



THE PARISH OF  
**CALVARY – ST. GEORGE'S**

# CHRISTMAS AT ST. GEORGE'S

Christmas Day Service  
December 25, 2023 10AM

The Reverend Jacob A. Smith, *Rector*  
The Reverend Molly Jane Layton, *Associate Rector*  
The Reverend Janet Broderick, *Associate Rector*  
The Reverend Nancy Hanna, *Clergy*  
The Reverend Tom Pike, *Rector Emeritus*

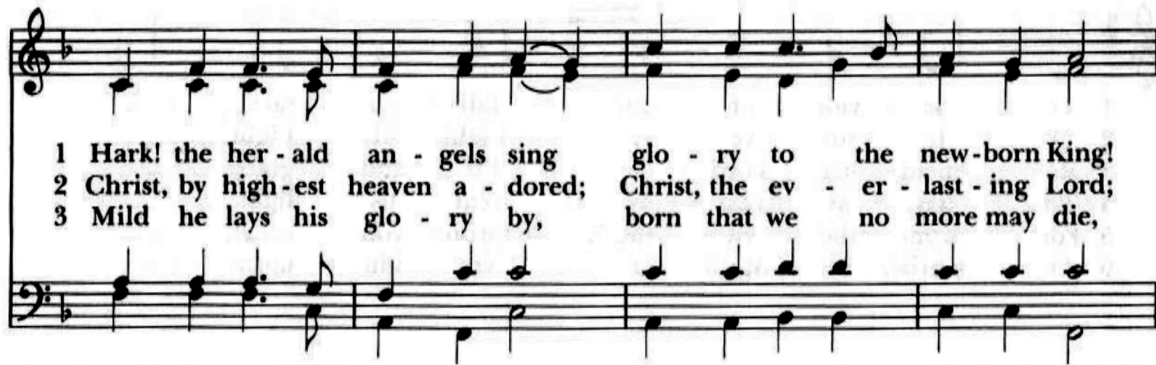


Please remain silent as we prepare for worship

## PRELUDE

## HYMN

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



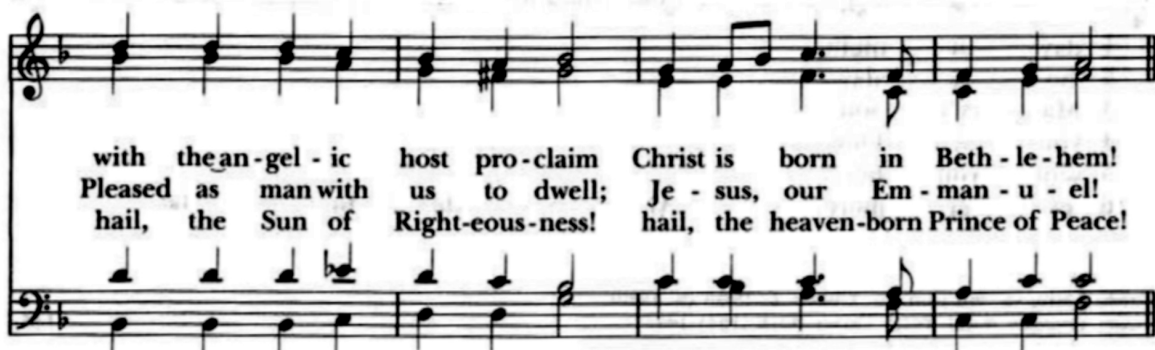
1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!  
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

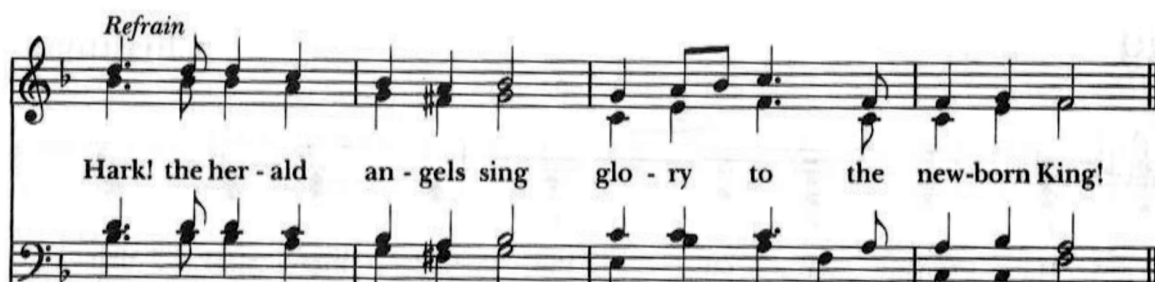


Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,



with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Unto us a child is born.

*People* **O come let us adore him. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*People* **Amen.**

# GLORIA

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **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.

*People* **Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

### THE FIRST LESSON **Isaiah 52:7-10**

*Reader* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

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

## THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 1:1-12

*Reader*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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."

*Reader*  
*People*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

# GRADUAL HYMN

## Angels We Have Heard on High

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.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.  
Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

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**THE HOLY GOSPEL**      **John 1:1-14**

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

*People*                              **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.

*Minister*                      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**SERMON**                      **The Reverend Molly Jane Layton**



*Please stand*

## 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *The leader and people pray responsively*

*Leader* On this holy day in which God joins heaven and earth, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need saying: *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Let us pray for the Church around the world as it celebrates the birth of Christ. Bless all those who are entrusted with Christian ministry that your Word might be proclaimed with truth and courage across our world.

*People* Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bestow your wisdom on all who govern, that in caring for the earth and honoring its diversity, we may celebrate the light of this holy day.

*People* Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Grant reconciliation to those surrounded with conflict and violence, that they may live in the peace of this holy day. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Let us pray for all who are cold, hungry, or alone this day. Embrace with your tender care all who wander alone or have no place to lay their head, that they may experience the hope of this holy day. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Let us pray for all who are anxious, depressed, or ill. Draw near to those who find this season a source of pain or grief, and to all who are suffering or sick, especially those we remember in our own hearts that they may feel the comfort of this holy day. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Let us pray for parents, families, and newborn infants. Strengthen families in the bonds of love and commitment, that they may delight in the joy of this holy day. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Let us pray for ourselves and for the blessings of Christmas. Open our hearts to your presence, that we might be transformed by the message of peace on earth and goodwill to all people that was heralded by the angels on this holy day. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Let us give thanks for all the faithful departed who have believed in the Word made flesh. Give us grace to follow all your saints, that we may join with them and all the company of heaven in singing your praises on this holy day. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* All these things, grant us, O Lord, for the sake of him who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns within the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Please kneel or sit as you are able.*

*Celebrant and People*

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

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## **THE COMFORTABLE WORDS**

# THE PEACE

*Celebrant  
People*

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

## THE OFFERTORY



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ONLINE**

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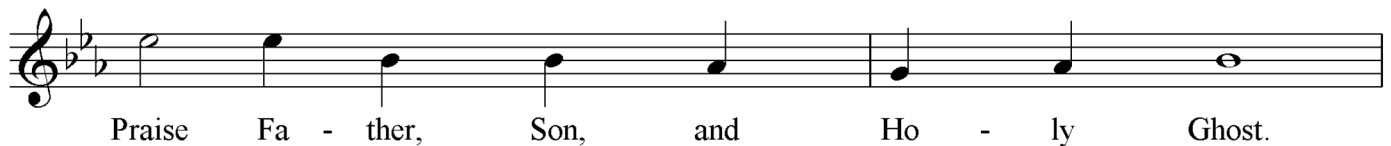
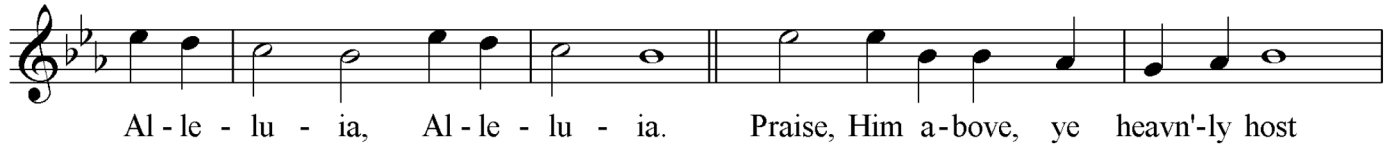
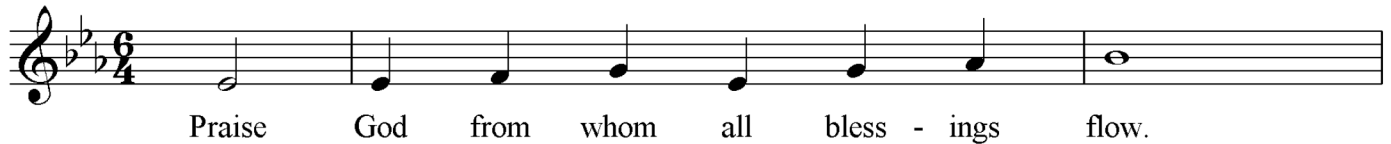
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**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**    **Go Tell It On The Mountain ...** *Harry T. Burleigh*  
*Sung by choir*

*Please stand. Sung by all:*

## FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



## 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 him thanks and praise.**

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.

And therefore we praise you, joining our voices with  
Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven,  
who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

*Sung by all*  
**SANCTUS**

*Betty Rae Norfleet*



**Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r, of pow-er and might.**



**Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo ry. glo ry.**



**Ho san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the**



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



**Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

*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.”

*Celebrant* Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*People* **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 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.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant*

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

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

*Celebrant*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People*

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## **AN INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*We invite everyone viewing this service from home to join us in a prayer of Spiritual Communion.*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.




**AGNUS DEI** *Sung by all*

*Kamel Boutros*



O Lamb of God that takes a - way



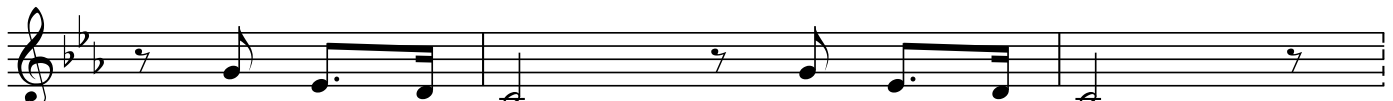
the\_\_ sins of the world, have\_ mer - cy on us.



O Lamb of God that takes a - way



the\_\_ sins of the world, have\_ mer - cy on us.



O Lamb of God that takes a - way



the\_\_ sins of the world, grant us peace.

**THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant*

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.

*This is the Lord's Table. All baptized Christians, no matter your denomination, are invited to come forward at this time. If you are not baptized, or do not wish to receive, you are encouraged to come forward for a blessing. Signal this by crossing your arms across your chest.*

*Those wishing to receive only the host may do so. Those wishing to receive the wine by intinction are requested to pass the host to the chalice bearer who will intinct for you. Those wishing to drink from the chalice are invited to do so. Please follow the ushers' directions, coming down the center aisle. After receiving Communion, please return to your pew via the nearest side aisle, crossing over at the rear of the*

COMMUNION HYMN What Child is This?



1 What Child is this\_who, laid to rest\_\_\_ On Ma-ry's lap\_\_\_ is  
2 Why lies He in\_\_\_such mean es tate,\_\_\_Where ox and ass\_\_\_are  
3 So bring Him in - cense,gold,and myrrh, Come pea-sant,king\_ to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet\_\_\_ with an - them sweet, While  
feed - ing? Good Chris -tian, fear,\_\_\_ for sin - ners here\_\_\_ The  
own Him; The King of kings\_ sal - va - tion brings, Let

*Chorus*



shep-herds watch are keep - ing?  
si - lent Word\_ is plead - ing. This, this\_ is Christ the King, Whom  
lo - ving hearts enthrone Him.



shep - herds guard\_ and an - gels sing; Haste, haste,\_\_\_ to



bring Him laud,\_\_\_ The Babe,\_\_\_ the Son\_\_\_ of Ma - ry.

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## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

## Joy to the World!

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

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

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,

# THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*  
*People*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**



The Campaign Committee and Rector of  
**THE PARISH OF CALVARY-ST. GEORGE'S**

*Invites you to join us for a special announcement about our Capital Campaign on*

**Sunday, January 7, 2023**

Calvary Church following 11AM service

*Snacks and refreshments will be served. Childcare will be provided.*

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# *Our locations*



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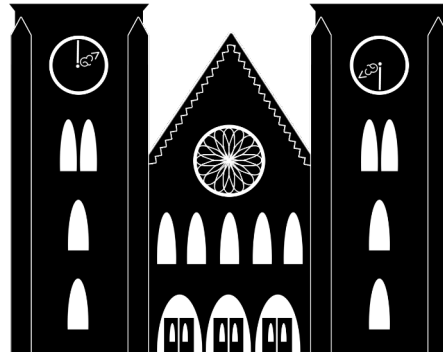


## CALVARY CHURCH

277 Park Avenue South  
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*Sunday*  
10AM Holy Eucharist  
*Wednesday*  
12:10PM Holy Eucharist



## ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

7 Rutherford Place  
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