

*Christmas Eve*  
*2018*

*Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist*

*6:00 and 11:00 p.m.*

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church on this holy night as we celebrate the birth of our Savior and the incarnation of God into our lives and the world. Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, know that you are welcome here. We believe God is actively present in our world, and we seek to know God through joyful worship, education, service, and fellowship. If you are searching for a church community and would like more information about St. Peter's, please fill out the Visitor's Register in the entry hall, and we will be in touch with you. May the blessing of God's peace be with you during this Christmas season.*

*Continuing a tradition of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, the Christmas Offering has been designated to support the mission of four local ministries. Please use the Christmas Offering envelopes in the pews if you wish to support these ministries in our community:*

- ***Beyond Housing** aims to develop all the areas that make up a thriving community—education, housing, health, employment readiness and access, and economic development for families in need in the St. Louis area.*
- ***Episcopal City Mission** provides support, hope, and healing to children in detention through chaplains at the St. Louis City and County Detention Centers and Justice Centers, as well as at Missouri Hills (DYS).*
- ***The Haven of Grace** ministers to young, homeless mothers and their children, serving nearly 100 families each year.*
- ***Bravely** offers two years of housing, support, and education at no cost to women who have survived the perils of life on the street—abuse, prostitution, trafficking and addiction.*

*The Reverend Luke Jernagan,  
Rector*

# MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICES

## Before the 6:00 p.m. Service

Pastorale from the “Christmas” Concerto

Archangelo Corelli (1653–1713)

Noël Grand Jeu et Duo

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772)

## Before the 11:00 p.m. Service

*The congregation is invited to join in the singing of all hymns.*

*Please remain seated.*

Sussex Carol

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?

English, arr. David Willcocks (1919–2015)

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.”

What cheer?

What cheer? Good cheer!  
Be merry and glad this good New Year!

“Lift up your hearts and be glad  
In Christ’s birth,” the angel bade,  
Say each to other, if any be sad:  
“What cheer? What cheer?”

William Walton (1902–1983)

Now the King of heav’n his birth hath take,  
Joy and mirth we ought to make:  
Say each to other, for his sake:  
‘What cheer? What cheer?’

I tell you all with heart so free:  
Right welcome, welcome ye be to me:  
Be glad and merry, for charity!  
What cheer? Good cheer!  
Be merry and glad this good New Year!

Hymn 105: "God rest you merry, gentlemen"

God Rest You Merry

God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
For Jesus Christ, our Savior,  
Was born upon this day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray.  
*O tidings of comfort and joy!*

From God our heavenly Father  
A blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name.  
*O tidings of comfort and joy!*

"Fear not," then said the angel,  
"Let nothing you affright;  
This day is born a Savior  
Of a pure virgin bright,  
To free all those who trust in him  
From Satan's power and might."  
*O tidings of comfort and joy!*

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and charity  
Each other now embrace.  
This holy tide of Christmas  
Doth bring redeeming grace.  
*O tidings of comfort and joy!*

The Cherry Tree Carol

arr. Stephen Cleobury (b. 1948)

Joseph was an old man  
and an old man was he,  
When he wedded Mary,  
in the land of Galilee.

Joseph and Mary  
walked through an orchard good,  
Where was cherries and berries,  
so red as any blood.

O then bespoke Mary,  
so meek and oh, so mild:  
"Pluck me one cherry, Joseph,  
for I am with child."

O then bespoke Joseph,  
with words most unkind:  
"Let him pluck thee a cherry  
that brought thee with child."

O then bespoke the baby,  
within his mother's womb:  
"Bow down then the tallest tree,  
for my mother to have some."

Then bowed down the highest tree  
unto his mother's hand;  
Then she cried, "See, Joseph  
I have cherries at command."

O then bespoke Joseph:  
"I have done Mary wrong;  
But cheer up, my dearest,  
and be ye not cast down."

Then Mary plucked a cherry,  
as red as any blood;  
Then Mary went she homewards  
all with her heavy load.

Sans Day Carol

arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk,  
And Mary bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk:  
*And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be,  
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly!*

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass,  
And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross:

Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal,  
And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all:

Now the holly bears a berry, as blood is it red,  
Then trust we our Savior, who rose from the dead:

Hymn 89: "It came upon the midnight clear"

Carol

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 earth, good will to men,  
from heaven's 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.

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!

For lo! the days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when the new heaven and earth shall own  
the Prince of Peace their King,  
and all the world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.

– Edmund H. Sears (1810–1876), alt.

The Shepherd's Carol

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

We stood on the hills, Lady,  
Our day's work done,  
Watching the frosted meadows  
That winter had won.

The evening was calm, Lady,  
The air so still,  
Silence more lovely than music  
Folded the hill.

There was a star, Lady,  
Shone in the night,  
Larger than Venus it was  
And bright, so bright.

Oh, a voice from the sky, Lady,  
It seemed to us then,  
Telling of God being born  
In the world of men.

And so we have come, Lady,  
Our day's work done,  
Our love, our hopes, ourselves  
We give to your son.

– Clive Sanson

Hymn 94: "While shepherds watched their flocks by night"

Winchester New

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down,  
and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled mind;  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and all mankind.

"To you, in David's town, this day  
is born of David's line  
the Savior, who is Christ the Lord;  
and this shall be the sign:

"The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, who thus  
addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high  
and on the earth be peace;  
good will henceforth from heaven to men  
begin and never cease."

Love came down at Christmas,  
love all lovely, love divine;  
love was born at Christmas:  
star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,  
love incarnate, love divine;  
worship we our Jesus,  
but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token;  
love be yours and love be mine,  
Love to God and all men,  
love for plea and gift and sign.

- Christina Rossetti

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## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

11:00 p.m.

Processional Hymn

*Adeste fideles, stand*

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.*

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

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

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Sentences

*Priest:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Collect for Purity

*Priest:* 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.**

• 6:00 p.m. Hymn of Praise (*Hymn 96*)

Gloria

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

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

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.*

• 11:00 p.m. Gloria in Excelsis *Sung by the Choir, in Latin* Mass in G Major, K. 49  
W. A. Mozart (1756–1791)

*The English words may be found on p. 356 of The Book of Common Prayer.*

### The Collect of the Day

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* 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.**

## The Lessons

*Lector:* A Reading from The Book of the prophet Isaiah. (9: 2-7)

*sit*

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 Counsellor, 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 onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 96

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 **Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvellous works among all the peoples.
- 4 **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be revered above all gods.**
- 5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.
- 6 **Honour and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 8 **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

9      Worship the Lord in holy splendour;  
        tremble before him, all the earth.

10     **Say among the nations, ‘The Lord is king!  
        The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.  
        He will judge the peoples with equity.’**

11     Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
        let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

12     **let the field exult, and everything in it.  
        Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy**

13     before the Lord; for he is coming,  
        for he is coming to judge the earth.  
        He will judge the world with righteousness,  
        and the peoples with his truth.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

• 6:00 p.m.      Hymn 105: “God rest you merry, gentlemen”      God Rest You Merry, *stand*

God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
 let nothing you dismay;  
 Remember Christ our Savior  
 was born on Christmas Day,  
 To save us all from Satan’s power  
 when we were gone astray.  
*O tidings of comfort and joy!*

From God our heavenly Father  
 a blessed angel came  
 and unto certain shepherds  
 brought tidings of the same;  
 how that in Bethlehem was born  
 the Son of God by name.  
*O tidings of comfort and joy!*

“Fear not, then,” said the angel,  
 “Let nothing you affright;  
 this day is born a Savior  
 of a pure virgin bright,  
 to free all those who trust in him  
 from Satan’s power and might.”  
*O tidings of comfort and joy!*

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
 all you within this place,  
 and with true love and charity  
 each other now embrace;  
 this holy tide of Christmas  
 doth bring redeeming grace.  
*O tidings of comfort and joy!*

• 11:00 p.m. Hymn 78: “O little town of Bethlehem” Forest Green, *stand*

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to men on earth;  
for Christ is born of Mary;  
and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wond’ring love.

How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is giv’n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heav’n.  
No ear my hear his coming;  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

The Gospel according to Luke. (2: 1-14)

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

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

The Sermon: The Reverend Luke Jernagan

*sit*

The Nicene Creed

*stand*

*All:* **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

*kneel*

*Lector:* My sisters and brothers in the peace of God, all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days are but small tokens of the gift that shines forth in God's word made flesh this night. From grateful hearts let us intercede for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

That the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field might be realized on every field of war and on every street of violence, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* That the child born to us might find in our hearts warm welcome by our openness to the needs of the homeless and the hungry, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* That in this time of gift-giving we might become more responsive to the abandoned, the despairing, and the mourning, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* That the rejoicing of this day might be a bond leading us to true communion of life and worship, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* That the joy and consolation of the Wonderful Counselor might enliven all who are struck down by disease and illness, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* That the blessing of your love might be known by all those in whose honor the flowers and greens are given, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* That the blessed hope we celebrate this night might be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith, especially those in whose memory the flowers and greens are given, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest:* God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this night by the utterance of your word in our flesh. May our words of praise and petition be strong echoes of your Christmas word, so that all might come to the peace you promise in Jesus, who is Lord and God this night and forever. **Amen.**

Exchanging of the Peace

*stand*

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

Rector's Welcome

*sit*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Those not receiving Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.  
If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.*

At the Offertory

• 6:00 p.m. Anthem

Leo Sowerby (1895–1968)

Love came down at Christmas,  
love all lovely, love divine;  
love was born at Christmas:  
star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,  
love incarnate, love divine;  
worship we our Jesus,  
but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token;  
love be yours and love be mine,  
Love to God and all men,  
love for plea and gift and sign.

– Christina Rossetti

• 11:00 p.m. Anthem

Sasha Johnson Manning (b. 1963)

Over the hills came a sound in the silence, a feeling in the air more than words can describe, Then a glow in the sky more than moon or starlight, everyone could sense it, there was wonder all around. As we stood on the hills, our flocks all around, we were caught by a sound like an echo in the air, We were amazed when we saw a host of angels, yet so afraid, we could not believe our eyes.

A wonder of angels in a sky so black was dazzling, The wonder of angels could be seen both near and far, “Behold we bring glad tidings, to each soul here on earth” for God sent His Son down to save you, now go and spread the word.”

The shepherds, with speed, on eager feet, ran on to tell these things, Bewildered, they knew not they were the first to hear the news

*That Christ was born of Mary and all were now to go to worship Him,  
to praise Him, and to follow Him evermore!*

Savior in a manger, Now must surely be our Savior's and Redeemer's Holy Nativity. So let us rejoice and merry be with all this Christmas time, And remember how the shepherds were the first to hear the news.

*That Christ was born of Mary and all were now to go to worship Him,  
to praise Him, and to follow Him evermore!*

At the Presentation, Hymn 100: "Joy to the world"

Antioch, *stand*

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

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness,  
and wonders of His love.

The Great Thanksgiving

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Priest:* 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:

Sanctus (*Hymnal S 129*) *Sung by all*

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

**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.**

*kneel*

*Priest:* 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

*Priest:* 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.**

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

*All:* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### The Breaking of the Bread

*Priest:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

#### The Administration of the Sacrament

*sit*

#### Carols *Sung by the Choir*

• 6:00 p.m.

Medieval

There is no rose of such virtue  
As is the rose that bare Jesu;  
Alleluia.

For in this rose containèd was  
Heaven and earth in little space;  
Res miranda<sup>1</sup>.

By that rose we may well see  
There be one God in persons three,  
Pari forma<sup>2</sup>.

The angels sungen the shepherds to:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gaudeamus<sup>3</sup>

Then leave we all this worldly mirth,  
And follow we this joyful birth;  
Transeamus<sup>4</sup>.

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1. a wonderful thing; 2: of the same form;  
3. Let us rejoice ; 4. let us go

• 11:00 p.m.

Peter Warlock (1894–1930)

“When He is King we will give Him the Kings’ gifts,  
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,  
Beautiful robes,” said the young girl to Joseph  
Fair with her firstborn on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight  
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,  
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music  
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets,  
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,  
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary  
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming,  
Close-huddled oxen to keep Him from cold,  
Mary for love, and for lullaby music  
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

— Bruce Blunt

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

*kneel*

*Priest:* 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.**

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.

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!

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 Blessing

*Priest:* 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.

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.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

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

*People:* **Amen.**

Hymn

Mendelssohn, *stand*

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 angelic hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

*Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King.*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with us to dwell;  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

*Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King.*

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
ris'n with healing in his wings;  
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.

*Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King.*

The Dismissal

*Priest:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

• 6:00 p.m. Toccatà-Gigue on the Sussex Carol

George Baker (b. 1951)

• 11:00 p.m. Noël Grand Jeu et Duo

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772)

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