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

GATHERING MUSIC

Music for Recorder Consort

(please stand, if able, at the tolling chime)

*OPENING SALUTATION  *(said by Celebrant from back)*

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

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

People
And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*HYMNAL #109

The First Nowell

NOWELL

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

*COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant
The Lord be with you.

People
And also with you.

Celebrant
Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People
Amen.

(congregation is seated following collect)
THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT — Good News of Great Joy

SCENE I
The Prophecy of Isaiah

(sung by all at the end of this scene)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Branch of Jesse’s tree,
free them from Satan’s tyranny that trust thy mighty power to save,
And give them vict’ry o’er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

SCENE II
The Annunciation

(sung by all at the end of this scene)

Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds 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!

O that birth for ever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
And the Babe, the world’s Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore!
SCENE III
The Nativity

SCENE IV
The Shepherds

SCENE V
The Magi

(sung by all at the end of this scene)

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.
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.
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader Lord, in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.

COLLECT FOR ST. JOHN’S (said together by the congregation)

Gracious God: 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.
CONFESSION OF SIN  
(standing or kneeling, according to your custom)

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(silence is observed)

(congregation recites together)

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.

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.
THE PEACE  
(congregation stands, if able)

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

(you may exchange signs of God’s peace)

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
(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. Gluten-free wafers are available on request of the minister distributing bread.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

ANTHEM  
Rocking Song  
Dave and Jean Perry

DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #380, stanza 3)  
(standing, if able)

OLD 100TH
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

Book of Common Prayer, p. 369

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(sung monotone)

Celebrant

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

At your command . . . and this fragile earth, our island home.

People

By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant

From the primal elements . . . and we turned against one another.

People

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant

Again and again . . . To open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant

And therefore . . . to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:
Celebrant

On the night he was betrayed . . . After supper, he took the cup of wine . . .

Celebrant

Remembering now . . . and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

People

We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers . . . world in his name.

People

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant

Accept these our prayers . . . from generation to generation.

Celebrant continues . . .

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him . . .
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the
Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.
LORD’S PRAYER  
(said by 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

FRACTION

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Hymnal #115 What Child is This? Greensleeves  
Hymnal #336 Come With Us Werde Munter  
Hymnal #333 Now the Silence Now  
Hymnal #325 Let Us Break Bread Trad. Spiritual
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.

HYMNAL #100  Joy to the World  ANTIOCH

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Deacon  Our worship here has ended.
Now our service in the world begins.
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People  Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY  We Three Kings  arr. Keith Chapman

(You are invited to listen to the closing music from the front choir stalls)
PAGEANT PARTICIPANTS

DIRECTOR
Mary Kay Knapp

NARRATOR
Sabine Krall

MARY
Maren Johnson

JOSEPH
Charlie Olson

GABRIEL & STAR
Maggie Baxter

THREE KINGS
Lance Georgeson, Grace Dueber and Cecilia Wall

INNKEEPERS
#1 - Helen Docherty, #2 - Figensia Alcenat, #3 - Chris Olson and
#4 - Galawe Alcenat

SHEPHERDS & SHEEP
#1 - Nina Georgeson, #2 - Harry Smith, #3 - Leo Dueber and #4 - Rachel Finkel, Margo Georgeson,
Liam Ebenhoch, Alec Smith, and Ava

ANGELS
Ella Ebenhoch and Charlie Docherty

BEASTS and PAGES
Children of St. John’s

YOUTH HELPERS
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Linnea Krall
COSTUMES ASSISTANT: Helen Baxter
INNKEEPERS: Tessa Johnson
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### The Prayers

**Prayer Requests**
Annie, Anna, Ian, Sarah, Evan, Pat, Partho, and Don.

**Ongoing Prayers For**
Pat, Millie, Peter, Ginny, Jack, Camille, Susan, Terry, Christopher, Marge, and Amy.

**Prayers for the World**
The Middle East, including Gaza, Israel, Syria, Pakistan and Iraq; for all victims of the Ebola virus; Ferguson, MO; refugees and those who serve them; for all killed and injured in the Pakistani school massacre.

**Altar Flowers**

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**
Pray for Lagos; for the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; for the Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop; and for the Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota.

**In the Episcopal Church in Minnesota’s Cycle of Prayer**
Pray for youth ministries within the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, especially for those who are involved with Teens Encounter Christ and for all those in our faith community who are involved with faith formation ministries with children, youth and young adults.

**At St. John’s**
Kayoro Village, Uganda; Holy Apostles, our companion parish; Hearts to Homes families.
**WELCOME**

**GUESTS**  
We are delighted that you have come to St. John’s to worship God this morning. If this is your first time here, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate, or sign the Visitor’s Book at the back of the church. We invite you to make St. John’s your church home. Join us downstairs in the Gathering Space, directly beneath the church, for refreshments and fellowship after this service.

**NURSERY**  
St. John’s welcomes everyone, including children of all ages, to attend the worship service. For children age 5 and younger, parents can also choose to use the nursery. Care is provided starting at 9:00 am in the Undercroft, right beneath the sanctuary. If, for any reason, you and your child need to leave the church during the service, you can still hear the service in the Undercroft and Nursery. Simply ask the nursery attendant to adjust the sound. During Coffee Hour, nursery workers will supervise children who want to play in the gym. To reach the gym, follow the hall past the music room and through the double doors.

**RESTROOMS**  
Located in the lower level Undercroft down any set of stairs.

**THANK YOU**  
For silencing cell phones and other electronic equipment. Please do not use flash cameras during the worship service.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Please refer to announcement insert for upcoming events.

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR***

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