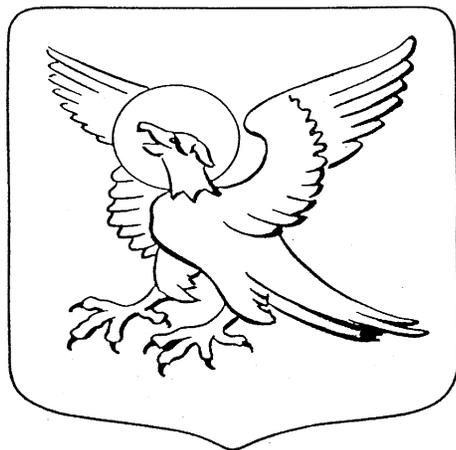


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

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CHRISTMAS EVE

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HOLY EUCHARIST ~ 930pm

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Merry Christmas! Welcome to St. John's.

If you are unable to move to the Altar, arrangements can be made for you to receive Communion in your pew. Please speak with the Sidesperson at the entrance to the Church.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Service begins on page 185 of the Book of Alternative Services
Hymns are from the blue Common Praise Hymn Book unless otherwise indicated.

Prelude

Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

**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, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.**

God of God, Light of Light!

Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb.

Very God, begotten not created: Refrain

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

**See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; Refrain**

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,
All to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hidden: 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.

Gloria

Tune: Darwall

**Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.
We give you praise,
almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.**

**Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
the sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin,
have mercy Lord.
Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.**

**You only are the Lord. You only are most high.
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign
with Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.**

Collect of the day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. With his right hand and his holy arm he has 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.

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4

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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

**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."***

**Christ, by highest heaven 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 one of us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel. *Refrain.***

Holy Gospel

John 1:1-14

Gospeller: *The Lord be with you*

All: *And also with you.*

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

All: *Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.

Gospeller: *The Gospel of Christ.*

All: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Gradual Hymn

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!

**Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.**

Mild he lays his glory by,

born that we no more may die,

born to raise each child of earth,

born to give us second birth. *Refrain.*

Homily

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.

Intercessions (*please kneel or sit. Response: Hear our prayer*)

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

All we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace (*please stand*)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn Joy to the World

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

**Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:
let us glad songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as our sin is found, far as our sin is found,
far as, far as our sin is found.**

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

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the gifts

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our

voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

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.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

All we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom,
and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour
and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory, forever and
ever. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of
the world.

All God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring
us to light and life.

Celebrant The gifts of God are for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Communion

Everyone who has been baptized is welcome to receive Holy Communion. In the
Anglican tradition, receiving in one kind (either bread or wine) is considered to
be complete Communion. *The Communion wafers include gluten. If you do not
wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please cross your arms
across your chest at the altar rail.*

Hymns during Communion #123, 135

**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 Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour 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.**

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God

All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely
more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God
from generation to generation, in the Church and
in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Away in a Manger

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus – look down from on high
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in our tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.**