Christmas Eve



Saint Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

CHRISTMAS EVE

Holy Eucharist December 24, 2021 5:00 pm

Cover: The Adoration of the Shepherds, by Rembrandt van Rijn

Zoom Link to Worship

Zoom Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532

Passcode: 080100

Note to Zoom congregants: You will be muted throughout the service. Continue to say all group responses, but you will only hear yourself and the people in the Sanctuary.

Preludes

Prelude on "In dulci jubilo"

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Psallite Unigenito

attr. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

The St. Michael's Section Leaders

Psallite Unigenito, Christo, Dei Filio, Redemptori, Domino, puerulo iacenti in praesepio. Ein kleines Kindlein liegt in dem Grippelein; Alle lieben Engelein dienen dem Kindelein und singen ihm fein. Psallite... Sing the psalms to the Only-Begotten one,

Christ, the Son of God, Redeemer, Lord, a baby who lies in a manger.
A little child lies in the manger stall,
All the dear little angels praise the child and sign to him.
Sing the psalms...

En natus est Emmanuel

Michael Praetorius

En natus est Emmanuel: Dominus, quem praedixit Gabriel: Dominus, Dominus Salvator noster est.
Hic jacet in praesepio: Dominus, Puer admirabilis: Dominus, Dominus Salvator noster est.
Haec lux est orta hodie: Dominus, ex Maria virgine: Dominus, Dominus Salvator noster est.

Behold! Emmanuel is born: Christ the Lord!
Him foretold by Gabriel: Christ the Lord!
Christ the Lord, the Saviour of the world!
He lieth in a manger bed: Christ the Lord!
Wondrous little boy he is: Christ the Lord!
Christ the Lord, the Saviour of the world!
The light appeared on this day: Christ the Lord!
Born of Mary, virgin maid: Christ the Lord!
Christ the Lord, the Saviour of the world!

Scott Ziemann, Bass solo

Danse on "Ave Maris Stella"

Naji Hakim (b. 1955)

All stand as the Ministers enter the Church.

Processional Hymn: 83, O come, all ye faithful

Adeste fideles



Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others Music: Adeste fideles, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Celebrant 🖶 The Word became flesh, and lived among us, alleluia;

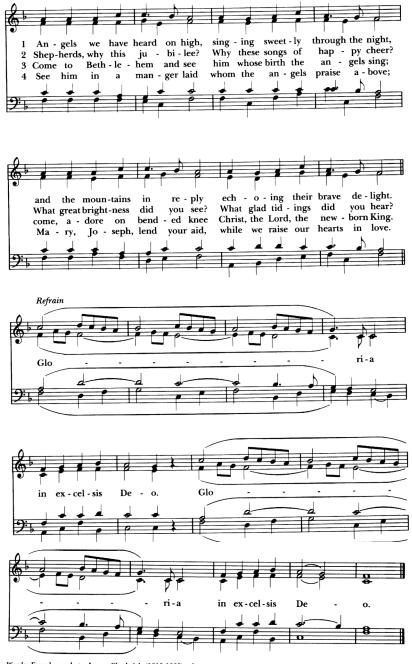
People And we beheld his glory, alleluia; Celebrant Glory as of God's only Son, alleluia; People Full of grace and truth, alleluia.

The Celebrant prays the 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: 96, Angels we have heard on high

Gloria



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

77. 77 with Refrain

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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*.

All are seated for the First Reading.

The First Reading

ISAIAH 9:2-7

Lector A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For 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. 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.

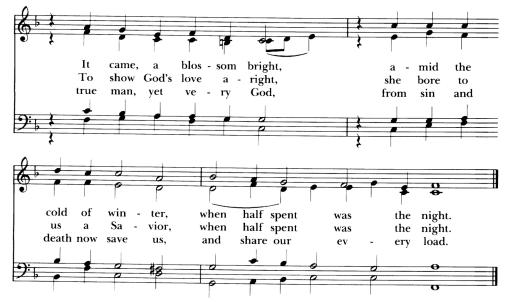
Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 81, 81, Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Est st ein Ros





Words: St. 1-2, German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). st. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859);

tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925); ver. Hymnal 1940 Music: Es ist ein Ros, melody from Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

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The Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

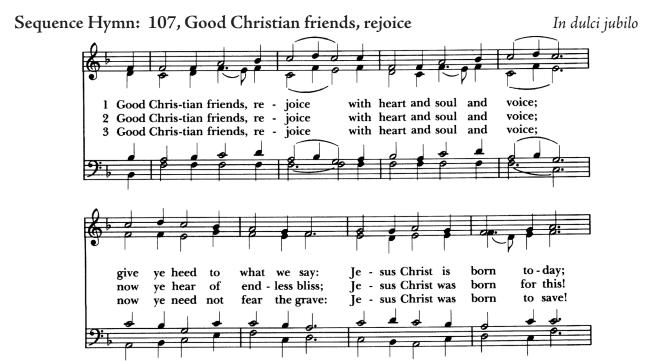
Lector A reading from Paul's letter to his disciple Titus.

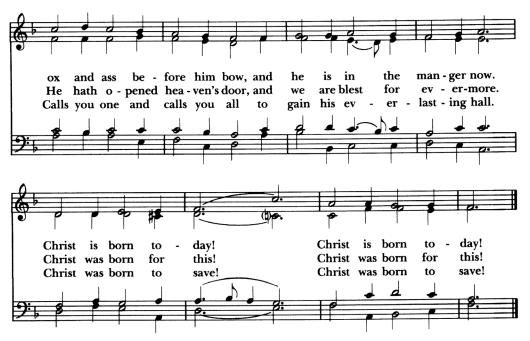
FOR THE GRACE OF GOD has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

All then stand to sing this Hymn.





The Holy Gospel Luke 2:1-10

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" 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." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Assisting Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton

A period of meditative silence follows the Sermon.

All then stand. The Nicene Creed, the ancient summa

All then stand. The Nicene Creed, the ancient summary of the Christian faith, is recited by all in unison.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world:

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer

from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The Intercessor offers the People's thanksgivings.

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Intercessor remembers the departed by name.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Intercessor remembers those in need by name. The People may then offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

After a moment of silence the Celebrant prays this concluding Collect

God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All greet one another in the Name of the Lord. The Celebrant greets the People.

Offertory Music

All bells in Paradise Words and Music by John Rutter (b. 1944) (the title line of this piece is taken from a 15th century English carol)

Deep in the cold of winter,
Darkness and silence were ev'rywhere;
Softly and clearly, there came through the stillness
a wonderful sound to hear:

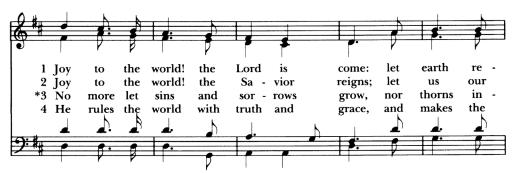
All bells in paradise I heard them ring, Sounding in majesty the news that they bring; All bells in paradise I heard them ring, Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King. All bells in paradise I heard them ring: "Glory to God on high" the angel voices sing.

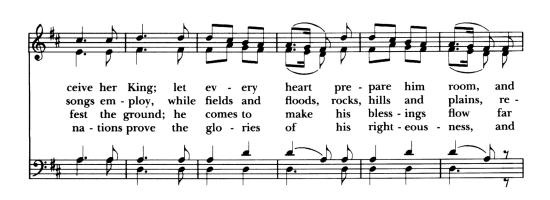
Lost in awe and wonder,
Doubting, I asked what this sign might be:
Christ our Messiah revealed in a stable,
a marvelous sight to see.
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,
Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,
Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King.

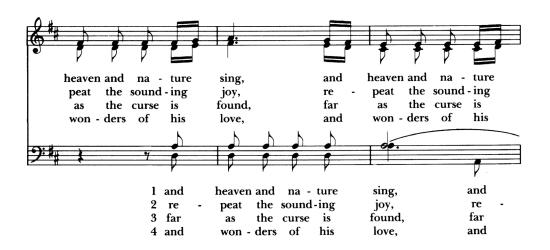
He comes down in peace, a child in humility, The keys to his kingdom belong to the poor; Before him shall kneel the kings with their treasures, gold, incense and myrrh. All bells in paradise I heard them ring,
Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,
Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King.
All bells in paradise I heard them ring:
"Glory to God on high" the angel voices sing,
The angel voices sweetly sing.

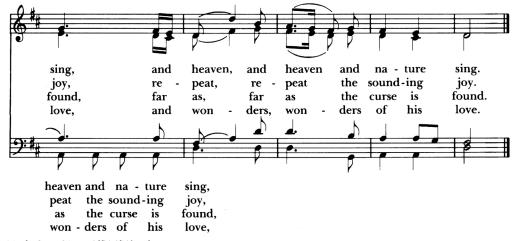
Offertory Hymn: 100, Joy to the world

Antioch









Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

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

CM with Repeat

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

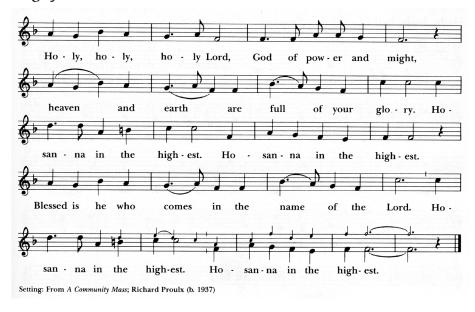
It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

S 125, Sanctus, sung by all

Proulx



The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

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

All then pray together

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Host.

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.

Music During Communion

Italian Pipers' Carol

Italian or Sicilian tune, arr. Richard Proulx

(Handel's aria "He shall feed his flock" from Messiah is based on this song)

While shepherds watched their flocks upon a winter night,

They heard the sound of music throughout the starry night:

Angels singing, bells are ringing, saints proclaiming songs of love:

This night Emmanuel comes!

Venite adoremus, O come and worship him!

Come now to Bethlehem with shepherds near and far,

To find the manger lowly led by the shining star:

Angels singing, bells are ringing, saints proclaiming songs of love:

This night Emmanuel comes!

Venite adoremus, O come and worship him!

O friends and neighbors all, come out and follow them;

The star shines bright to show us the way to Bethlehem.

Angels singing, bells are ringing, saints proclaiming songs of love:

This night Emmanuel comes!

Venite adoremus, O come and worship him!

Everyone is welcome to come forward at this time.

Please follow the direction of the ushers and come forward to gather around the circular altar, beginning with the first row while maintaining a social distance.

The Ministers will be happy to bring Communion to those who prefer to remain seated in the pews.

Please speak to one of the ushers and the Ministers will come to you.

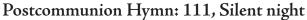
Those who prefer not to receive the Eucharist may receive a blessing (please cross your arms across your chest).

Congregants worshipping on Zoom or Facebook may recite the following prayer since you are unable to partake of the Communion in person.

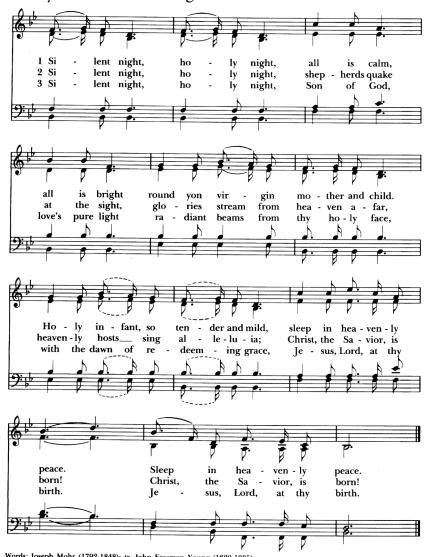
A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

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.

The People stand at the Celebrant's direction.



Stille Nacht



Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885) Music: Stille Nacht, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

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Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All then pray together

A 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 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 hearts with the light of his holiness.

People 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.

People Amen.

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

People Amen.

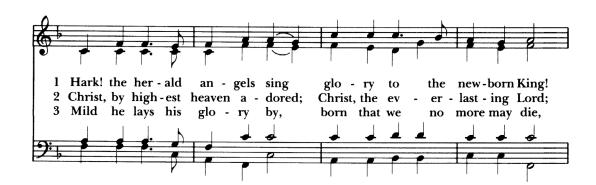
Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy

Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

Processional Hymn: 87, Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn





The Dismissal

Assisting Priest Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Voluntary on "In dulci jubilo"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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Celebrant The Rev. Susan Pinkerton
Assisting Priest The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart

Layreaders and Intercessor Julie Sheffield, Julie Jenkins, Anne Conover

Organist Dr. Ray Urwin
Altar Guild Cathy Dunlap
Zoom Host Brooke Pauley
Zoom Co-Host Kim Montgomery

Ushers

Jim Headley, Mark Peterson, Don Sheetz
The St. Michael's Section Leaders

Rusty Vail, Soprano; Mary Bailey, Alto;
Vincent Loza, Tenor; Scott Ziemann, Bass

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Parish Prayer List

The Montgomery family Yvette Sally Nadine Ken Amy and Phil Pat and Denise Sy Jennifer Catherine Daniel Katy Sigrid Corinne **J**amie Rebecca Barbara Marilyn Tom Iane Linda Charlotte Ioni Mark Jack's children Annemaria Inge **Julie** Mary Elisabeth Peter and Dan

Welcome to St. Michael's In-Person and Online Worship!

It's a pleasure to welcome everyone to worship this evening. However you are joining us, the joy of being a Christian community is ours to receive and share. Thanks for being a part of our worship! For more information about our chruch, please visit our website at stmikescdm.org, or our Facebook page.

Office Hours

This week the church office will be closed. Regular office hours will resume on January 4th, 2022.

Tuesday Morning Eucharist

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COVID Guidelines for In-Person Worship

We are happy you are part of our in-person services at St. Michael and All Angels. We are following the current CDC guidelines and State of California mandate, as instructed by Bishop Taylor and require that all worshipers, even those vaccinated, be masked while indoors to protect the unvaccinated. In addition:

- + All those who are vaccinated are welcome to shake hands and hug during the Peace.
- Holy Communion will continue to be bread only until further instruction.

Thank you for helping us make our worship services a safer place for all, especially those who are most vulnerable.

Christmas Poinsettia Donations

Mary Bailey, in loving memory of Melina Huszti

Norris Battin, in thanksgiving for parish volunteers, and in memory of Susan

Sally Buschek, in memory of her parents Laura and Joh Messer

Clyde and Pepa Dodge

The Draffin Family, in thanksgiving for God's blessings

The Dunlap Family, in thanksgiving for family and friends

Lynn and Jim Headley, in thanksgiving for our parish, and in memory of Jay

Julie Jenkins, in thanksgiving for friends of St. Mike's, and in memory of Bob and Russ

Ruth Poole, in memory of Wally Paulson

From the Rader Family, in thanksgiving for the life of Harry Bubb

The Sheetz and Palazolla Families

Julie Sheffield, in memory of Charlotte Sheffield

Colette Spence, in memory of her parents, Charles and Corinne Spence

Susan and Harry Stahl, in thankgiving for their anniversary

The Stover Family, in thanksgiving for the life of John E. Pehrson, for shaing hs science of soils and plants, and in memory of Allan Taylor Stover

Louise Stover, in thanksgiving for the teaching and example of Nancy Sattler

Stacie Tibbetts, in thanksgiving for God's many blessings

The Vestry, in thanksgiving for the hard work and dedication of our parish staff Richard and Susan Zevnik



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