

# Christmas Eve (Year A)

December 24, 2022 ❖ 8:00 pm



## The Word of God

### ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymnal 83

*O come, all ye faithful*

*Adeste fideles*  
*arr. by David Willcocks*

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, —  
\*4 See how the shep-herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle, —  
\*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, —

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;  
4 leav - ing their flocks, — draw — nigh to gaze;  
5 we would em - brace — thee, with love and awe;

*(Hymn continues on next page.)*

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;  
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

*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* The Word became flesh, and lived among us, alleluia;  
*People* **And we beheld his glory, alleluia;**  
*Celebrant* Glory as of God's only Son, alleluia;  
*People* **Full of grace and truth, alleluia.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

# HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal 82

*Of the Father's love begotten*

*Divinum mysterium*



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!

*This hymn may be performed in equal note values: ♩ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

*Reader* A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>2</sup>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.  
<sup>3</sup>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.  
<sup>4</sup>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.  
<sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
 and all the garments rolled in blood  
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
<sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us,  
 a son given to us;  
 authority rests upon his shoulders;  
 and he is named  
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually,  
 and there shall be endless peace  
 for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
 He will establish and uphold it  
 with justice and with righteousness  
 from this time onward and forevermore.  
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Reader*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 96**

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
 sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.  
<sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \***  
**proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**  
<sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations \*  
 and his wonders among all peoples.  
<sup>4</sup>**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \***  
**he is more to be feared than all gods.**  
<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
 but it is the LORD who made the heavens.  
<sup>6</sup>**Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \***  
**Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**  
<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
 ascribe to the LORD honor and power.  
<sup>8</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \***  
**bring offerings and come into his courts.**  
<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
 let the whole earth tremble before him.

<sup>10</sup>**Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is King! \***  
**He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;**  
**he will judge the peoples with equity.”**

<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
 let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
 let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

<sup>12</sup>**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy**  
**before the LORD when he comes, \***  
**when he comes to judge the earth.**

<sup>13</sup>He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
 and the peoples with his truth.

## SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

*Reader* A Reading from Paul’s letter to Titus.

<sup>11</sup>The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

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

## SEQUENCE

Hymnal 93

*Angels, from the realms of glory (vss. 1-3)*

*Regent Square*

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;  
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;  
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

*(Hymn continues on next page.)*

*Refrain*

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,  
ye have seen his na - tal star:  
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

## GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

*Celebrant*

✙ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.

<sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>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: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Celebrant*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please join in singing the last verse of the hymn as the procession returns.*

*A period of meditative silence follows the Reflection.*

## THE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor* “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.” (Luke 2:10)

In our joyful celebration of Jesus’s birth, let us pray for the church and for the world.

Christ, the chief cornerstone, we pray for the Church. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for John, our Bishop, and for all your faithful people gathered here and everywhere. Bless our common life together, and show us how you would have us be your hands and feet in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

*All*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*

Christ, the King of kings, you came for all the world. Give wisdom, compassion, and fortitude to all those called to leadership in the nations of the earth. Guide them always to the justice and peace you proclaim.

Lord, in your mercy,

*All*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*

Christ, the light of the world, you came to us a vulnerable child. Be in all places where war, poverty, illness, disease, and death mean so many of your people suffer. Teach us to mend what is broken, to heal where we see hurt, and to boldly love in the face of hatred.

Lord, in your mercy,

*All*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*

Christ, the Son given to us, we give you thanks for all the blessings of this life. Make us quick to see and to cherish your gifts to us, and show us how we are called to share them. We give thanks for \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord in your mercy,

*All*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*

Christ, the Word made flesh, you were born to a particular time and place. Be with us now and in this place. Bless our families, friends, and neighbors, and give us eyes to see them all as you do, as beloved children of God.

Lord in your mercy,

*All*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*

Christ, the suffering servant, you came that you might suffer with and for us, and that we might be redeemed through you. Be with all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Sustain them with your loving grace, and remind them that they are never alone, but walk hand in hand with you, O lover of souls. We pray for \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord in your mercy,

*All*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*

Christ, the one who died for us and rose again, we pray for the departed. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, and grant them eternal rest. We pray for \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord in your mercy,

*All*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*



## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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 on you, forgive you all your sins ✚ through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Stille Nacht (original version)*

*Franz Gruber (1787-1863),  
arr. by Richard Proulx (1937-2010)*

Silent Night was written and first sung at a midnight Mass on Christmas Eve 1818, probably with only guitar accompaniment, since the organ had broken down. Franz Gruber, the organist, set the words of the assistant priest, Joseph Mohr (1792-1848), on the day of Christmas Eve, making a simple, folklike, and quintessentially Austrian cradle song and dance, including folk elements such as yodels and horn calls - an accidental and last-minute yet perfect marriage of words and music. As you'll hear, the end of the original melody was different from what we now sing, and the last line repeats. This arrangement is close to the original, the manuscript of which is now in possession by the famous von Trapp family.

*Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht, Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
nur das traute hoch heilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,  
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh', schlaf in himmlischer Ruh'*

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht, Hirten erst kundgemacht!  
Durch der Engel Halleluja Tönt es laut von ferne und nah:  
Christ, der Retter, ist da! Christ, der Retter, ist da!*

*Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht! Gottes Sohn, O wie lacht  
Lieb' aus deinem göttlichen Mund, da uns schlägt die rettende Stund:'  
Jesus in deiner Geburt. Jesus in deiner Geburt!*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymnal 79

*O little town of Bethlehem*

*St. Louis*

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
\*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - ell

## 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 God 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.

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-125

*Richard Proulx*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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,

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

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 Michael 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. *AMEN.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

### FRACTION ANTHEM

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey you are welcome to come forward to receive the consecrated wine and wafers. Wine will be served by our chalice bearers from the common cup. In keeping with the pandemic safety guidelines from our bishop, the communicant may drink from the chalice or, in the alternative, the priest will dip the wafer into the wine and place it directly on the communicant's tongue. If you prefer not to have wine, simply cross your arms over your chest after receiving the wafer.*

*Congregants worshiping on Zoom or Facebook Live may say the following:*

### A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, 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.*

### COMMUNION MUSIC

*The Virgin's Slumber Song*

*(Mariä Wiegenlied)*

*Max Reger (1873-1916)*

*(quoting the folk tune "Joseph lieber, Joseph mein")*

*The Women of the Choir*

*Maria sitzt am Rosenhag und wiegt ihr Jesuskind,  
durch die Blätter leise weht der warme Sommerwind.  
Zu ihren Füßen singt ein buntes Vögelein:  
Schlaf, Kindlein, süsse, schlaf nun ein!*

*Amid the roses Mary sits and rocks her baby Jesus-child,  
While amid the treetops sighs the breeze so warm and mild.  
And soft and sweetly sings a bird upon a bough:  
Ah, baby, dear one, slumber now!*

*Hold ist dein Lächeln, hilder deines Schummers Lust,  
leg dein müdes Köpfchen fest an deiner Mutter Brust!  
Schlaf, Kindlein, süsse, schlaf nun ein!*

*Happy is Thy laughter, holy is Thy silent rest,  
Lay Thy head in slumber, fondly on Thy mother's breast!  
Ah, baby, dear one, slumber now!!*

*The Men of the Choir*

*O men from the fields!  
Come gently within.  
Tread softly, softly,  
O men coming in!  
Mavourneen is going  
From me and from you,  
Where Mary will fold him  
With mantle of blue!*

*From reek of the smoke,  
And cold of the floor,  
And the peering of things  
Across the half-door.*

*O men from the fields!  
Soft, softly come through -  
Mary puts round him  
Her mantle of blue.*

Padraic Colum (1881-1972)

Hymnal 111

*Silent Night*

*Stille Nacht*  
arr. by Ray Urwin

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy



## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**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.**

## CHRISTMAS 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 his 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 his peace and favor.

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 87

*Hark! the herald angels sing*

*Mendelssohn*

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!

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

*Voluntary on "In dulci Jubilo"*

*Norman Dello Joio (1913-2008)*

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## **We are delighted to welcome you to St. Mike's!**

No matter your background, you are welcome to be part of our community as we gather in this sacred space to encounter the Mystery of God through beautiful liturgy and inspiring music. Please be assured that all children, no matter their ages, are invited to join us in worship as a powerful reminder that we are all beloved children of God. Again, welcome!

*Please take a moment to silence your cell phone. Thank you.*

### **We publicly livestream our Sunday worship via Zoom and Facebook Live.**

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday> (Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: 080100)

Join on Facebook Live: <https://facebook.com/SMAACDM>

### **Important COVID Safety Reminder**

All worshipers who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks at indoor gatherings. However, if you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask as required by the state COVID guidelines. Masks are available at the entrance to the church. Thank you all for your help in keeping our church a safe place for those most vulnerable.

## **Today's Worship Team**

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart

Organist: Dr. Ray Urwin

### **The St. Michael and All Angels Choir:**

Cecilia Rogers (Interim Section Leader), Michele Dulson, Susan Zevnik, Mary Bailey, (Section Leader), Patricia Albers, Barbara Stewart, Vincent Loza (Section Leader), Richard Zevnik, Scott Ziemann (Section Leader)

### **Strings:**

Edmund Stein and Sheng-Ching Hsu, Violins

Alan Busteed, Viola

Rudy Stein, Cello

## **Parish Prayer List**

Dick	Tom	Mary Ann	Bob	Ron	Steve	Meredith
Norris	Bob	Lucius	Kitty	Jeanine	Pat	

Prayer requests remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.

To submit a name to the prayer list contact Brooke Pauley ([kookiepauley@gmail.com](mailto:kookiepauley@gmail.com) or 949-514-7917), or The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart ([barbarastewart001@gmail.com](mailto:barbarastewart001@gmail.com)).

## **Altar Flowers**

Members of the congregation may sponsor altar flowers, chapel flowers, and the sanctuary light in thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life or in memory of loved ones. The flowers are arranged by our Flower Guild with donors acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin.

Call the church office at (949) 644-0463 or make your donation via our website:

<https://www.stmikescdm.org/altar-flower-and-sanctuary-light-donations/>

# Christmas Poinsettia Dedications

*Christmas poinsettias are giving by St. Mike's parishioners and friends to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the blessing of this life or in memory of loved ones.*

*This year's dedications are given by:*

Peggy Montgomery in loving memory of Robert Montgomery Jr.

Ruth Poole in loving memory of Keith Nelson.

The Stover Family in loving memory of Allan Taylor Stover and Ron Winter.

The St. Mike's Vestry with thanksgiving for the ministry of The Rev. Canon Dr. Barbara Stewart.

Myrna Ireland in loving memory of John Ireland.

James Palda in loving memory of Carole Leavelle Palda.

Laird Blue in thanksgiving for the Blue and Macino families.

Gail and Ali Haghjoo in thanksgiving for our beloved parents.

Stacie Tibbets to the glory of God in thanksgiving for family.

Colette Spence in loving memory of Charles and Corrine Spence.

Norris Battin

Dunlap Family in thanksgiving for friends and family.

Harry and Susan Stahl in thanksgiving for all of God's blessings.

Kim Montgogmery in loving memory of Lee Rosenson and Robert Montgomery II.

Richard and Susan Zevnik

Barbara Black in loving memory of Sy Black.

Clyde and Pepa Dodge in loving memory of our parents and sisters.

# Worship with us:

## Tuesday Morning Holy Eucharist

**Tuesdays at 8:30 am**

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart celebrates and preaches each Tuesday.

Featured saint for Dec. 27:

Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1170.



## Prayer Vigil for Peace

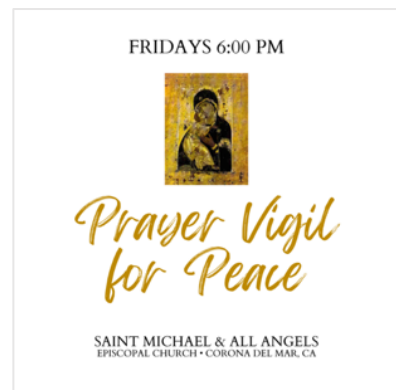
**Fridays at 6:00 pm**

Join us every Friday at 6:00 pm in the St. Michael's sanctuary and on Zoom as we pray for peace in our community and around the world.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday>

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Worship bulletins: <https://www.stmikescdm.org/worship-bulletins/>



## A Time of Prayer

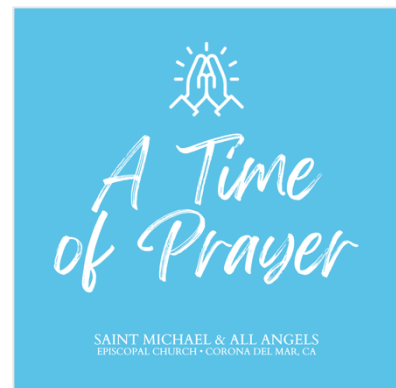
**First Wednesday of the Month at 2:00 pm**

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm for our service of worship and prayer to give thanks for our joys and express our concerns for ourselves and for those of our parish in need of prayer.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday>

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### Office Hours:

Tuesday: 8 am to 3 pm  
Wednesday: 9 am to 3 pm  
Thursday: 9 am to noon

### Parish Directory:

<https://smaa.breezechms.com>

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**Clyde Dodge**, Evangelism

**Colette Spence**, Clerk

**Don Sheetz**, Buildings & Grounds

**Gail Hagjoo**, Fellowship

**Jim Palda**, Junior Warden

**Keith Lumpkin**, Stewardship

**Kim Montgomery**, Christian Education

**Louise Stover**, Senior Warden

**Mary Bailey**, Mission

**Stacie Tibbetts**, Treasurer

**Steve Morris**, Ombudsman

## Adult Christian Education and Small Discussion Groups

All are welcome to join one or more of the groups listed below. For more information, visit our website:

<https://www.stmikescdm.org>

### St. Mike's Sunday Conversations

*10:30 am in Michael's Room and on Zoom*

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1: no meeting.

Jan. 8 we'll begin the Great Course series

*History and Archaeology of the Bible.*

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/sundaysat10>

Meeting ID: 966 632 5340 / Passcode: 221426

View our updated schedule:

<https://www.stmikescdm.org/blog/sunday-conversations-1030-am/>

Contact: **Kim Montgomery**

### Tuesday Nights at Mike's

*Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on Zoom*

Currently studying *The Church Cracked Open* by Stephanie Spellers.

On Dec. 27, we will not meet. See you next week!

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/tuesdayatmikes>

Meeting ID: 834 2976 3754 / Passcode: none

Contact: **Beth Bianchi**

### Bible Challenge

*Third Sundays at 8:00 am in the Conference Room*

Bible Challenge will resume Sunday, January 8.

The Advent now Christmas Study "O Wisdom" continues through Epiphany.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/thirdsundaybiblechallenge>

Meeting ID: 958 1933 0475 / Passcode: 018474

Contact: **Susan Caldwell**

### Inklings Book Group

*Third Mondays at 10:30 am in the Davis Library and on Zoom*

Note: the next Inklings will be on Monday, January 23.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/inklingsbookgroup>

Meeting ID: 938 4250 5095 / Passcode: 573156

Contact: **Susan Caldwell**

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Fridays at 10:00 am*

Please join us as we knit or crochet and pray!

Contact: **Barbara Stewart+** at (949) 378-9780

### Men's Fellowship Group

*Thursdays at 8:30 am*

Dedicated to studying the Bible and the works of Christian theologians. Open to all adult men of the parish.

Contact: **Kim Montgomery**

Visit our church calendar for more:

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