



ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 25, 2025

Holy Eucharist

10:00 am

GODBURST

When the Holy Child is born into our hearts
there is a rain of stars
a rushing of angels
a blaze of candles
this God burst into our lives.
Love is running through the streets.

- Mary Weems



VOLUNTARY

Divinum mysterium

Wilbur Held

CALL TO WORSHIP

The pealing of the bells calls us to prayer.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

O come, all ye faithful

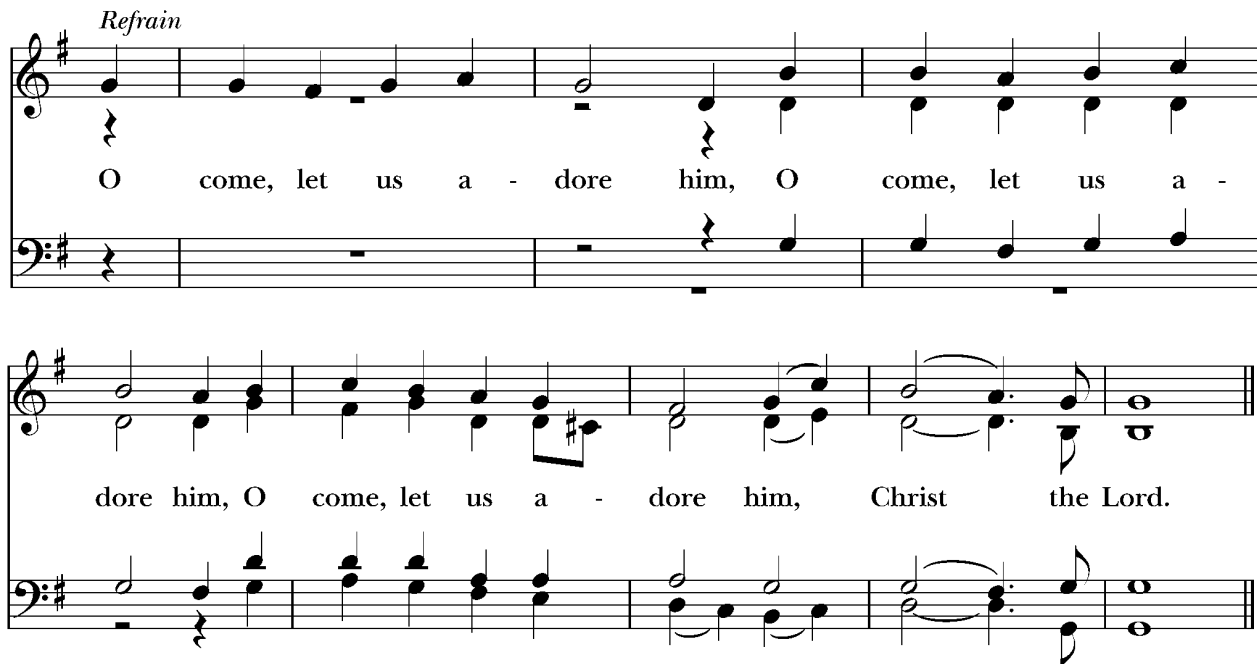
All rise as able and sing.

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from — God, — Light from Light e - ter - nal, —
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, —

1 come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors — not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son — of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God, — glo - ry in the high - est;

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
 dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

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



OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.

All **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Angels we have heard on high

All sing.

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.

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 carol; arr. Edward
 Shippen Barnes
 (1887-1958)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

All may be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Lector A Reading from the Prophet 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Cantate Domino

*All respond with the alternate verses in **BOLD**.*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 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.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**



THE SECOND READING

Lector A Reading from the letter to the 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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Of the Father's love begotten

All rise as able and sing.



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that
 bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have _____ been, and that fu - ture
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in
 and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____

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All rise as able.

THE GOSPEL

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1:1-14).

All **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.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

All are seated.



THE SERMON

The Rev. Edmund Harris

Silence follows the sermon.

All rise as able.

THE NICENE CREED

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

Intercessor On this holy day, when the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, let us offer our prayers to God, who is Alpha and Omega, the source and the end of all that is.

Of the Father's love begotten, you have given your Son for the life of the world. Bless your holy Church throughout the earth: strengthen all who proclaim the Gospel, sustain those who serve in your name, and unite your people in faith, hope, and love, that all creation may praise you.

All Evermore and evermore.

Intercessor Alpha and Omega, ruler of all time and history, guide the leaders of the nations. Grant wisdom to all in authority, that they may govern with justice, seek peace over power, protect the vulnerable, and work for the common good.

All Evermore and evermore.

Intercessor At your word the worlds were framed, and all creation came to be.
We pray for the welfare of the world: for peace where there is war, healing
where there is division, care for the earth you have entrusted to us, and hope for
all who long for light in the darkness.

All Evermore and evermore.

Intercessor O Christ, revealed in human flesh, dwell among us now. Bless our local
community, our neighbors and families, the work we share, and the places we
call home. Make us signs of your love, generosity, and welcome in this place.

All Evermore and evermore.

Intercessor You were found in human fashion, knowing sorrow, pain, and death. We pray
for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for the sick, the grieving, the lonely,
the poor, and the oppressed; and for all who feel forgotten or afraid. May your
nearness bring comfort, healing, and peace.

All Evermore and evermore.

Intercessor O that birth forever blessed, by which death was overcome. We commend to
your mercy all who have died, especially those dear to us. Grant them rest in
your eternal light, where Christ reigns in glory, and where sorrow and pain are
no more.

All Evermore and evermore.

Celebrant Christ, to you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be honor, glory, and
dominion, now and forever. Receive these prayers, offered in hope and trust, as
we rejoice in the mystery of your Incarnation.

All Amen.



THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

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

All are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *As stewards of all that God has given us, we share the many ways to be engaged in the life of our community.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

An offering is received to support the mission of St. Thomas. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, using the QR code at right, or at stthomasmedina.org/giving.



OFFERTORY SOLO

Por los campos verdes

Carlos Guastavino

Por los campos verdes de Jerusalem
Va un niño rubio a Belén.

*Through the green fields of Jerusalem
A little blond boy goes on the way to Bethlehem.*

Le dan los pastores tortas de maíz
Leche de sus cabra y pan con anis.

*The shepherds give him corn cakes,
Goat milk, and bread with aniseed.*

El niño tiene,
Los rizos de luz.

*The little boy has,
The curls of light.*

Duérmete, Natacha,
Sueña con Jesús.

*Go to sleep, Natasha,
Dream of Jesus.*

text: Juana de Ibarbourou

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

Good Christian friends rejoice

All rise as able and sing.

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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Music: *In dulci jubilo*, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

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,

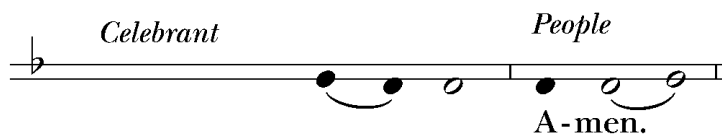
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**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 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 Blessed Mary, Blessed Thomas and 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.



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant 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 bread is broken.

FRACTION ANTHEM

All sing.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first line of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

The third line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Ushers will guide each row to the altar to receive Holy Communion. Please follow their instructions. Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is **not** available at this time. If you prefer to receive a blessing (or not to receive bread and/or wine), place your arms across your chest as a sign. Gluten-free Holy Communion wafers are available upon request. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform the priest at the altar rail.*

COMMUNION HYMN

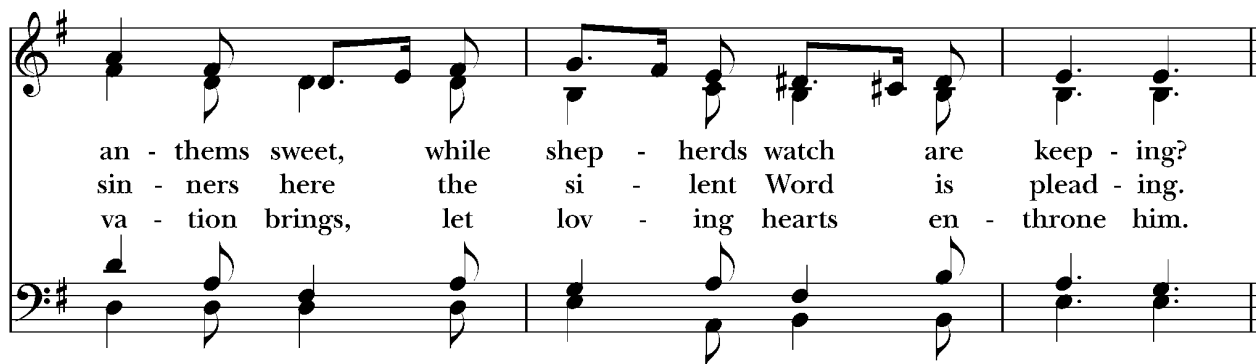
What child is this

All sing.

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,
 Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

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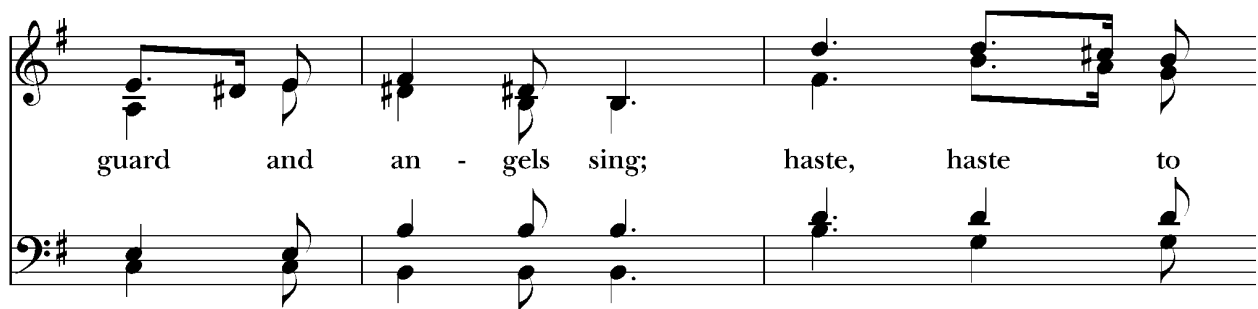


an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.


Refrain



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds



guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to



bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

All rise as able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

All Amen.

Celebrant May God, who sent the angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

All Amen.

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

All Amen.

Celebrant And the blessing of our loving God who creates, redeems and sustains us, be upon you this day and remain with you for ever.

All Amen.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING

Joy to the world!

All sing.

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

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

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,

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

In dulci jubilo, BWV 608, 729

Johann Sebastian Bach



2025 Christmas Flowers are given to the glory of God by...

JoAnne Brendle	In thanksgiving for the Ochs & Northeys.
Cynthia Davis	In memory of Kathryn Puccio.
Shirley Deffenbaugh	In memory of my parents, Katherine & Delmer Deffenbaugh.
Mary Fitzgerald	In memory of her loving parents, Charlie & Jennifer Pelly.
Roberta Goodnow & Daniel Lipkie	In thanksgiving Rector Costello, Associate Rector Harris, Priest Associate McEachran & all staff.
Dave & Judy Katri	In thanksgiving for so many blessings received.
Jim Kesl	In memory of Marge Kesl.
John G. Kimbrough & Bea Covington	In memory of Dr. & Mrs. John G. Kimbrough (Ouita) and in thanksgiving for Will & Wyatt Kimbrough.
Yvonne Lamey	In thanksgiving guidance, health, family.
Martha and Katie Lane	In thanksgiving for our parents, Bob and Betty Lane.
Phyllis C. Leppert	In memory of Rev. Walter Jennings Leppert and Alice Margaret Leppert..
Jackie & Jerry Livingston	In memory of Cindi Livingston Warberg.
Dick & Ruby Lyons	To the glory of God.
Jesse & Lorraine McReynolds	In memory of our parents.
Brandon & Mark Middaugh	In memory of Richard Berkeley.
Penelope Vaughn Nyder	In memory of Meredith Christie Nyder.
The Ong Family	In memory of Winifred Guillot, Jim Ong, Susan Guillot, and Donna Domzalski.
Jeannette M. Privat	In thanksgiving for the Privat Family.
Colin Radford	In memory of Colin Orme Radford and Jean Foster Radford.
Lisalynn Reed	In thanksgiving for my family and the community of St. Thomas.
Claude, Chris, and Kate Rogers	To the glory of God and in memory of Anne Rogers.
Dwight Russell	In memory of Martha Robinson and Paul E. Russell.
Ruthlyn Stephan	In loving memory of Marc Stephan.
Stephanie Waddle	In memory of Kathy Leland.
Mary & Ray Waldmann	In thanksgiving for the birth of River Ignatz Ortiz.
The Woosley Family	In memory of Hal & Marian Woosley, Tom & Christiane Gee
Curt and Vicky Young	In memory of Hope and Alan Young, Karma and Bob Wallace, Hetty and Bryan Elliott.



SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Edmund Harris

Associate Rector

Dr. Paul Meier

Director of Music & Organist

Susan Payne O'Brien

Cantor

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