



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2016 – Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

4:00 p.m.

Saint John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

60 Kent Street

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

The service and all responses may be read from this program. Hymns are found in The Hymnal 1982 (blue book).

Let us prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ.

GATHERING MUSIC

Christmas Music for Violin, Viola, Recorder, Celeste and Piano

Suite for Viola and Piano R. Vaughan Williams
Prelude — Carol — Christmas Dance

In Dulci Jubilo J. S. Bach

Quem Pastores Laudavere (Shepherds Came) 15th cent. Hohenfurth ms.

Von Himmel hoch 16th cent. German carol

Carol of the Birds Catalan, arr. Millet & Schindler

'Twas In the Moon of Wintertime Huron / French carol

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen 16th cent. German carol

'Tis Winter Now Traditional English carol

Wexford Carol Traditional Irish carol

Fantasia on "Greensleeves" R. Vaughan Williams

Noël from "Esquisses Byzantines" Henri Mulet

INTROIT

Gloria In Excelsis Deo Martin Shaw
Glory to God in the highest!

Please stand, as able, for the opening hymn.

HYMNAL #83

O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

said by Celebrant

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.

People **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

William Mathias



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



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



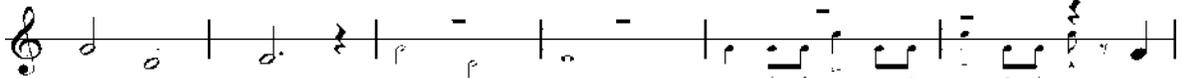
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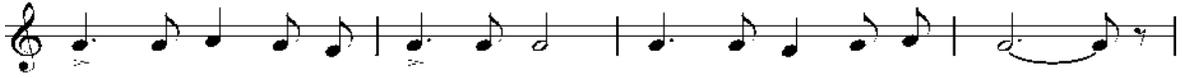
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



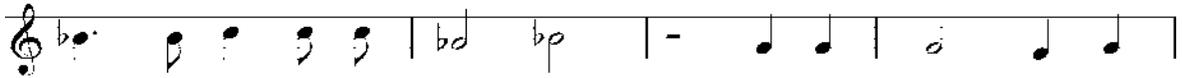
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For



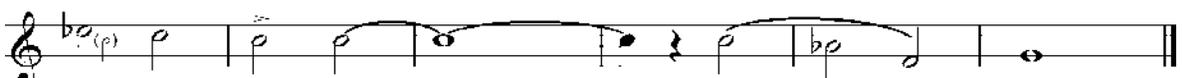
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS

Celebrant: 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.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING 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: Cantate Domino

said by all, remaining seated

**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.**

**10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

**11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder
and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**

**12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.**

**13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.**

ANTHEM

O Come, Little Children

J. A. P. Schulz
(arr. Christoph von Schmidt)

SECOND READING 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.**

Please stand, if able, for the Gospel procession.

HYMNAL #87

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Stanzas 1-2 are sung before the Gospel reading, stanza 3 is sung after the reading.

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL Luke 2: 1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

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When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

A period of silence is observed after the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as able.

**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.

Please remain standing or kneel, as is your custom.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader Incarnate God,

People **Hear our prayer.**

COLLECT FOR ST. JOHN'S *Please join in saying the Collect.*

Reader Gracious God,

All **By your love you have called us to proclaim with joy the good news of your Son: So build us up in the knowledge and love of Him, that we may welcome all people into this community of faith, and show forth our service to you in our service to others; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

Please stand as able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

You are invited to exchange signs of God's peace with those around you.

RECTOR'S WELCOME

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to share at the Lord's Table. At the altar railing you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing you may indicate so by crossing your arms. The common loaf is gluten-free.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

ANTHEM

Rocking Song

Dave and Jean Perry

Tiny baby softly sleeping, cradled in your mother's arms,
Sweetly singing, gently rocking mother keeps you safe from harm.

Lullaby, sing lullaby, sleep, baby, sleep 'til break of day,
May your dreams all be sweet, gentle and mild,
Slumber in peace and love, holy Child.

Starlight fills the winter sky in radiant beauty shining bright.
Sleep my dear one, cradled gently in your mother's arms tonight..
Lullaby

sung by all, standing, if able



1 Love came down at Christ - mas, love all love - ly, love di - vine;
3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine,



love was born at Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the sign.
love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D

The prayer in its entirety may be followed in the Book of Common Prayer on p. 372.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

sung by all

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven 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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has the lyrics "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na" and the second system has "in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is simple and homophonic, with the bass line providing a steady accompaniment.

Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us...
... and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All **We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Celebrant Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation...
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN.**

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

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC

ANTHEM	<i>Infant Lowly</i>	Trad. Polish carol, arr. Willcocks
HYMNAL #101	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	CRADLE SONG
HYMNAL #96	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	GLORIA
HYMNAL #112	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	CRANHAM
HYMNAL #81	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	ES IST EIN' ROS'
HYMNAL #115	<i>What Child Is This</i>	GREENSLEEVES
HYMNAL #114	<i>'Twas In the Moon Of Wintertime</i>	UNE JEUNE PUCELLE
HYMNAL #93	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	REGENT SQUARE
(HYMNAL #111)	<i>Silent Night</i>	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.**

Please stand or kneel, according to your custom.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

said by all

**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.**

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Celebrant

May the babe of Bethlehem bring you peace.
May the child of Nazareth bring you joy.
May the man of Galilee bring you strength;
the Christ of Calvary bring you courage;
and the ascended Lord a foretaste of his glory.
And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you this day and always.

People

Amen.

Please stand, if able, for the closing hymn.

HYMNAL #100

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

Fantasy on 'In Dulci Jubilo'

Johann Sebastian Bach

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

CELEBRANT	The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller
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ALTAR GUILD	Volunteers
USHERS & GREETERS	SJE Ushers & Greeters
ACOLYTES	Ailsa Schmidt, Aidan Schmidt, Matt Brooks, Elliot Wall, Thea Bischof
READERS	Alden Drew, Gary Gleason

THE FLOWERS ON THE MAIN ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
IN LOVING MEMORY OF THOMAS AND BETTY GARRETT, LOUISE S. ANDREWS,
MARTHA AND GUSTAV SEEGER, AND JOHN SEEGER.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Please join us for Christmas Day Eucharist at 10 o'clock in the morning.

The congregation will sit in the choir stalls for the service.

There will be no 8 o'clock service.

CHRISTMAS 2016 MEMORIALS, GARLANDS, WREATHS AND FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God

In loving memory of:

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*Dauda Idi Bushiri, Amina Marundo, Jamilah,
Salufa, Mohamed
Many loved ones
Our acolytes at St. John's
The Obama family*

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