



Solemn Holy Eucharist & Blessing of the Crèche  
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Christ Church + Greenville, South Carolina



# Christmas Eve Choral Prelude

## Chorale Prelude on 'In dulci jubilo' (BWV 729)

J. S. Bach

### In dulci jubilo

Robert Lucas Pearsall

*In dulci jubilo (in sweet jubilation) let us our homage shew: Our heart's joy reclineth  
In praeseptio; (in a manger) and like a bright star shineth Matris in gremio, (in his mother's lap)  
Alpha es et O! (thou art the beginning and the end)  
O Jesu parvule, (O tiny Jesus) I yearn for thee always!  
Hear me, I beseech Thee, O puer optime; (O best of boys)  
My prayer let it reach Thee, O princeps gloriae. (O Prince of Glory) Trahe me post te. (make me follow you)  
O patris caritas! (O love of the Father) O Nati lenitas! (O gentleness of the Son)  
Deeply were we stained. Per nostra crimina: (through our crimes)  
But Thou hast for us gained Coelorum gaudia, (the joys of heaven) O that we were there!  
Ubi sunt gaudia, (Where are joys?) Where, if that they be not there?  
There are Angels singing Nova cantica; (new songs)  
and there the bells are ringing In Regis curia. (in the courts of the King) O that we were there!*

### The Winter Rose

Celtic Melody, arr. Joseph Martin

*In the silence of the winter, while stars shown high above, God sent from heaven's garden, a rose to show His love. It opened in the dark of night, while the world was fast asleep. So perfect was its beauty, it made the heavens weep. The angels paused to wonder, upon that winsome sight. And kings and shepherds gathered to worship in its light. They all breathed in its beauty, a precious sweet perfume. And in the bleak midwinter The Rose began to bloom. O let us now remember when God put on the thorn. And Love restored the garden and the Winter Rose was born. Oh, Love restored the garden and the Winter Rose was born.*

### Sing we now of Christmas

French Carol, arr. Fred Prentice

*Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all noel. Of our Lord and Saviour we thee tidings tell. Sing we noel, for Christ the King is born. Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all noel. Angels from on high say, "Shepherds, come and see." "He is born in Bethlehem, a blessed Lamb for thee." Sing we noel, for Christ the King is born. Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all noel. Shepherds found the child lying in a manger stall. Joseph standing by, and mother Mary mild. Sing we noel, for Christ the King is born. Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all noel. Magi oriental journeyed from afar. They did come to greet him 'neath the shining star. Glory to God, for Christ the King is born. Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all noel!*

### O magnum mysterium

Tomás Luis de Victoria

*Translation of Latin text: O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in a manger!  
O blessed virgin, whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!*

### We'll dress the house

Alfred Burt

*We'll dress the house with holly bright and sprigs of mistletoe. We'll trim the Christmas tree tonight and set the lights aglow.  
We'll wrap our gifts with ribbons gay and give them out on Christmas day. By everything we do and say, our gladness we will show.  
We'll dress the table daintily, our finest treasures use, that all a-sparkle it may be and bright with lovely hues.  
Then for the feasting we'll prepare a kitchen full of wondrous fare, that each from all the dishes rare, his fav'rite one may choose.  
And ye who would the Christ child greet, your heart also adorn, that it may be a dwelling meet for Him who now is born.  
Let all unlovely things give place to souls bedecked with heavenly grace, that ye may view His holy face with joy on Christmas morn.*

### Still, still, still

Austrian Carol, arr. Norman Luboff

*Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, holy star its vigil keeping. Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow. Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth. The night is peaceful all around you, close your eyes, let sleep surround you. Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth. Dream, dream, dream, of the joyous day to come. While guardian angels without number watch you as you sweetly slumber. Dream, dream, dream, of the joyous day to come.*

### Sussex Carol

English Carol, arr. Philip Ledger

*On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring.  
News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.  
Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad,  
When from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty?  
When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place.  
Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the new-born King.  
All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:  
"Glory to God and peace to men, now and for evermore, Amen!"*

### Pastorale on 'Puer Natus est Nobis'

Rachel Laurin

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*In preparation for the service, we invite your quiet prayers and ask that you please silence your cell phone.*

### The Choral Prelude

*Refer to facing page for the prelude selections.*

*All stand at the sound of the Tower Bell and join in singing the Hymn in Procession.*

### The Hymn In Procession | O come, all ye faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

- 1 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;  
  
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*
- 2 God from God, Light from Light eternal,  
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
only-begotten Son of God the Father. *Refrain*
- 3 See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps. *Refrain*
- 4 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*

*Following stanza four of the hymn, the procession pauses at the Crèche for the blessing.*

*The congregation turns to face the West End of the church.*

*The hymn resumes following the prayer.*

### The Station at the Crèche

Celebrant The glory of the Lord has been revealed:

**People And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**People Amen.**

### The Hymn In Procession | O come, all ye faithful (continued)

ADESTE FIDELES

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

## The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Unto us a child is born. Alleluia.

People O come let us adore him. Alleluia.

## The 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.

## The Song of Praise | *Angels we have heard on high*

GLORIA

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*  
Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## The 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.

**People Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*

## The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## The Anthem | Good Christian men, rejoice

15th century German Carol, arr. Philip Ledger

*Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say, Jesus Christ is born today:  
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today!  
Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss, Jesus Christ was born for this:  
He hath ope'd the heav'nly door, and man is blessèd evermore. Christ was born for this!  
Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave, Jesus Christ was born to save,  
Calls you one, and calls you all, to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save!*

## The Epistle Lesson

Titus 2:11-14

Lector A Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to Titus.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation stands for the hymn.*

## The Sequence Hymn | God rest you merry, gentlemen

ENGLISH CAROL

1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;  
2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came  
3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;  
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,

re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,  
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:  
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,  
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;

to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.  
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.  
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."  
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.

*Refrain*  
O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and  
joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

*Keyborad and guitar should not sound together.*

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## The Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. 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.

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

## **The Gospel Fanfare**

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod, *Rector*

*The congregation stands for the creed.*

### **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

Intercessor When all things were lying in peace and silence, and night in her swift course was half spent, your all-powerful word, O Lord, leapt from your royal throne in heaven.

**People Alleluia.**

Intercessor Father, in this holy night your Son our Savior was born in human likeness; sanctify our humanity, and renew your Church as the body of Christ. Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In this holy night Christians the world over celebrate your Son's birth: open our hearts that he may be born in us anew. Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn: in your love protect those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In this holy night Mary brought your Son to birth: watch with those who work, or watch, or weep tonight. Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In this holy night your Son came as a light shining in the darkness: come to all who are in darkness, in doubt or despair, in loneliness or in fear tonight. Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In this holy night shepherds in the field heard good tidings of great joy: renew our hope, kindle our joy, and send us out to share the good news with others. Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In this holy night the angels sang of peace on earth: strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world. Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In this holy night strangers found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger: bless our families and all whom we love, and open our hearts to those who have no family.  
Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In this holy night heaven came down to earth, and earth was raised up to heaven: bring all who have died in the hope of heaven to your eternal joy. Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In this holy night angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger: accept the worship we offer in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph her spouse, the apostles and prophets, saints and martyrs of every age, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*The people greet each other in the name of the Lord.*



## The Rector's Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod

*Welcome to Christ Church and Merry Christmas!*

*To those who are weary this night - may this time of worship refresh your spirit and feed your soul.*

*To those who are lonely this night - may you find the loving presence of Christ as he is revealed in Word and Sacrament.*

*To those who are searching this night - may you be led by the star to the manger, wherein lies the Savior of our souls.*

*To those who are grieving this night - may the Prince of Peace fill you with all peace this night.*

*To all those who are worshipping here this night - may the Lord bless you and keep you this night and always.*

## The Anthem | *Angels, from the realms of glory*

French Carol, arr. Philip Ledger

*Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;*

*Ye who sang Creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night;*

*God with man is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;*

*Seek the great desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;*

*Suddenly the Lord, descending in his temple shall appear.*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*The congregation stands for the Presentation Hymn.*

## The Presentation Hymn | *Hark! the herald angels sing*

MENDELSSOHN

- 1 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!  
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 man to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
- 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!  
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
*Celebrant*      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. 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 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven 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.

*In observance of the joyful nature of this evening's liturgy,  
the congregation **remains standing** throughout the Eucharistic Prayer.*

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 to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

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."

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

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, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with \_\_\_\_\_) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Celebrant* *People*

A-men.

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## The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread & Fraction Anthem

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## The Invitation to the Table

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

*The congregation is seated following the Invitation to the Table.*



## The Ministration of Holy Communion

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please approach the communion ministers at the direction of the ushers. To receive the bread, place one hand over the other, palms facing upward. The wine which follows may be received either by drinking from the cup as it is extended to you, or by retaining the wafer and dipping it lightly into the cup. You are also welcome to receive the bread only. Should you desire to receive a blessing rather than Holy Communion, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this to the priest. Gluten-free wafers are available to those who need them, and are kept and administered separately from the other wafers.*

## The Music at the Ministration of Holy Communion

*Musical selections are offered by the Brass Quintet and Harp during the Ministration of Holy Communion.*

*The congregation kneels for the Post Communion Prayer, Post Communion Hymn, Last Gospel, and Blessing.*

## The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**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.**

*Following the Post Communion Prayer, the congregation's candles are lighted. As you are offered the light, please tip your unlighted candle to receive the flame. After your candle is lighted please pass the light to your neighbor, being careful not to tip a lighted candle.*

## The Post Communion Hymn | *Silent night, holy night*

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.

## The Last Gospel

John 1:1-14

## The Blessing

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. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*The congregation stands for the hymn.*

## The Hymn In Procession | Joy to the world!

ANTIOCH

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 and  
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  
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.

## The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## The Organ Voluntary

*Dr. Charles Tompkins, Artist in Residence*

## CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod, Rector  
The Rev. Kellie Wilson, Senior Associate Rector  
The Rev. Scott Fleischer, Associate for Pastoral Care  
The Rev. Lindy Bunch, Associate for Parish Life  
The Rev. Wallace Adams-Riley, CCES Chaplain

## CHRIST CHURCH LITURGY & MUSIC STAFF

Donald W. Duncan, Director of Liturgy & Music  
Robert J. Powell, Organist & Choirmaster Emeritus  
Sarah Marczynski, Program Coordinator for Liturgy & Music  
Chase McAbee, Assistant Parish Musician  
Dr. Charles Tompkins, Artist in Residence

## CHRISTMAS EVE INSTRUMENTALISTS

Chris Imhoff, Trumpet  
Gary Malvern, Trumpet  
Anneka Zuehlke-King, French Horn  
Steve Wilson, Trombone  
Michael Taylor, Tuba  
John Alan Wickey, Harp  
Betsy Fee, Violin

## CHRIST CHURCH PARISH CHOIR

## THE CHRIST CHURCH ALTAR GUILD

The church and chapel have been lovingly decorated and made festive for this Feast of the Nativity by the many members of the Christ Church Altar Guild who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make our worship beautiful and reverent.

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## UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023

10:30 AM • Holy Eucharist, Rite II • Church

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

10:30 AM • Carols for Christmastide with Holy Eucharist • Church  
*No Sunday School. No other services on this day.*



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