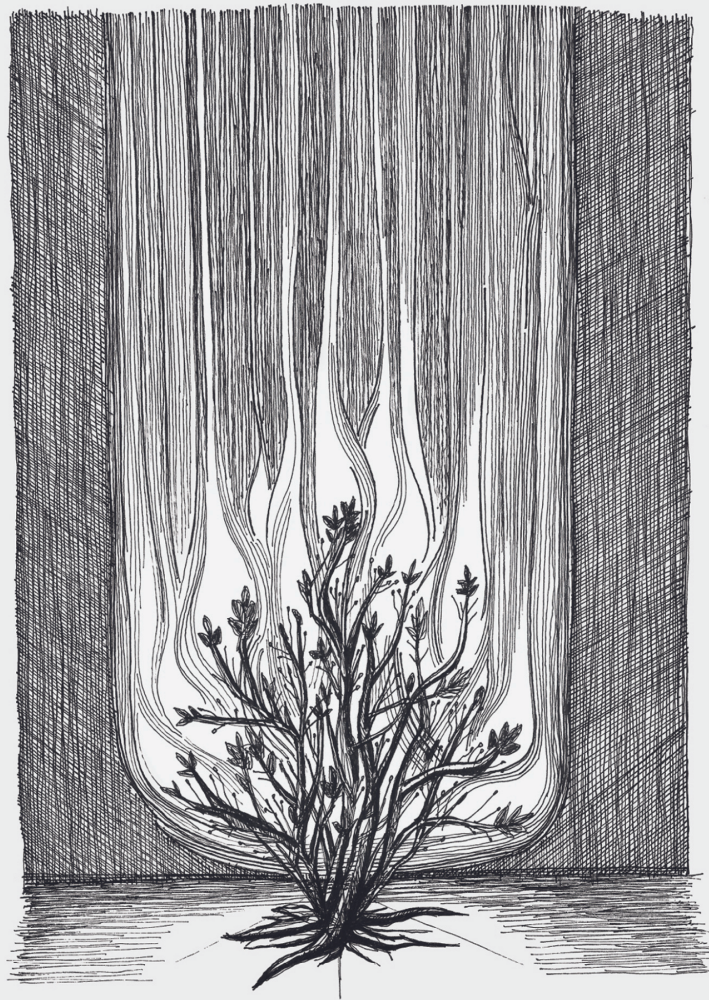
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# Essentials



*New Bible study groups launch January 22.  
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## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

ROGER WIESMEYER & MOZART IN NASHVILLE



**Friday, January 26**

**12:00pm**

Free & Open to the Public  
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## SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30, 8:45, and 11:00am: Holy Eucharist  
9:00am: The Table  
5:00pm: Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist

## WEEKDAY SERVICES (CHAPEL)

7:00am Monday - Saturday | Daily Worship  
10:00am Wednesday | Healing Prayer



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