

Christmas Eve

# CANDLELIGHT SERVICE DECEMBER 24, 2024 AT 9 PM

All Saints' Episcopal Church

# A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church as we celebrate the nativity of Jesus Christ. Whether you are a member, guest, family member or friend, we are glad that you are here. This is a truly sacred night, and we are honored that you have chosen to spend it here.

Tonight we celebrate much more than the birth of a child. We commemorate that time when God lived and dwelled among us in human form, a time when we knew God in a way never experienced before.

When God came into this world that first time, it was into a broken and hurting world desperate for good news and healing. The people were living under occupation by a foreign power. The hope that Jesus brought as an infant and the message that he carried in his teachings has been spreading light to people ever since. Jesus came into this world in the most vulnerable way imaginable – as a homeless infant, threatened by the world around him. But through his message, he helped those around him to know of God's greater plan for the world. We hope you will come to know this great and encouraging news, be touched by Jesus' humble beginnings, and receive a glimpse of that hopeful promise that awaits us all.

Please take a candle as you enter. The candles will be lit after communion. The prayers in **bold** are said by everyone.



#### A note about the Gospel reading:

The Gospel tonight is from the King James Version of the Bible. In 1604, at the request of King James I of England, plans were approved for a new translation of the Bible into English. Work began in 1607 with 47 scholars, all from the Church of England, organized into six groups, using the Bishop's Bible of 1568 as the basis for this revision. In 1611, the King James Version Bible, also known as the Authorized Version, was published. Today, more than 400 years since its initial publication, the bestselling King James Version (KJV) of the Bible is considered one of the most influential and beautiful works of literature in the English language.

#### A note about receiving Holy Communion:

In the Episcopal Church, we understand that Christ is "really present" in the bread and wine provided from God's table. All who claim Christ as Lord are always welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in this church. Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of their parents. Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Receive the consecrated wafer in the palm of your outstretched hand from the first person who comes to you. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please cross your hands palms down. Wine may be received by lightly dipping the bread into the small cup in the center of the plate/ paten from which you received the bread. Alternatively, you may choose to drink from the larger cup/chalice which the next person will offer you. Receive the consecrated wine by guiding the offered cup to your lips and sipping. Those who distribute the wine will wipe the chalice with a food safe sanitizer and turn it for the next person after each person receives. You may also decide to take the wafer only. If you choose not to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing as your presence is a blessing to all of us. Once you have been blessed or received communion, you may offer a short prayer and then return to your seat. If physical limitations make it difficult to come forward, please let an usher know that we may have the honor of bringing communion to you.

# **PRELUDE OF CAROLS**

Away in a manger

Cradle Song/Mueller/Dan Forrest, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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> Trio on "Bring a torch, Janette, Isabella" Trad. French, arr. David H. Hegarty

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The Father's Love

Es ist ein Ros/Divinum mysterium/arr. William Roger Price The Choir of All Saints'

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Jesu, Joy of our desiring J. S. Bach

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Behold the Rose Chaz Bowers

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## God rest you merry Trad. English, arr. Rebecca Groom Te Velde

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Go, tell it on the mountain Trad. African-American Spiritual, arr. A. D. Miller

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In the bleak midwinter Gustav Holst/Dan Forrest, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

On Christmas night Trad. English, Dan Forrest, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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> Noel: Grand jeu et duo Louis Claude D'Aquin

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All stand.* O come, all ye faithful

Hymnal 1982 – 83 Adeste fideles

 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;

> Refrain: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

 God from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; only-begotten Son of God the Father; *Refrain*

 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain*

4. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain* 

 Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, we would embrace thee, with love and awe;
 who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? *Refrain*

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# 6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; Refrain

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<b>OPENIN</b>	G ACCLAMATION	BCP P. 355
Celebrant:	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.	
People:	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for e	ever. Amen.
GLORIA	Angels we have heard on high The Hy	mnal 1982 – 96
		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.	
	2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?	
	Why these songs of happy cheer?	
	What great brightness did you see?	
	What glad tidings did you hear?	
	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. $8$	

4. See him in a manger laid
whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while we raise our hearts in love.
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 have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.** 

## OLD TESTAMENT

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, Isaiah 9:2-7

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.

# HYMN

#### Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung. It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind, with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere; true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.

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#### EPISTLE

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.

# SEQUENCE HYMN

Hark! the herald angels sing

Hymnal 1982 – 87 *Mendelssohn* 

 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!

#### Refrain:

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 Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain* 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! *Refrain*

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#### THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20 KJV

# Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 Judaea, 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.

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

SERMON

The Reverend Nancy L.J. Cox

#### THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

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 PEOPLEAll remain standingfrom Praying the Scriptures by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Come let us adore Christ, the Lord. Let us pray, "Glorious Intercessor: Lord, grant us your peace." Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: make joyful our hearts. Strengthen your Church with humility and faith that we might triumph over the power of evil. Silence. Glorious Lord, People: Grant us your peace. Intercessor: Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you abhor neither those who are simple nor those who are lowly. Shine your light on all the world that the nations may look upon your truth and find their salvation. Silence. Glorious Lord, People: Grant us your peace. Intercessor: Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: may all of creation burst forth in songs of praise. May all the works of your

hand glorify you. The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Glorious Lord,

#### People: Grant us your peace.

Intercessor: Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: summon the people of our cities to yourself. May all of the distractions and heartache of our lives fade away in the joy of your presence. *Silence*.

Glorious Lord,

People: Grant us your peace.

Intercessor: Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you love us so deeply. Grant your healing grace to those who are materially poor and those in need of love. Open your arms to those who are sick and those who are lonely. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.* 

Glorious Lord,

People: Grant us your peace.

Intercessor: Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: all glory be given to you. You blessed our earthly bodies with your birth; and you promise to raise us to new life by your death and resurrection. *Silence*.

Glorious Lord,

People: Grant us your peace.

Celebrant adds the concluding collect.

THE PEAC	CE All stand.	BCP p. 360
Celebrant:	The peace of the Lord be always with you.	
People:	And also with you.	

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

### CHRISTMAS WELCOME

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Midwinter song

Susan LaBarr

Snowflakes with softest breath descend upon the downy earth: In deep December do commend a long-remembered birth. In purest white a blanket falls to swaddle leaf and limb, while all the world in amber halls lift up a cheerful hymn.

As on the eve of lore and song glad tidings filled the air, thus offer folk in happy throng their carol-strains so fair. While snow is falling, snow on snow, across the star-lit land, new winds of hope their echoes blow of ancient heavenly band. Since sacred love should hope all things today, as on that night,

let mortal hearts rejoicing bring a spark of gladsome light. For all who strive to live in love alight with faith anew, and lift our eyes to sun above amid the dawning dew.

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# PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The People remain standing.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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All stand.

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# SANCTUS Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel.

#### The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Hymnal 1982 – S 138

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

#### The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

#### People and Celebrant

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

#### FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal 1982 – S 154

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

# INVITATION

#### The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God, and we are the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

# SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

A prayer for those joining online to be unified in Communion with Christ.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.** 

# MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Away in a manger

Hymnal 1982 – 101 Cradle Song

 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the 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 forever, and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

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#### It came upon the midnight clear

 It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

 Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel-sounds the blessed angels sing.

3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long; beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong; and warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring; O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing!

4. For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold, when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

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What child is this

Hymnal 1982 – 115 Greensleeves

 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?

#### 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.

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*

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.

Refrain

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### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

#### Celebrant and People

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.

# AT THE CANDLE LIGHTING

Hymnal 1982 – 111 Stille Nacht

Silent night

Please kneel as you are able. Hold your lit candle upright and let your neighbor light their candle from yours.

> 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.

 Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; 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.
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# PROLOGUE OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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 overtake 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 lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

# BLESSING

Celebrant: 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.** 

# PROCESSION INTO THE WORLDHymnal 1982 – 100Joy to the world!Antioch

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

2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy.

- 3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.
- 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.

# DISMISSAL

Celebrant:All ye faithful, let us go forth in the name of Christ.People:Thanks be to God.

# VOLUNTARY

#### J. S. Bach/arr. Van Denman Thompson

A Festal Fanfare, from The Fourth Concerto

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Following the worship service, you are invited to celebrate the joy of this night with Christmas Revels in the Welcome Center.



## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS AND GREENERY

Given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for

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#### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS AND GREENERY**

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