



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY EUCHARIST
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2018

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(Please join in the congregational parts of the service, which are shown in **bold print**.)

Ministering in the service today ... Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Steven Mackison;
Preacher: The Rev. Deborah Noonan; **Intercessor:** The Rev. Graham Singh; **Guest Organist:** Frederick Francis.

We welcome the people of St. Jax who are joining us for our Christmas Day Celebration!

Processional Hymn: #154 – “JOY TO THE WORLD”

Please stand & sing



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive the
2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - iour reigns: let us glad songs em-
3. No more let wrongs and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions



king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and heav'n and na - ture
- play, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains re - peat the sound-ing
ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far as our sin is
prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heaven and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound-ing joy.
found, far as our sin is found, far as, far as our sin is found.
love, and won - ders of his love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

TEXT: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. MUSIC: Antioch; Melody William Holford, Voce de Melodia, 1835; adapt. George Frideric Handel (1685-1759).

✠ The Gathering of the Community

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

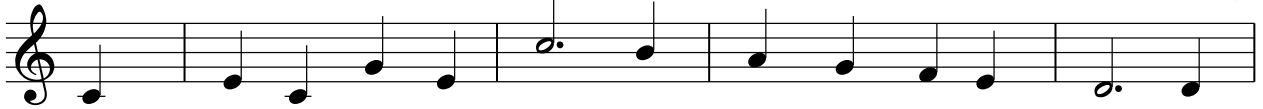
The Collect for Purity

Priest: Almighty God,

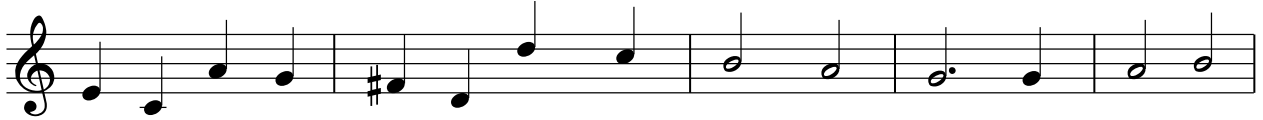
All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Gloria

Please stand & sing



1. Glo - ry to God on high, and peace to all on earth. We
2. Our Sav - iour, Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, the
3. You on - ly are the Lord. You on - ly are most high. You



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, our heaven - ly King. We give you
sac - ri - fi - cial Lamb who saves the world from sin, have mer - cy
on - ly are the ho - ly one, Lord Je - sus Christ. And now you



praise, al - might - y God and Fa - ther blessed in glo - ry bright.
Lord. Be - side the Fa - ther's hand en - throned, now hear our prayer.
reign with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one in glo - rious light.

TEXT: Glory to God (Gloria in excelsis, Greek hymn, 200?); para. Paul Gibson (1932-) ©. MUSIC: Darwall; John Darwall (1731-1789).

The Collect of the Day

Please kneel or be seated

Priest: Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Please be seated

Reader: Une lecture tirée du livre d'Isaïe.

Comme ils sont beaux sur les montagnes, les pas du messager, celui qui annonce la paix, qui porte la bonne nouvelle, qui annonce le salut, et vient dire à Sion : « Il règne, ton Dieu ! » Écoutez la voix des guetteurs : ils élèvent la voix, tous ensemble ils crient de joie car, de leurs propres yeux, ils voient le Seigneur qui revient à Sion. Éclatez en cris de joie, vous, ruines de Jérusalem, car le Seigneur console son peuple, il rachète Jérusalem ! Le Seigneur a montré la sainteté de son bras aux yeux de toutes les nations. Tous les lointains de la terre ont vu le salut de notre Dieu.

Reader: Parole du Seigneur.

Isaïe 52.7-10

People: **Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.**

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #136 – “WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED”

Please stand & sing

The first three verses are sung before the Gospel, the remaining verses, after.



1. While shep-herds watched their flocks by night all seat-ed on the
 2. "Fear not," said he, for might-ty dread had seized their trou-ble
 3. To you in Da-vid's town this day is born of Da-vid's
 4. the heaven-ly babe you there shall find to hu-man view dis-
 5. Thus spake the ser-aph: and forth-with ap-peared a shin-ing
 6. "All glor-y be to God on high, and to the world be



ground, the an-gel of the Lord came down and glor-y shone a-round.
 mind. "Glad tid-ings of great joy I bring to you and hu-man-kind.
 line a Sav-iour, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
 - played, all mean-ly wrapped in swad-dling bands, and in a man-ger laid."
 throng of an-gels prais-ing God, who thus ad-dressed their joy-ful song:
 peace; good will hence-forth from heaven to earth be-gin, and nev-er cease."

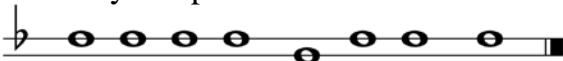
TEXT: Luke 2.8-14; para. Nahum Tate (1652-1715). MUSIC: Winchester Old; Melody Whole Book of Psalmes, 1592.

The Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: 


Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, (*silence is observed*) and we have beheld his glory, the glory as of a father's only begotten son, full of grace and truth.

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

John 1.1-14

All: 
Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Deborah Noonan

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

Priest: Let us confess our faith as we say,

All: **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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: Let us pray. We join with other Christians throughout the world to celebrate the birth of the Christ child, we pray for the whole church in all its incarnations and for all who work and worship here and at St. Jax. Grant, Lord, that in the routine of our everyday lives we may never cease to glorify your name. Hear us, O Lord:

All: **And grant us peace.**

Leader: We pray for the nations of this world; that those in authority may see the light of Christ in their own lives and that they may, in faith and humility, seek your perfect will and so lead their people to justice, freedom, and peace. Hear us, O Lord.

All: **And grant us peace.**

Leader: We pray for the sick and the suffering; for the homeless and the hungry; for the lonely and the lost. I invite your prayers for those whose cares weigh heavily on your heart this Christmas Day, spoken aloud or offered in the sanctity of silence.

A moment's pause is observed for those who wish to voice their prayers

Leader: May all who know emptiness may be filled with your abundant grace given to us this day in the person of your Son.

All: **And grant us peace.**

Leader: We pray for those who are dying, and those who have entered into the nearer presence of God. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

All: **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader: May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Hear us, O Lord:

All: **And grant us peace.**

Leader: Merciful Father, accept these our hearts' desires for the sake of the one who is born in our hearts, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God,

All: **you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. *(Luke 2.10-11)*

Offertory Hymn: #118 - "O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"

All sing



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. God of God Li - ght of Li - ght,
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion;
4. See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
5. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye, to Beth - le - hem;
 lo, he ab - hors not the vir - gin's womb;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove;
 leav - ing their flocks draw nigh with low - ly fear;
 Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given;

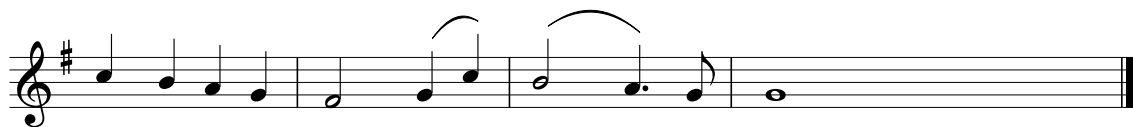


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels;
 ve - ry God, be - got - ten not cre - a - ted:
 glo - ry to God, in the - high - est;
 we too will thi - ther bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing.

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O



come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Offertory Sentence

All sing



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-



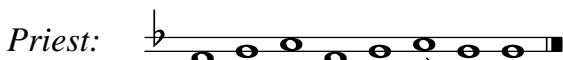
- low; praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

TEXT: Thomas Ken (1637-1710). MUSIC: Old 100th; Melody Geneva, 1551.

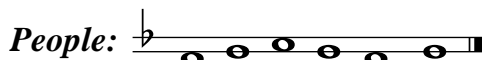
Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest: God of peace, your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you. May all we offer you today renew us as members of your household. We ask this in his name.

All: **Amen.**



The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.



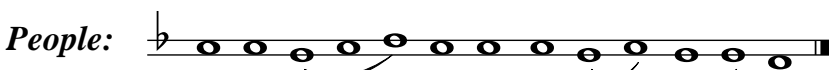
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

All sing

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might. Ho-ly, ho-ly,
ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, heav-en and earth are full,
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est.

MUSIC: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr.
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Priest: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to be in your presence. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

All: we remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Priest: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: Gathering all our praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, que ton Nom soit sanctifié, que ton règne vienne. Que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offenses, comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous soumetts pas à la tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal. Car c'est à toi qu'appartient le règne, la puissance et la gloire, dans les siècles des siècles. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

People: **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

All Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Should you wish a blessing only, please cross your arms on your chest.

Tous les chrétiens sont invités à communier. Si vous préférez recevoir seulement la bénédiction du Seigneur, veuillez croiser vos bras sur votre poitrine.

Agnus Dei

All sing



Je-sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er



of our sins, have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-deem-er, re-



- deem-er of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace.

MUSIC: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-); arr. © G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

Communion Hymn: #137 – “WHAT CHILD IS THIS”

All sing



1. What Child is this who, laid to rest on Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing? Whom
2. Why lies he in such mean es-tate, where ox and ass are feed-ing? Good
3. So bring him in-cense, gold and myrrh, come pea-sant, king to own him; the



an-gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
Christ-ian, fear, for sin-ners here the si-lent Word is plead-ing.
King of kings sal-va-tion brings, let lov-ing hearts en-throne him.

Refrain



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and



an-gels sing; haste, haste, to bring him laud, the babe, the Son of Ma-ry.

TEXT: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). MUSIC: Greensleeves; Melody English trad.; arr. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871, alt.

Prayer after Communion & Blessing

Please stand

Priest: Glory to God

All: whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.

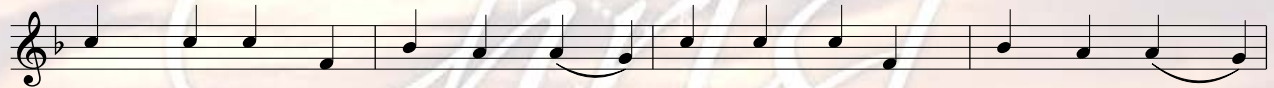
Recessional Hymn: #138 – “HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING” *Please stand & sing*



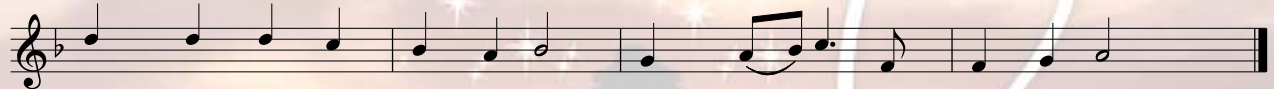
1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glor-y to the new-born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored; Christ the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3. Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!”
late in time, be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.
Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

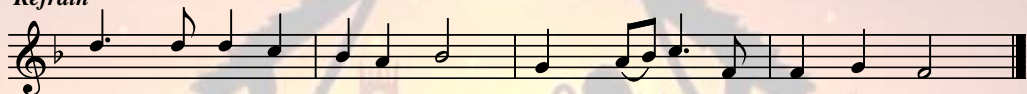


Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th’in-car-nate de - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glor - y by, born that we no more may die,



with th’an-gel - ic host pro-claim, “Christ is born in Beth-le - hem!”
pleased as one of us to dwell, Je - sus our Em - man-u - el.
born to raise each child of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, “Glor-y to the new-born King!”

TEXT: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). MUSIC: Mendelssohn; Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847).

The Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!