

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
DECEMBER 25, 2016 - CHRISTMAS DAY
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II — 10:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

The opening music offers a time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all devices.

GATHERING MUSIC *Greensleeves* arr. Richard Purvis

Please stand, as able, at the sound of the chimes.

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMNAL #87 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Hymn #96, verses 1 & 3)

**1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing through the night,
And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
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!**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 52: 7-10**

The reading may be followed in the pew Bible on pages 624-625.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98

- 1** **Sing to the LORD a new song, ***
 for he has done marvelous things.
- 2** **With his right hand and his holy arm ***
 has he won for himself the victory.
- 3** **The LORD has made known his victory; ***
 his righteousness has he openly shown
 in the sight of the nations.
- 4** **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness**
 to the house of Israel, *
 and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory
 of our God.
- 5** **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; ***
 lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6** **Sing to the LORD with the harp, ***
 with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7** **With trumpets and the sound of the horn ***
 shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8** **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, ***
 the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9** **Let the rivers clap their hands, ***
 and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
 when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10** **In righteousness shall he judge the world ***
 and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING **Hebrews 1: 1-4**

The reading may be followed in the pew Bible on page 1091.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as able, for the Gradual hymn and Gospel.

HYMNAL #82 ***Of the Father's Love Begotten, vs. 1***

**Of the Father's love begotten, ere the world began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending, he,
of the things that are, that have__ been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL **John 1: 1-14**

The reading may be followed in the pew Bible on page 968.

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

HYMNAL #82 ***Of the Father's Love Begotten, vs. 4***

**Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be;
honor, glory and dominion, and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore.**

SERMON

A period of silence is observed following the sermon.

NICENE CREED *Please stand as able.* Book of Common Prayer p. 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *standing or kneeling*

Reader Incarnate God,
People **Hear our prayer.**

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.** *(Collect for St. John's)*

THE PEACE *Please stand as able.*

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

You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with those around you.

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

SOLO *A Holy Child Is Born* Sally DeFord



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 may be followed in the BCP 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. ...

Celebrant Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

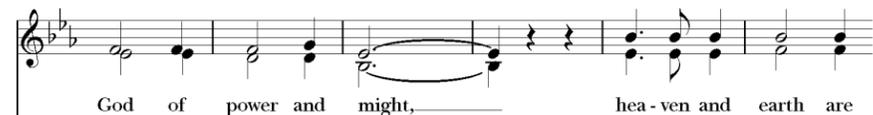
SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS *sung by all* F. Schubert



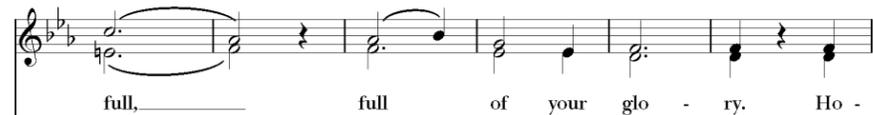
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



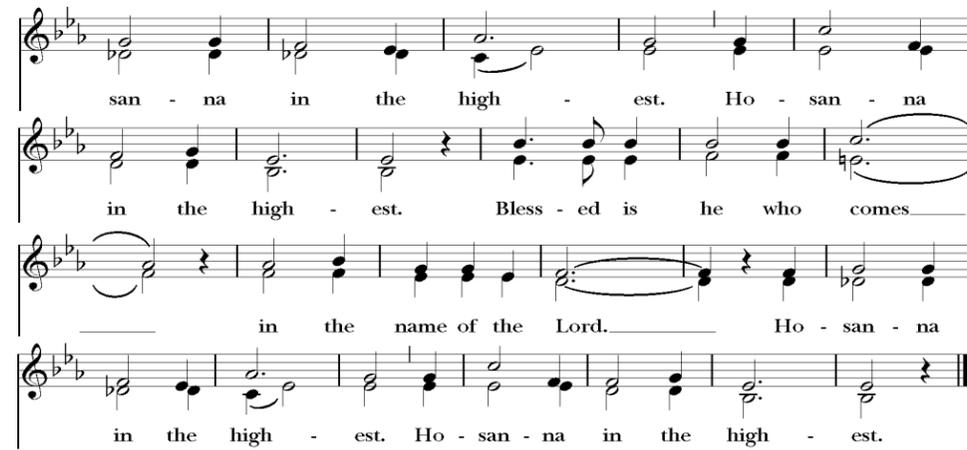
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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, ...

... 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 up on us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts ...

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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **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

HYMNAL #81 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* ES IST EIN ROS'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *said by all, kneeling or standing*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Please stand, as able, for the closing hymn.

HYMNAL #100 *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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.**

Deacon Our worship here is ended; now let our service begin.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY *In Dulci Jubilo* J. S. Bach

TODAY WE PRAY WITH

Max, Gillian, Jim, Ginny, Nancy, Lorne, Burt, Mitch, Mae, Kathleen, Joan, Patricia, Amy, Irene, Mary Ellen, George, Monica, Fred, David, Steve, Ginny and Jack, Camille, Susan, Christopher, Tom Stanley and his platoon serving in Iraq, Sydney, Sara, Caroline, Sandy, Bill, Norma, Mildred, and those you would add.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In thanksgiving for the lives of Thomas and Betty Garrett, Louise S. Andrews, Martha and Gustav Seeger, John Seeger

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER

The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller

ALTAR GUILD

Volunteers

ORGANIST

Jayson R. Engquist, Director

SOLOIST

David A. Winkworth, Baritone

VERGER & READER

Joan Potter

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