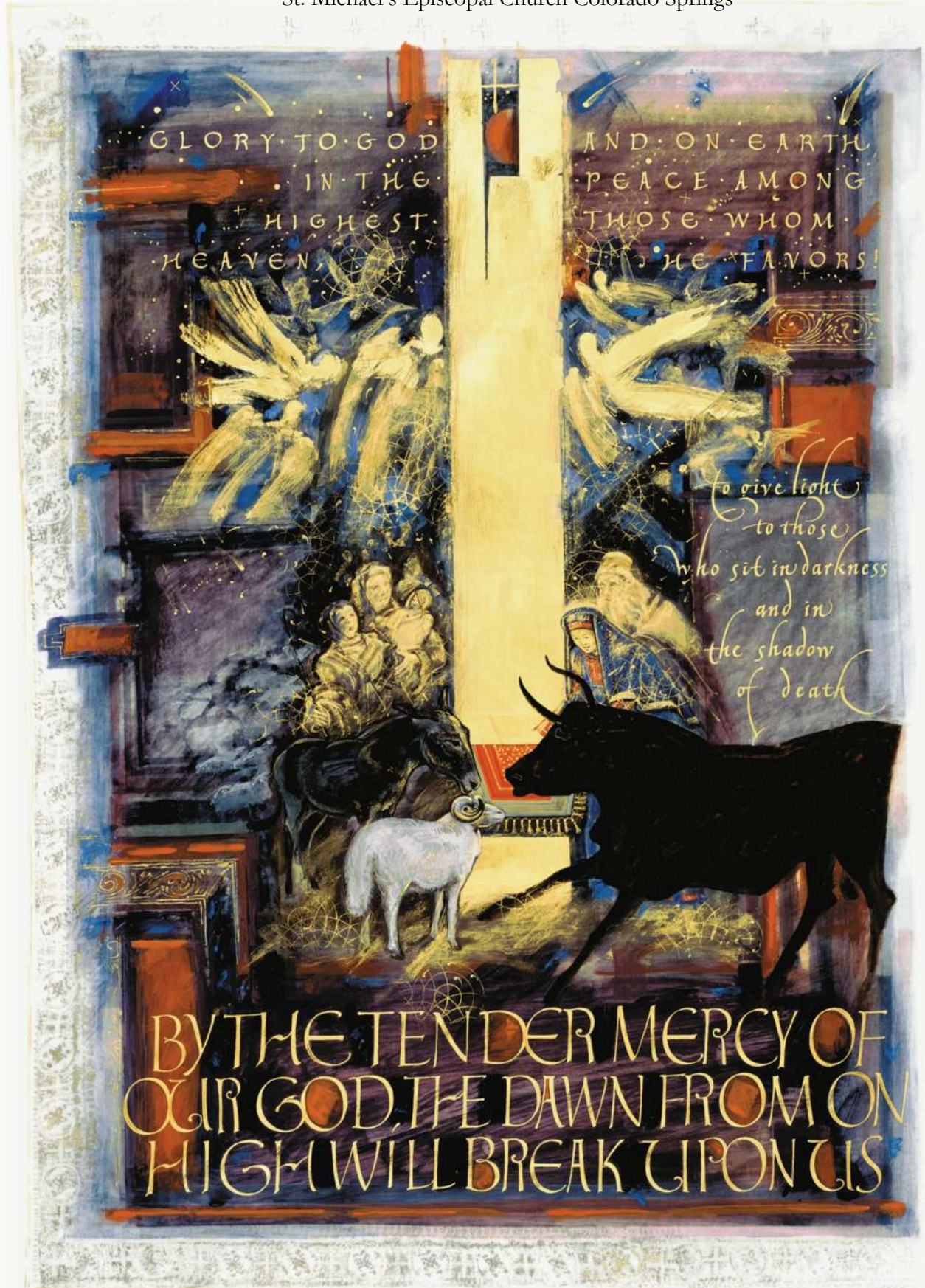


Christmas Eve

The Nativity of Jesus Christ

December 24, 2023 • 11:00 PM

St. Michael's Episcopal Church Colorado Springs



GLORY TO GOD
IN THE
HIGHEST
HEAVEN

AND ON EARTH
PEACE AMONG
THOSE WHOM
HE FAVORS!

*to give light
to those
who sit in darkness
and in
the shadow
of death*

BY THE TENDER MERCY OF
OUR GOD, THE DAWN FROM ON
HIGH WILL BREAK UPON US

ORDER OF SERVICE

Pre-Service Music

“Love came down at Christmas”

(Sung by all)

Hymn 84

1. Love came down at Christmas,
love all lovely, love divine;
love was born at Christmas:
star and angels gave the sign.
2. Worship we the Godhead,
love incarnate, love divine;
worship we our Jesus,
but wherewith for sacred sign?
3. Love shall be our token;
love be yours and love be mine,
love to God and neighbor,
love for plea and gift and sign.

“French Carol Suite”

Jennifer Carpenter, recorder

“Lo, how a rose e'er blooming”

(Sung by all)

Hymn 81

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.
2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it,
the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.
3. O Flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere;
true man, yet very God,
from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

“Greensleeves to a Ground”

Jennifer Carpenter, recorder

“The first Nowell”

(Sung by all)

Hymn 109, v. 1, 2, 6

1. 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. **Refrain**
2. They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. **Refrain**
6. Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought. **Refrain**

Refrain: *Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
born is the King of Israel.*

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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;

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 of the Nativity

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;
People: **And we beheld his glory.**

Blessing of the Crèche

Almighty God, you sent your only Son to take our human nature upon Him. Bless, we pray, this crèche, that it may be a sign of his humble birth; and grant that we who joyfully behold his appearing may be strengthened to greet him when he comes again in glory; even the same Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Gloria *(Sung)*

Hymn S 280

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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.**

(Please be seated)

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (9:2-7)

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

all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.
His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.
The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.
All worshipers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.
Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O God.
For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Bell duet, piano

A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus (2:11-14)

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

(Please stand as able)

“Hark! the herald angels sing”

(Sung by all)

1. Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
*Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!*
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
*Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!*

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2:1-14)

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!"

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

“Hark! the herald angels sing”

3. Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings,
light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
*Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!*

Sermon

The Rev. Matt Holcombe

Meditation

“Gloria”

by Phil Wickham & Jonathan Smith

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 358

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.

Christmas Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Let us pray to God, who came among us in the birth of Jesus:

Leader: Gracious God, as a star rose and drew people from great distances to Bethlehem that they might greet the Christ-child; draw us, your Church – that we might be the Church and People you call us to be.

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

Leader: As Gentiles streamed to Jesus' light and kings to the brightness of his rising; draw our nation, our community, and all in authority, to God's hope, peace, joy, and love.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: As angels sang 'glorias' to you and proclaimed peace on earth and goodwill among all peoples; bring us your peace and protect those who strive for justice around the world.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: As shepherds were drawn away from their flocks by night; draw near those who do not know you and continue to draw us closer to the Babe the shepherds sought.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: As Jesus was born in a manger because there was no room in the inn; be especially present with those who have no place to lay their head those who are vulnerable, those who are hungry, and those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: As the Holy Family gathered together in Bethlehem and traveled together to far-off lands; bless all families and those who are traveling.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: As your Son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins and the gift of life eternal; give to the departed eternal rest and let light perpetual shine on them.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: O Lord our God, may the light and hope of this season reassure our hearts and strengthen us to do your will so that we may be your hands and feet in the world. We lift up all the prayers spoken and those prayers known to you alone, in the name of your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Peace

(Please stand as you are able)

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

*To make a special **Christmas offering** please use the envelope in your pew and place in the Offertory plate when you come forward for Communion. You may also make an online contribution by selecting from the below:*

- Use your smartphone to scan the giving QR code and follow the prompts.
- Text the word "GIVE" to 719-3344556. We will send you a text message with a secure link that will direct you to our online giving portal.
- Visit www.stmikeschurch.com/giving and select "Give Now" on the webpage.



Offertory Anthem

“Angelus ad virginem”

Jennifer Carpenter, recorder

Doxology

(Please stand as you are able. Sung by all)

Hymn 380, v.3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 361

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.**

Celebrant: 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: “Angels from the realms of glory” *(Sung by all)*

Hymn 93, v.1

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o’er all the earth.
Ye who sang creations story,
now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
*Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the newborn King!*

(You may kneel or remain standing)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

(Joyfully proclaiming) **AMEN.**

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

People: **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, Fraction Anthem

Hymn S 164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, give us your peace.

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.

(Please be seated until an usher releases your pen.)

Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive communion at St. Michael's. At the altar rail, you may kneel or stand, and place one hand in the other, like a manger or bowl. Once you receive the bread, you may consume it, or wait for the cup. When the wine comes to you, you may dip (intinct) your wafer into the wine and then consume it and return to your pen. If you would like to sip from the common cup, please assist the chalice bearers by guiding the chalice to your lips with one hand. If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms in an X form across your chest and a priest will offer you a blessing.

Celiac friendly: *Please come to the left side (as you face the altar) and let the clergy know if you would like to receive a gluten free host and wine.*

Communion Anthem

“Gesù Bambino”

Arr. John Leavitt

Communion Hymns

(Sung by all)

“What Child is This”

Hymn 115

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain: *This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard
and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.*

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading. **Refrain**
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him. **Refrain**

“O little town of Bethlehem”

Hymn 79

1. 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 fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.
2. 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.
3. How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts 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.

“Away in a manger”

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky look down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying He makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

(Please kneel as you are able)

“Silent night, holy night”

Hymn 111

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

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

**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.**

Christmas Blessing

Celebrant: May the babe of Bethlehem bring you Peace.
 May the child of Nazareth bring you Joy.
 May the man of Galilee bring you Strength.
 May the Christ of Calvary bring you Courage.
 May the risen Jesus bring you Hope.
 May the ascended Christ bring you a foretaste of the heavenly glory.
 And may the blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit
 be with you and remain with you, forever and ever. **Amen +**

(Please stand as you are able)

“Joy to the world”

(Sung by all)

Hymn 100

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

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

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

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Organ Postlude

“For Unto Us A Child is Born”

by G.F. Handel from *The Messiah*

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The Rev. Gerry Colbourne – Given by Edwina Burdekin
Mary & Richard Couch – Given by Ana & Rick Couch
Julie Ann Christiansen – Given by Sally Wessely
William Dak – Given by Sharon Dak
Jim Dale – Given by Darlene Greenhut
The Daughton Family – Given by Bill & Sharon Daughton
Dr. Bill Deverell – Given by The Deverell Family
My Family – Given by Aprel Mitchell
Susan Hartley – Given by Karlyn Greenway
Roger Hill – Given by Jan Hill
Rev. Melissa Kean – Given by Bob & Linda Kean
Kylie Kelleher – Given by Kaelin Donald & Warren Primeau
Evelyn Klyn – Given by Jodi Bounds
Gary Kulbitski, Sr. – Given by Lee Kulbitski
Jim Lew – Given by Ali Lew
Chet Lockett – Given by Toby & Elizabeth Valko
John & Mary Lubin – Given by Tamika Richardson
Jerry McDaniel – Given by Philip & Eloise McDaniel
Ray Miller – Given by Margaret Miller
William & Mary Judith Neill – Given by Sue & Tom Neill
The Rev. Ann Nelson – Given by Edwina Burdekin
The O'Meara Family – Given by Bill & Sharon Daughton
CW3 Scott A. M. Oswell – Given by Barry & Nancy Oswell
Our Parents, Dottie, Robert & MaryAnn – Given by Bob Chandler & Gwen Weddington
Tom Overton – Given by The Benzmiller Family
Brent, Marty & Beth Parker – Given by Martha Parker
Ace & Shirley Rische – Given by Claire & Phil Rische
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Smith – Given by Ed Smith
Rosemary Thorpe – Given by Anthony & Janice Thorpe
Joleen Toms – Given by Joanne Sanders & Kathy Armstrong
Elizabeth H. Valko – Given by Toby & Elizabeth Valko
Paul F. Valko – Given by Toby & Elizabeth Valko
Claudia Watkins – Given by John Watkins
Lester & Virginia Van Winkle – Given by Michael & Sammie Van Winkle
Karen Whalen – Given by Sue & Tom Neil
Mack & Virginia Wilhite – Given by Diane & John Wilhite
Ken Wright – Given by Marilyn Wright
Hootie & Betty Yarberry – Given by Diane & John Wilhite

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
IN THANKSGIVING FOR ...**

All the blessings of this life – Given by Penny & Edd Bever
Celeste Bounds – Given by Jodi Bounds
Ned, Josh, Catherine, Britni & Family, Mitch & Family – Given by Terry Bryan
Lania Bryant – Given by Jodi Bounds
Erin Kelleher, Bryson & Deegan Carton – Given by Kaelin Donald & Warren Primeau
Chris, Meggie, Ella, & Emma Kean – Given by Bob & Linda Kean
Bill Deverell – Given by Marne Deverell
Debra J. Deverell – Given by Marne Deverell
Helen Deverell – Given by Marne Deverell
John Deverell – Given by Marne Deverell
Marne Deverell – Given by The Deverell Family
Family & Friends – Given by Darlene Beall
Family & Friends – Given by Sue & Tom Neil
Family & Friends – Given by Rich & Linda Page
Family, Friends & Grandchildren; Kierra, Kyle, Lyla, Riley, & Evan – Given by Vicki & Dean Logemann
My Family – Given by Betty Bullard
My Grandchildren – Given by Marilyn Wright
Our Children & Grandchildren – Given by Michael & Sammie Van Winkle
Our Children; Case & Lance Pohle – Given by Patrick & Tamara Pohle
Our Family & Friends – Given by Jack & Carolyn Braley
Our Health – Given by Bob & Gerry Forster
Our Wonderful Family – Given by Barry & Nancy Oswell
Our New Spiritual Home – Given by Charles & Robin Schwartz
The Glory of God – Given by Jon & Rose Numair
The St. Michael's Family – Given by The Rev. Matt & Alicia Holcombe



CHRISTMAS MUSIC GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN MEMORY OF ...

Thea Andrews – Given by Guy Theriot
Sharon Brown – Given by Margaret Miller
William Dak – Given by Sharon Dak
Jim Dale – Given by Darlene Greenhut
My Family – Given by Aprel Mitchell
George Greenway – Given by Karlyn Greenway
Edward & Lillian Haynes – Given by Philip & Eloise McDaniel
Gary Kulbitski, Sr. – Given by Lee Kulbitski
Jim Lew – Given by Ali Lew
Chet Lockett – Given by Toby & Elizabeth Valko
William & Mary Judith Neill – Given by Sue & Tom Neill
Cynthia D. Paris – Given by Breck & Mattie Paris
Elsie Estelle Snyder Parker – Given by Chad, Rachel, Thomas & Devin Stoller
Mary Pate – Given by Emily Keller
Steven Pierce – Given by Carol & Jim Pierce
Skip Robertson – Given by Debbie Robertson & Wendy Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Smith – Given by Ed Smith
Charles Snyder – Given by Chad, Rachel, Thomas, & Devin Stoller
Dorothy Snyder – Given by Chad, Rachel, Thomas, & Devin Stoller
William Stoller – Given by Chad, Rachel, Thomas, & Devin Stoller
Taffy & Kokomo & Cleo – Given by Diane & John Wilhite
John Thorpe – Given by Anthony & Janice Thorpe
Tommy & Mardelle Thornhill – Given by Ama & Chris Couch
Alley & Edward Timmons – Given by Ama & Chris Couch
Elizabeth H. Valko – Given by Toby & Elizabeth Valko
Paul F. Valko – Given by Toby & Elizabeth Valko
Harry & Mary Louise Van Benschoten – Given by Claire & Phil Rische
Claudia Watkins – Given by John Watkins
Mrs. R.N. West, Sr. – Given by Breck & Mattie Paris
Tom & Shirley West – Given by Breck & Mattie Paris
Our Grandmothers who loved music – Given by Bob Chandler & Gwen Weddington

CHRISTMAS MUSIC GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN THANKSGIVING FOR ...

All the blessings of this life – Given by Penny & Edd Bever
Thea Andrews – Given by Guy Theriot
James F. Armstrong's 90th birthday – Given by Joanne Sanders & Kathy Armstrong
Family & Friends – Given by Catherine Gollan
Family & Friends – Given by Jan Hill
Family & Friends – Given by Nita Huelf
Family & St. Michael's – Given by Lee Rasi
My Family – Given by Betty Bullard
Jane Jones & Mason Jones – Given by Nancy & Greg Jones
Jesse, Julia, Will, Josh, Andy & Luke – Given by Ama & Chris Couch
Our Family & Friends – Given by Jack & Carolyn Braley
Our Health – Given by Bob & Gerry Forster
Our New Spiritual Home – Given by Charles & Robin Schwartz
St. Michael's, Our Spiritual Home – Given by Bob & Linda Kean
St. Michael's Music – Given by Pat Nielsen
The Glory of God – Given by Jon & Rose Numair

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you are new or looking for a community of faithful, friendly, and passionate people of all ages, we hope you'll join us in 2024 for worship, fellowship, formation, or outreach initiatives. To stay connected and learn more about St. Michael's, visit www.stmikeschurch.com/welcome. We are glad you are here!

Christmas Services & Events

Monday, December 25 | 10:00 AM | Christmas Day Service*

Sunday, December 31 | 10:00 AM | A Service for a New Year*

Sunday, December 31 – January 6 | IHN Meals Needed | www.stmikeschurch.com/signup

Epiphany Services & Events

Sunday, January 7 | Regular Sunday Schedule Resumes

Sunday, January 7 | 8:00 & 10:30* AM Holy Eucharist | 9:15 AM Education for All Ages

Sunday, January 7 | 9:15 AM | Sunday Forum: A New Year's Evolution with Rev. Matt Holcombe*

Sunday, January 14 | 9:15 AM | Sunday Forum Guest: David Galvan*

Sunday, January 21 | 9:15 AM | Sunday Forum Guest: Janet Perreault*

Tuesday, January 23 | 4:00 & 7:00 PM | "A Case for Love" Movie Registration Opens 12/29

Thursday, January 25 | 7:00 PM | Evensong, Feast of Saint Paul*

Saturday & Sunday January 27 – 28 | Youth Ski Trip to Monarch

Sunday, January 28 | 9:15 AM | Sunday Forum Guest: Brooke Small*

Sunday, February 4 | 9:15 AM | Annual Parish Meeting*

Lent & Holy Week Services & Events

Saturday, February 10 | 8:30 AM | Lenten Retreat

Tuesday, February 13 | 5:30 – 7:00 PM | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Wednesday, February 14 | 7:00 – 9:00 AM | Ashes to Go in Church Parking Lot

Wednesday, February 14 | 12:00 & 7:00 PM* | Ash Wednesday Service & Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, February 21 – March 27 | 5:30 – 7:00 PM | Lenten Soup Suppers

Sunday, February 25 | 9:15 AM | Sunday Forum Guest: The Rev. Becca Stevens*

Sunday, March 24 | Palm Sunday Brunch

Sunday March 24 – 31 | IHN Host Week at St. Michael's

Thursday, March 28 | 7:00 PM | Maundy Thursday Service*

Friday, March 29 | 12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy* | 1:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 30 | 7:00 PM | Easter Vigil*

Sunday, March 31 | 9:30 AM | Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 31 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM* | Easter Services

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