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# The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

## 1928 BCP Holy Communion

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025 + 4 PM St. John's Chapel, Monterey

## Welcome to St. John's Chapel!

We are glad that you are worshipping with us this tonight and pray that your experience here is a blessing to you. If you are a visitor and want to know more about the church, please visit our website for more information: <a href="stjohnschapel.com">stjohnschapel.com</a>. Let this bulletin be your guide through the service; it includes everything you need.

We are a spiritual community. We gather for worship to nurture and grow our faith and trust in Jesus Christ, our guide, companion and friend. We welcome you into this community wherever you may be on your spiritual journey.

If you are visiting, please take a moment to complete a Connection Card (pew racks). If you have a particular need for comfort or prayer, please add the information and place the card in the offering plate (or hand to an usher).

Throughout the service the People read the words in bold and italics.

**PRELUDE** 

All stand as able
HYMN 12 O come, all ye faithful (v. 1-3, 6)



6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

And the Priest, standing reverently before the Holy Table, shall say the Collect following, the People kneeling

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

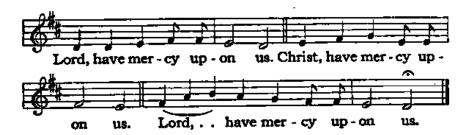
### THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Then shall the Priest, turning to the People, shall say

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

### **KYRIE**



### COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Priest says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

*Priest:* Let us pray.

## The people kneeling

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen*.

## The people sit

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7**

*Reader:* A reading from the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Book of Isaiah, beginning at the 2<sup>nd</sup> verse.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Reader: Here endeth the Old Testament Lesson.

Then shall follow a Portion of the Psalms. And at the end of the Psalm, shall be sung or said the Gloria Patri.

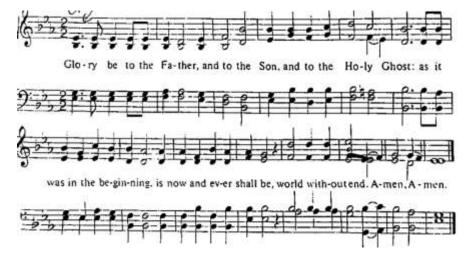
### Stand as able

### PSALM 96 Cantate Domino

*Reader:* We will read Psalm 96 responsively by the whole verse.

- 1 O sing unto the LORD a new song; \* sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing unto the LORD, and praise his Name; \* be telling of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his honour unto the heathen, \* and his wonders unto all peoples.

- 4 For the LORD is great, and cannot worthily be praised;\* he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols; \* but it is the LORD that made the heavens.
- 6 Glory and worship are before him; \* power and honour are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the peoples, \* ascribe unto the LORD worship and power.
- 8 Ascribe unto the LORD the honour due unto his Name; \* bring presents, and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \* let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 10 Tell it out among the heathen, that the LORD is King, and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; \* and how that he shall judge the peoples righteously.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; \* let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.
- 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; \* then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD.
- 13 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; \* and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.



The people sit

THE EPISTLE: Titus 2:11-14

**Reader:** A reading from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Titus, beginning at the 11<sup>th</sup> verse.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

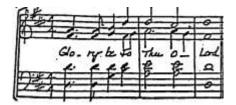
Reader: Here endeth the Epistle.

THE GOSPEL: St. Luke 2:1-20

All standing as able, the Priest reads the Gospel

*Priest* The Holy Gospel is written in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of St. Luke, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

## GLORIA TIBI (Sung) Glory be to thee, O Lord



And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

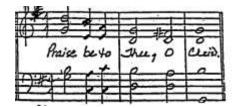
And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all

people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

**Priest** The Gospel of the Lord.

## LAUS TIBI (Sung) Praise be to thee, O Christ





The people sit
SERMON The Fourth Wiseman

Fr. Rick Miles

All stand as able
THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

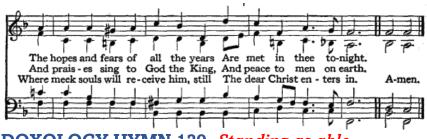
## Please be seated OFFERTORY

Priest And the King shall answer and say unto them, verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Let us receive our tithes and offerings.

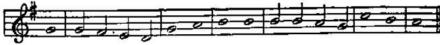
## HYMN 21 (2<sup>nd</sup> tune) O little town of Bethlehem (v.1-3)

Sung while seated





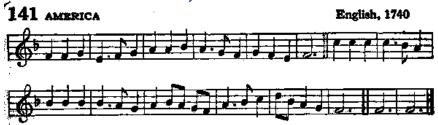
DOXOLOGY HYMN 139 Standing as able





Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### AMERICA HYMN 141, v. 4



4 Our fathers' God, to thee,
Author of liberty,
To thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might,
Great God, our King. Amen.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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## Standing as able

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou are exalted as head above all.

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord,
People And of thine own have we given thee.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

After which the Priest shall proceed, saying

## THE SURSUM CORDA (Standing as able)

Priest. The Lord be with you.

Answer. *And with thy spirit*.

Priest. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

Then shall the Priest turn to the Holy Table, and say (people standing as able)

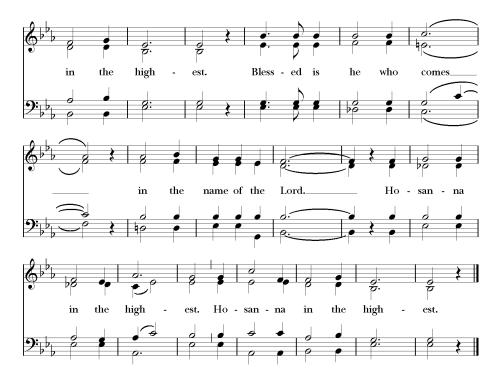
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man, of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## Priest and people standing as able SANCTUS (sung)





When the Priest, standing before the Holy Table, hath so ordered the Bread and Wine, that he may with the more readiness and decency break the Bread before the People, and take the Cup into his hands, he shall say the Prayer of Consecration, as followeth, the people kneeling as able.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his

precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again:

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

#### THE OBLATION

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

### THE INVOCATION

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and

service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.



And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

## Priest and 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.

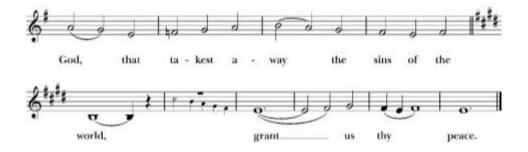
Then shall the Priest, kneeling down at the Lord's Table, say [with the people], in the name of all those who shall receive the Communion, this Prayer following

### PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Priest and people

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





## 43 Away in a Manger





3 Gentle Mary laid her child
Lowly in a manger;
He is still the undefiled,
But no more a stranger.
Son of God, of humble birth,
Beautiful the story;
Praise his Name in all the earth,
Hail the King of glory!

## The people kneeling as able, then shall the Priest say POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

## The people sit CANDLELIGHTING

The lights are turned off and the Christ Candle is processed to light the individual candles along the center aisle. To light your candle, tip it toward the Christ candle. To light the candles in your pew, hold your lit candle upright and have your neighbor tip their candle to the flame.

Once all candles are lit, a hymn is sung while seated.

## 33 Silent Night, Holy Night



The house lights are turned up again.

Then, the People kneeling, the Priest (the Bishop if present) shall let them depart with this Blessing
THE BLESSING

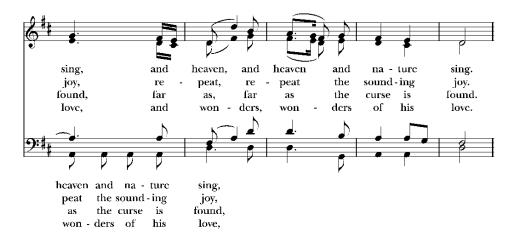
The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty,

## the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

## Standing as able

HYMN 775 Joy to the world!





#### **DISMISSAL**

Priest Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

### **POSTLUDE**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Bob & Roberta Young.

**Serving Tonight** 

Acolyte: Arthur Brost Lay Reader: D'aun Miles Usher: Chibby Ogbuka

## **Upcoming**

- Sunday, December 28, Morning Prayer at 10
   AM
- Sunday, January 4, Holy Communion at 10 AM



## Christmas Poinsettias



### Have been given to the glory of God

 $B_{\mathcal{V}}$ :

Jerome Politzer and <u>family</u> Monica A. Nathan and Dean E. Craig

Their son's Piere and Randa Canada with love Jane and <u>Art Brost</u> AJ and Jessica Brost Martha Myszak

Stephanie Hulsey

Margee and <u>Bill Bennett</u> Joan Gorry

Cynthia Hellam Brown Jennifer Bliss

Matthew Durney

Geoffrey and Amy Holland

Mary <u>Clare</u> Martin David Jeremy Nieznanski Carol Royal and family

Gerri Potter

In Memory of:

The Reverand Jerry and Mrs. Beverly Politzer Our parents, Jacob, Anna and Sophie Nathan Raymon and Wanda Craig

LTC Robert Canada Jr. and Mrs. Jean M. Canada

Our parents

Charles and Margaret Potter Parents Pope Leo and Minnie McDonald Beloved Husband, John S. Myszak My husband Kevin C. Hulsey, my mother

Eileen Elliott, My father, John S. Myszak,

Luna Elliott and William Elliott

Our loved ones Jack Gorry

Ruth Turner, Mary Kauzlaric and Jewell Brown

J. Harvey and Claudine Waugh

Ted Attebury "Sir" and my Uncle Jim Hellam The Reverend Norval and Mrs. Louise Holland

Paul and Nancy Allen

Lena and Art, Clare and Allen My grandmother Mary Ellen Waugh

Bill and Mary Kauzlaric, Jeanne and Hank Larcher,

Betty Elliott and Ruth Agnew My sister, Pauline Artellan

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