# The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ Holy Eucharist, Rite II

"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him." Psalm 96:9



December 24, 2022 4 o'clock in the afternoon St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



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.

Celebrant People	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.			
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.			
People				
<ul> <li>Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your Jesus Christ: Grant we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with a confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns we the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</li> <li>People Amen.</li> </ul>				
	The people are seated. Our Creche will be assembled by the children during the following lessor We remain seated and join in singing the carols. Music can be found in the 1982 Hymnal.	ns and carols.		
Dur	The Christmas Story ing the singing of these verses, the animals except the sheep and camels are brought forward to the creche.			
Carol	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	Hymnal 56		
	O, come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.			
	O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.			
	<b>The Annunciation</b> During the singing of this verse, Joseph and Mary are brought forward to the creche.			
Carol	O Little Town of Bethlehem	Hymnal 79		
	O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and years of all the years are met in thee tonight.			
	<b>Journey to Bethlehem and Birth of Jesus</b> During the singing of these verses, the baby Jesus is brought forward to the creche.			
Carol	O Little Town of Bethlehem	Hymnal 79		
	For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.			
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How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God inparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

	The Shepherds are Visited by an Angel During the singing of the carol, the Angel, shepherds and sheep are brought forward to the c	rreche.
Carol	Angels we Have Heard on High	Hymnal 96
	Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing through the night, And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.	
	Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheers? What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.	
	Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.	
	<b>The Magi Search for the Newborn King</b> During the singing of this carol, the three wise people and their camels are brought forward to t	he creche.
Carol	We Three Kings	Hymnal 128
	We three Kings of orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.	
Refrain	O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!	
	Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; Heaven sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies <i>Refrain</i>	

	Conclusion	
Carol	Go Tell it on the Mountain	Hymnal 99
Refrain	Go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere; Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!	
	While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by n Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.	ight, <i>Refrain</i>
	The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the ear rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.	rth <i>Refrain</i>
Homily	Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, And God sent us salvation that blessed morn. The Very	<i>Refrain</i> Reverend Bridget E. Coffey
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#### Prayers of the People

After each prayer, I will say "Loving God," and everyone will reply, "Hear our prayer"

Let us pray for the church, for all people who come here to worship and feel God's presence. We pray for all of our church leaders, friends, and Sunday School teachers, asking that God gives them strength and patience.

Leader Loving God, People Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the world and for all the leaders. May they make good choices and lead with love and justice. Let us pray for places where there are wars and fighting, that everyone can live in peace and harmony.

Leader Loving God, People Hear our prayer

Let us pray for all people as they work and go to school, serving God wherever they go. We pray especially for people whose jobs take them far away or put them in danger, that they will be safe and know God is with them always.

Leader Loving God, People Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all the ways we see God in our life together. We thank God for the birth of babies, for parents and family who love us, and for the friends we with play with. What else do we thank God for?

Leader Loving God,

People Hear our prayer Let us pray for people who are in need; for people who are hungry or do not have a place to live. We pray for people who are treated unfairly or unkindly. Let us also pray for people who are sick or hurt. We ask that God be with everyone who needs God's love. Who else do we pray for?

Leader Loving God,

People Hear our prayer

Let us pray for people who have died. We do not see them here on Earth anymore, but we know that they live with God forever in Heaven.

Leader Loving God,

People Hear our prayer

#### **Confession and Absolution**

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

Celebrant and People

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

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Offertory Silent Night/Clair de Lune Franz Xaver Gruber

#### Presentation

Please stand as you are able.

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

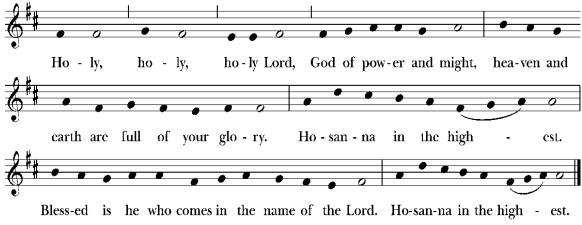
## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them up to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

#### Then the Celebrant continues

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:



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Then the Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People

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

#### The Celebrant continues

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint Andrews, 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.** 

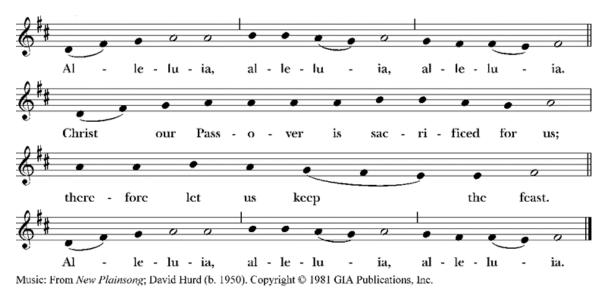
#### The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



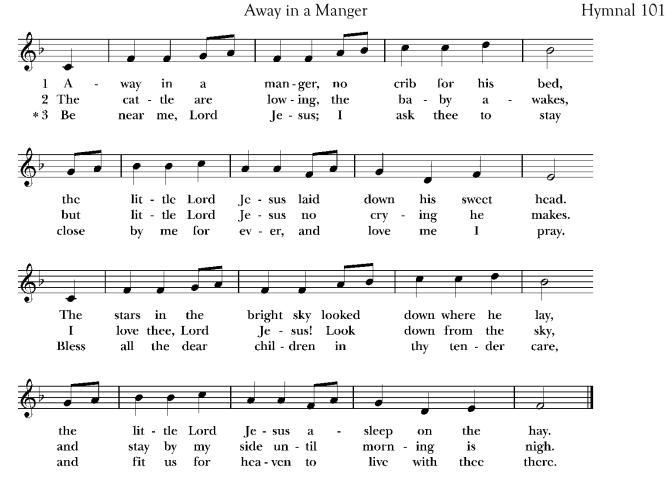
The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

For those who desire to receive communion or a blessing, please come forward to the altar rail and kneel or stand. Place one hand on top of the other outstretched to receive the bread from the Celebrant. To receive from the chalice, please stay at the altar rail and the Lay Eucharistic Minister will come to you. There are small bowls of wine for intinction next to the pulpit and lectern as you return to your pews. Those who do not wish to receive communion are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Please take a candle as you return by the side aisles. We invite the congregation to join in the singing of the following hymns during the communion.

#### **Communion Hymns**



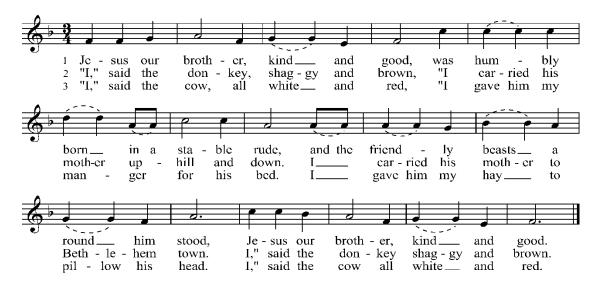
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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymnal 87



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).



- 4 "I," said the sheep with curly horn,
  "I gave him my wool for his blanket warm.
  He wore my coat on Christmas morn.
  I," said the sheep with curly horn.
- 5 "I," said the dove from rafters high,"I cooed him to sleep, so he should not cry. We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I.I," said the dove from rafters high.
- 6 Thus every beast by some good spell, in the stable dark was glad to tell of the gift he gave Emmanuel, the gift he gave Emmanuel.

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#### Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.



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).

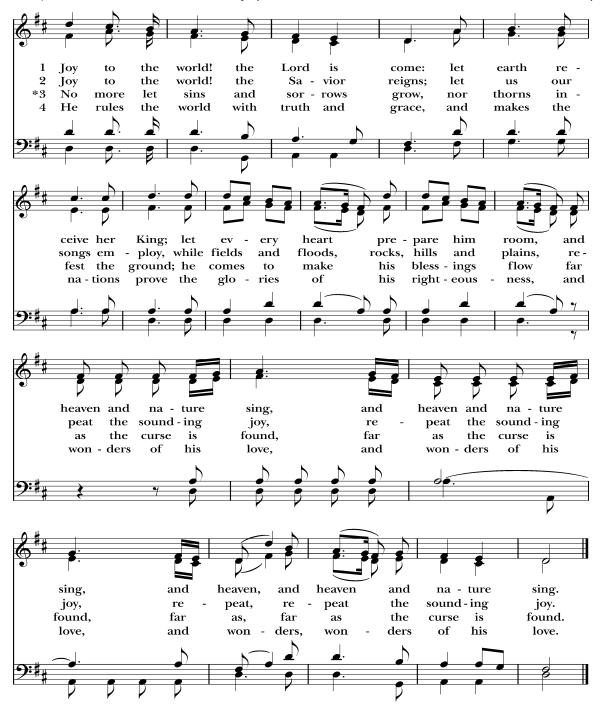
#### The Celebrant blesses the people saying

May Christ, who, by his Incarnation, gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

**Recessional Hymn** 

Joy to the World!

Hymnal 100



The Dismissal

Celebrant	Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of Spirit			
People	Thanks be to God.			
Postlude	Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	J.S. Bach		

# Christmas Poinsettias

Given by

Rich & Mary Anne Preston Dave & Nannette Wolfe Lanie Kackmeister Linda & Brandon Smith Eunice Probert III Kathy & Andy Jorgensen Dolores Gulotta Laura Empie Cathy Kaminski

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In Memory Of Loved Ones Family & Loved Ones Husband & Loved Ones Loved Ones Geoff & Loved Ones Their Parents Eugene & Lucille Gulotta David Empie Fred & Joanne Becker, Andy & Jane Kaminski, Fred Becker, Jr. In Thanksgiving For Family Our Wonderful St. Andrew's Family Family The Staff, Vestry & Parishioners The Children and Parents of St Andrew's Formation In Honor of Christopher Nejvara

# Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher Musician Verger Lay Eucharistic Minister The Very Rev. Bridget E. Coffey Betsy Nonnenmacher Rich Preston Cathy Kaminiski



Wishing you a Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year! The Staff, Vestry, and Parish of St. Andrew's

> Sunday Schedule 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 am Multi-Generational Formation 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music

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