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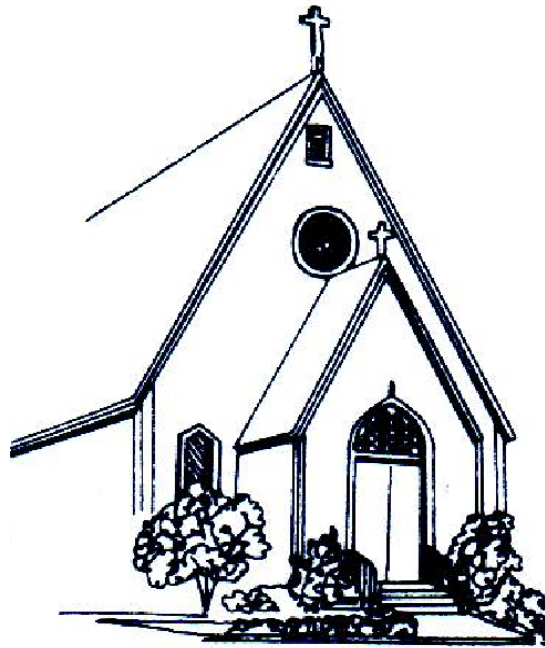
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December 25, 2023

Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist Rite II at 900 AM



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## Prelude

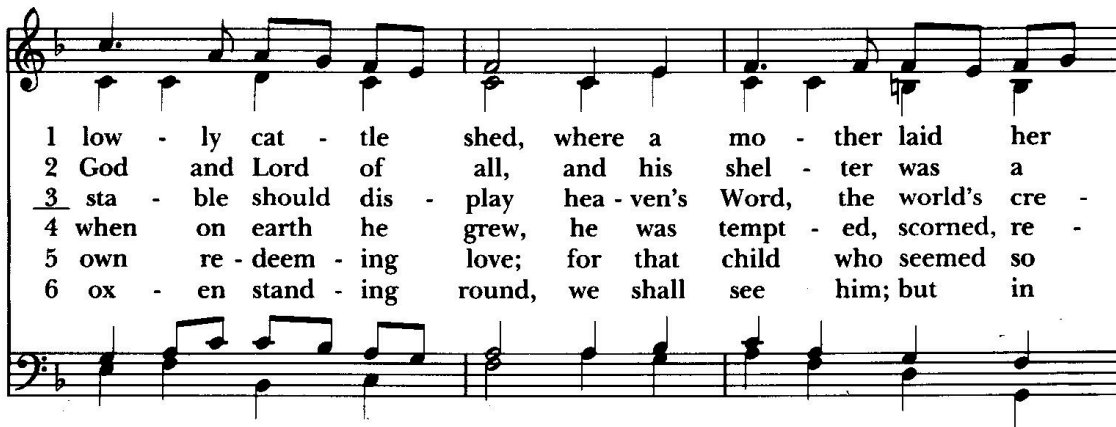
### The Tower Bell

*The Toddlers Corner at the front of the church, by the side altar,  
is available with rocking chair and carpeted play area for babies and toddlers and their adult chaperones.*

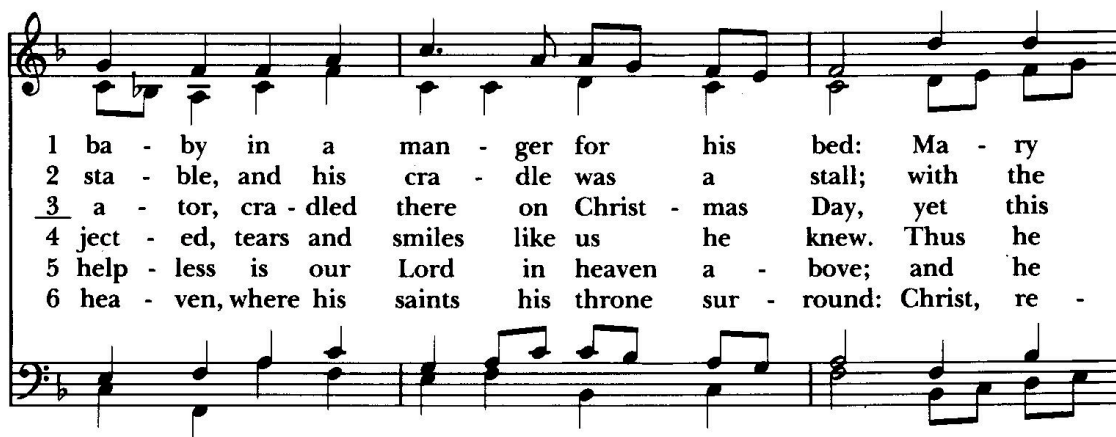
#### Hymn 102 – Once in royal David's city, verses 1, 2, 3



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a  
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is  
\*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a  
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,  
\*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his  
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the



1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her  
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -  
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -  
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so  
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in



1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry  
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the  
3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this  
4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he  
5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he  
6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —  
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.  
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —  
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

Words: Sts. 1-2 and 4-6, Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.;  
 st. 3, James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)

Music: *Irby*, melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)

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### Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

### The 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.*

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

O God, you have caused this holy morning to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of this Light on earth, may also enjoy the beauty and warmth of its radiance perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### The First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *Thanks be to God.*

### The Response: Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
*for he has done marvelous things.*

With his right hand and his holy arm  
*has he won for himself the victory.*

The Lord has made known his victory;  
*his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.*

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.*

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
*lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.*

Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
*with the harp and the voice of song.*

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
*shout with joy before the King, the Lord.*

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
*the lands and those who dwell therein.*

Let the rivers clap their hands,  
*and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.*

In righteousness shall he judge the world  
*and the peoples with equity.*

### **The Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. ***Thanks be to God.***

#### **Hymn – *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.*

*For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet 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 the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.*

### **The Gospel: John 1:1-14**

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

*Glory to you, Lord 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 lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

**The Homily** – The Rev'd Bradford D. Clark

### **The Nicene Creed**

*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 People**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Alan and Carol our Bishops, and for Brad, our Rector; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
***For all who serve God in the Church.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. In our own parish family, we pray for Ted and Sarah, our wardens; for the members of the Vestry, and for the staff of this parish. We give thanks and praise for those who celebrate birthdays this week: George Gorman, John Moberger, Anna Staubitz, and Patricia Campbell. We pray for those members of the parish serving in the armed forces: Jared Conway, Christopher Damon, and Aidan Tacheron. Today we offer our prayers in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard, Cambridge, Lutheran Episcopal Chaplaincy at MIT, Cambridge, The Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge, and Hospital Chaplaincies and Healthcare Chaplaincies. Today we offer prayers for the following Provinces of the worldwide Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Chile, The Church of England, and Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. I invite your own thanksgivings now, either silently or aloud.

*(pause for thanksgivings)*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. In our own parish family, we pray for: ***IRIS; SKYE; MARION A.; DJ*** Asmutis-Silvia; ***DANNY*** Beaman; ***JANICE*** Bowers; ***KRISTEN*** Breen; ***JOHANNA C;*** ***SARAH ANN*** Codding; ***MARK*** Cotton; ***MARY ELLEN*** Donahue; ***MATTHEW*** Doolittle; ***TALIA*** Duff; ***MICHELLE F.;*** ***WILLIAM*** Farefield; ***ANDREA*** French; ***DAVID*** French; ***BOB*** Godbee; ***NANCY*** Grace; ***KATHRYN*** Hanauer-Stanton; ***JEFF*** Hirbour; ***CAROL*** Horsman Swencki; ***KEITH*** Humphrey; ***CAROL*** Kingston; ***KRISTEN*** Leary; ***ROSIE*** Lepine; ***GLENN*** Lohnes; ***PHOEBE*** Lowell; ***MIDGE*** Manning; ***PATRICK*** McCoy; ***ELIZABETH*** Meffen; ***CANDACE*** Mesa; ***FREDY*** Montengro; ***PATRICIA*** Moody; ***MARY*** O'Connor; ***KAROL*** Ostberg; ***ANDREW*** Parsons; ***JOE*** Pickul; ***DEBORAH*** Porter; ***MARYANN*** Rohrer; ***WILLIAM*** Rohrer; ***LEVI*** Shaw; ***JANET*** Smith; ***TONI*** Talas; ***JAMES*** Todak; ***SYDNEE*** Trimberger; ***GEORGE*** Walker; ***LAURA*** Williams; ***JULIE*** Wilson; ***DAVID*** Winn; ***STEPHEN*** Woods; ***and BIRTH TO THREE.*** I invite your own petitions now, either silently or aloud.

*(pause for petitions)*

We will exalt you, O God our King.  
***And praise your name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We especially remember today all those in whose member the Christmas Flowers adorn the altar. I invite your own remembrances now, either silently or aloud.

*(pause for remembrances)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
***Who put their trust in you.***

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart--especially hearts which choose war and self-interest over peace and service to others--that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace as your beloved community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift: we confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others. Forgive us, Holy God. Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.*

### The Absolution

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. *Amen.*

### The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

### Announcements

### The Offertory

### The Doxology

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. A-men.

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. *And also 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.*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready your creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so, this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

### Sanctus

David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

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 his mother 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." Therefore, according to his command, O God,

*We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;*

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. 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.*

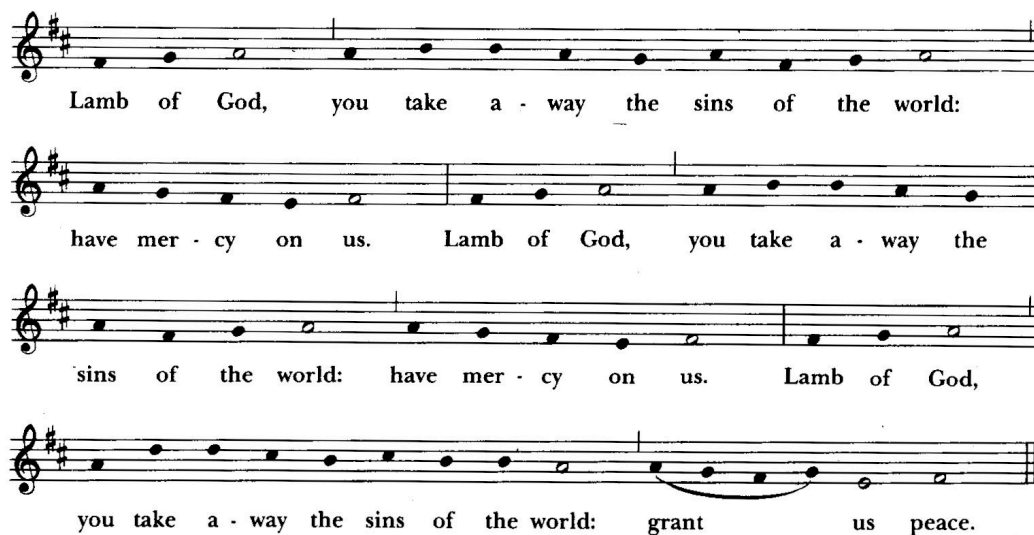
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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.*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

### Fraction Anthem

David Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

### The Ministration of Communion

*As was the practice of Jesus, Ascension Church observes the practice of open table fellowship. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you have a place at the table with Christ. If you desire not to receive the Sacraments, but wish to receive a blessing, please come forward to the communion rail and cross your arms over your chest. The celebrant will pause and share a blessing with you.*

*Please let it be known to the celebrant at the communion rail  
if you wish to receive a blessed gluten-free wafer.*

### Post-Communion Prayer

*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.*

### The Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk the way with us; so be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and may the Blessing of the One who created you, redeemed you, and who walks always with you, be with you and all those you love, this day and always. *Amen.*

Hymn 100 – Joy to the World!

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 3 far as the curse is found, far  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound-ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound-ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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### The Dismissal

Go forth now into the world in peace to love and serve God and Neighbor.

*Thanks be to God.*

### Postlude

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### Assisting at this morning's liturgy:

*Altar Guild:* Joan Williams

*Acolyte/Lector:* John Walker

*Ushers/Teller:* TBD

*Greeter:* TBD

*Audio/Visual Technician:* Lucas Callahan

# Christmas Flowers

## Remembering Loved Ones

Richard S. Adams, Sr.  
Barbara A. Adams  
Dr. Frances Arndt  
The Reverend F. George Arndt  
Margaret Asbell  
Helen Ayer  
Carl & Dorothy Badenhausen  
Bob & Carl Badenhausen  
Helen Badenhausen Danforth  
Ann Peason Bambrick  
Leslie Bartholomew  
Richard J. & Ruth Bartholomew  
Marcos Charles Beaman  
The Beckingham Family  
Ned Bellantoni  
Ann & Jack Benedix  
Esther Benedix  
George & Vera Benedix  
Jill Benke  
George & Rita Berube  
Frank & Audrey Bly  
Chuck Bly  
Bob Bodwell  
Grey Bowden  
Hal Bowden  
Jennifer Bresnahan  
Horatio H. Brewster, Jr.  
Margaret (Peg) Broekel  
The Brocklebank Family  
Laurence & Dorothy Brown  
Marshall & Virginia Brown  
Sam Burns  
Peg Buttrick  
Anne & Albert Buvvage  
Ruth Byam  
Neil Byam, Sr.  
Neil Byam, Jr.  
Richard F. Calandra  
Jack, Clare, Sybil, baby Jack & Carl  
John Cassel  
Alma Cheney  
Edward & Mary Childs  
Helena Childs  
Robert Childs  
Sarah Ann Chittick

Frances Christello  
John Christello, Sr.  
John Christello, Jr.  
Donald J. Clark  
Geoffrey J. Clark  
Judson & Mildred S. Clark  
Pru Clark Ruth P. Clark  
David Roberts Clements  
Joan Conrad  
Shirley Conrad  
Wallace & Lilah Conrad  
Christian & Eva Conrad  
Robert W. Conrad  
Amy Conrad  
Bennet & Laura Conrad  
Josie Conte  
Scott Coppen  
Isobel Coulombe  
Armand J. Coulombe  
Joanna Couture  
Stephen Couture  
Emilien Couture  
Marion & David Crockett  
Melissa Cummings  
Hook Danforth  
Elizabeth Day  
Celia Dempsey  
Donald Dickson  
Douglas & Vera Dickson  
Kenneth & Avis Dodd  
Charlotte Dodge  
Charles W. Dodge  
Stephen M. Dodge  
Charles & Doris Dolan  
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Lenzie Drover  
Marion Dunn  
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Romey Everdell  
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Samuel S. Everitt  
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Tracy R. V. Fike (Ostberg)  
Irene Allen Fike (Ostberg)  
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Edward W. Flaherty  
Pamela Foley  
Mary Fosdick  
Rev. Edward French  
Margaret & Frank Fuller  
Jack & Barbara Gahagan  
James Gahagan  
Claudia Chadwick Gallant  
James Garneau  
Sonya O. Gedstad  
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Harry E. Gibbs  
Julie Gibbs  
Rebecca R. Gibbs  
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Io Glessner  
Martha & John Glessner  
Virginia Glessner  
Ellen Glessner Wadsworth  
Nancy Godbee  
Peter J. Goodell  
Shelby & Libby Goodwin  
J. Duncan Gray  
The Gray Family  
Sharon Grimes  
Dora Guerriero  
Francis Guerriero  
Mary Guerriero  
Lucy Guerriero  
Virginia Hart  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hayden  
Joseph A. Hayes  
Joseph P. Hayes  
Laura Hertzig  
Marie Jacobus Hertzig  
Dorothy & Frank Hoffman  
James & Eleanor Huffcut  
Carroll & Consuelo Hills  
John Hughes  
Cora Benedix Hulbert  
Ann & Stanley Hull  
Thelma Humphrey  
Donald Hyde

Elizabeth Injian  
Thomas W. Inman  
Eleanor Jepson  
Ernest G. Jerrett  
Rosanna Jerrett  
Ernest J. Jerrett  
Mr. and Mrs Paul Logan Jones  
Joan C. Jordan  
The Lowell Family  
Sheridan & Margaret Loy  
Kris & Ken Mak  
Joanne L. Johnson  
The Johnson Family  
Paul D. Johnston  
Nancy & Murray Johnnton  
Ellen King  
Charles A. Laughton  
Mark Lees  
Doris Lindahl  
John A. Lindahl  
Bill Manly  
Sean Mara  
Bob & Connie Mara  
Anne Matous  
Biruta N. McDonald  
Donald McDonald  
Matthew McGarty  
Dr. John C. McLaughlin  
Arthur & Catherine McMahan  
Carroll & Elizabeth McMahan  
Paige Mercer  
Barbara Pearson Milam  
Esther & Donald Millard  
Warrick Mitchell  
Lawrence & Dorothy Moore  
Alicia Hills Moore  
Hewitt (Cub) Morgan, Jr.  
Posie Morgan  
Helen Morton\  
Beatrice Nichols  
Andrew Nikas  
William & Bette Nordstom  
Ethel D. Nelson  
Richard C. Nelson  
Joseph P. Nelson, Jr.  
Jane Nové  
Raymond Ocock  
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Ralph A. Ostberg  
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Judi Perry  
Rick Phillips  
Doris Pierce  
Kenneth Pierce  
Merle Pimentel  
Robert & Edith Platt  
Virginia (Gini) Player  
Raymond E. Poirier  
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David Richardson, Jr.  
Susan T. Richardson  
Gary William Robertz  
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**Altar Guild 10:15**  
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Jane Carolan  
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Caroline Jepsen  
Lucy Jepsen  
Ralph Johnson  
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Charlie Quimby

**Lectors 10:15**  
Tyler Berube  
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Kathy Dallos  
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Ted Flaherty  
Eric Gedstad  
Glenn Gibbs  
Vicki Hughes  
Ralph Johnson  
John Moberger  
Jack O'Mara  
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**Ushers 10:15**  
Joel Barrett  
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Ted Flaherty  
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**Tellers 10:15**  
Donald Cheney  
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