

# SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHATTANOOGA, IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE

DECEMBER 24, 2023 – 10:30 A.M.



## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

**Welcome to worship at St. Peter's Episcopal Church!**

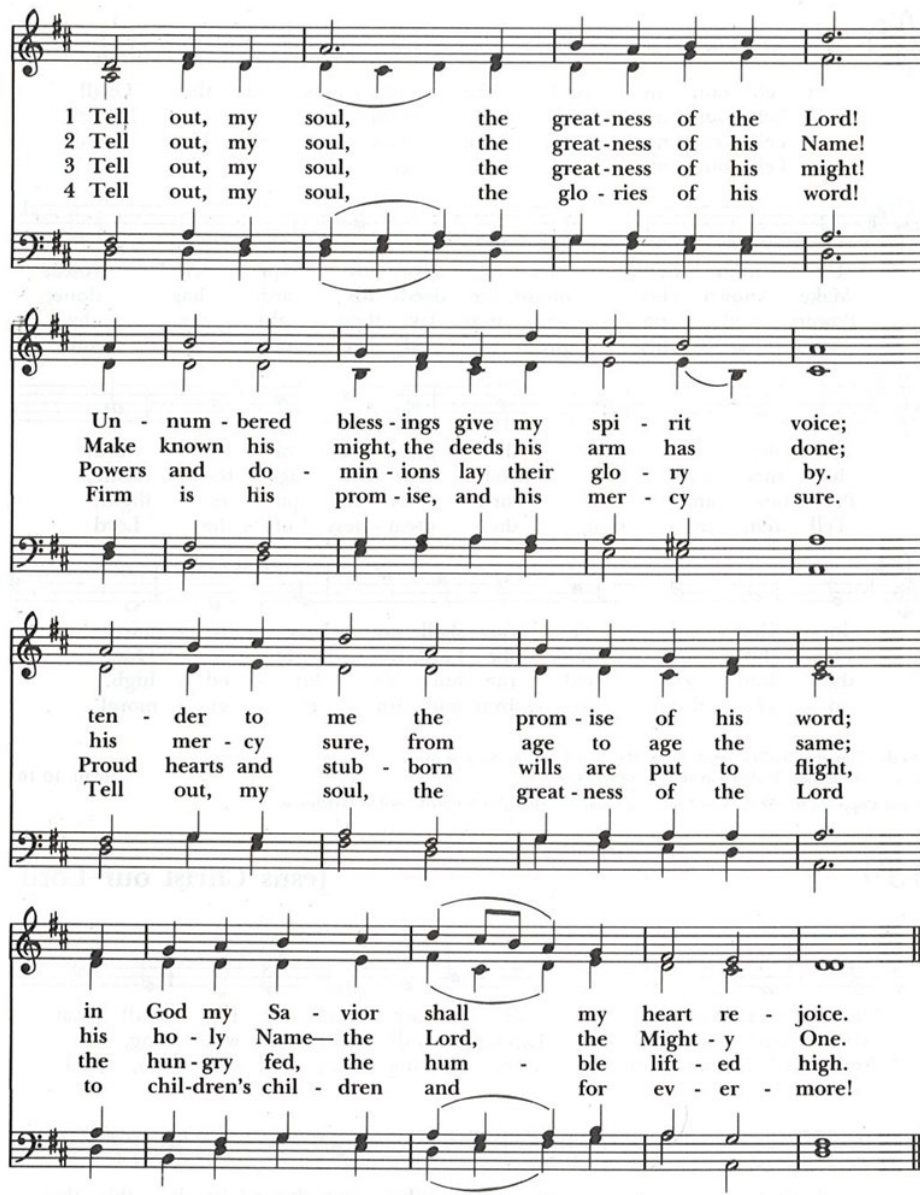
We are glad that you are here.

**Prayer for Our Clergy Search**

Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: Look graciously upon us and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new priest for this parish. Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing. Guide the members of our Vestry, as they labor to be faithful in seeking your will. We pray for the life of our parish that we may continue in our mission to proclaim not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Christ's sake. Amen.

# THE WORD OF GOD

## OPENING HYMN: "Tell Out, My Soul" (Hymn 437)



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!  
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!  
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
to chil-dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); based on *The Song of Mary*

Music: Birmingham, from *Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. *Songs of Praise*, 1925

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## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Priest 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.**

## THE TRISAGION (S-102)

*Repeated 3 times.*

The musical score for the Trisagion is presented in two systems. The first system contains the first two phrases: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,". The second system contains the final phrase: "Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The piano part features a steady, rhythmic accompaniment with some melodic movement in the bass line.

Setting: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 212

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray. Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON (2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16)

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle.

Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.

And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Lector    The Word of the Lord.

People    **Thanks be to God.**

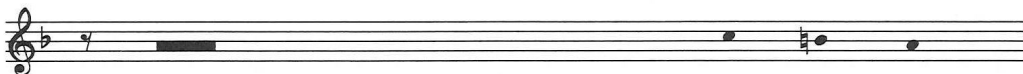
Please join the choir in chanting the Magnificat.

## THE SONG OF MARY (S-247)

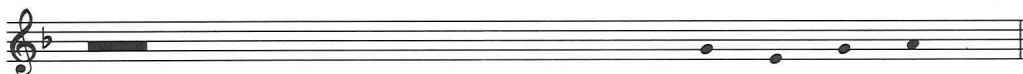
*Antiphon*  
*Unison or harmony*

1. My soul pro - claims the great - ness  
of the Lord, my spi - rit re - joic - es in  
claims the great - ness of the Lord, my  
God my Sa - vior; for he has looked  
spi - rit re - joic - es in God;  
with fa - vor on his low - ly ser - vant.

1. My soul pro -



2 From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
3 He has mercy on those who fear him  
4 He has shown the strength of his arm,  
5 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
6 He has filled the hungry with good things,  
7 He has come to the help of his ser - vant Israel,  
8 The promise he made to our fathers,  
9 Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
10 As it was in the be - ginning, is now,



2 the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.  
3 in every gen - er - ation. [Ant.]  
4 he has scattered the proud in their con - ceit.  
5 and has lifted up the lowly. [Ant.]  
6 and the rich he has sent a - way empty.  
7 for he has remembered his prom - ise of mercy,  
8 to Abraham and his chil - dren for ever. [Ant.]  
9 and to the Ho - ly Spirit.  
10 and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

*The Antiphon may be sung in unison, with the counter-melody played by an instrument, or it may be sung in three parts.*

Setting: *Cathedral of the Isles*, Betty Carr Pulkingham (b. 1928)

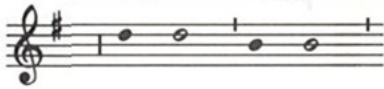
## THE SECOND LESSON (Romans 16:25-27)

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Hymn 56, v 7-8)



Re - joice! Re - joice!



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!



7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.;  
adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

LM with Refrain



## THE GOSPEL (Luke 1:26-38)

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God."

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

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

THE SERMON

Deacon John Rouser

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** (*The people stand or kneel.*)

Intercessor As we wait and watch during this holy season, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer. That God's kingdom may come with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**People Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That God may establish righteousness among all the nations of the world, let us pray to the Lord:

**People Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread. For all those whose lives are closely linked to ours, let us pray to the Lord:

**People Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick, and raise up all who have fallen, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That the light of Christ's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world. For all those who have died, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of God almighty:

*Silence. The Priest adds a concluding Collect.*

Priest For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION

BCP 360

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

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Priest 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

Priest        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People        **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another in the name of the Risen Christ.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The Eucharistic table is set and the ushers collect offerings from the congregation.*

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## THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY HYMN: "Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending" (Hymn 58)

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful  
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,  
 bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;

swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,  
 claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: St. Thomas, melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786);  
 harm. att. Vincent Francis Novello (1781-1861)

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*Sursum Corda*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. [*Here a Proper Preface is said.*] 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* (S-129)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Priest: 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."

### **The Memorial Acclamation**

Priest Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Priest: 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, St. Peter, 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.**

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

BCP 364

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

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### *Agnus Dei (S161)*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

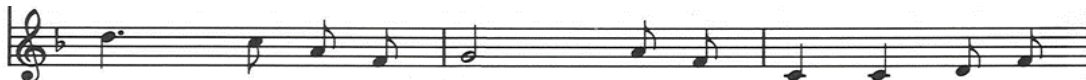
*All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to receive the bread and wine. Come up the center aisle to receive the Eucharist at the altar rail. Return to your pew using the side aisle. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please let the clergy know by crossing your arms in front of you at the altar. The chalice will be offered to all. If you prefer not to receive, you may choose to reverently acknowledge the presence of Christ in the wine, while the minister says, "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."*



COMMUNION HYMN: "Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus" (Hymn 268)



1 Ye who claim the faith of Je - sus, sing the  
 2 Bless - ed were the cho - sen peo - ple out of  
 3 There - fore let all faith - ful peo - ple sing the  
 4 "Mag - ni - fy, my soul, God's great - ness; in my



won - ders that were done when the love of God the  
 whom the Lord did come; bless - ed was the land of  
 hon - or of her name; let the Church, in her fore -  
 Sa - vior I re - joice; all the a - ges call me



Fa - ther o - ver sin the vic - tory won, when he  
 prom - ise fa - shioned for his earth - ly home; but more  
 shad - owed, part in her thanks - giv - ing claim; what Christ's  
 bless - ed, in his praise I lift my voice; he has



made the Vir - gin Ma - ry mo - ther of his on - ly Son.  
 bless - ed far the mo - ther, she who bore him in her womb.  
 mo - ther sang in glad - ness let Christ's peo - ple sing the same:  
 cast down all the might - y, and the low - ly are his choice."

*The Annunciation (March 25); The Visitation (May 31).*

Words: Sts. 1-3, Vincent Stucky Stratton Coles (1845-1929), alt; st. 4, F. Bland  
 Tucker (1895-1984)

Music: *Julion*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

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## SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Deacon We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body,  
People Because we all share one bread and one cup.

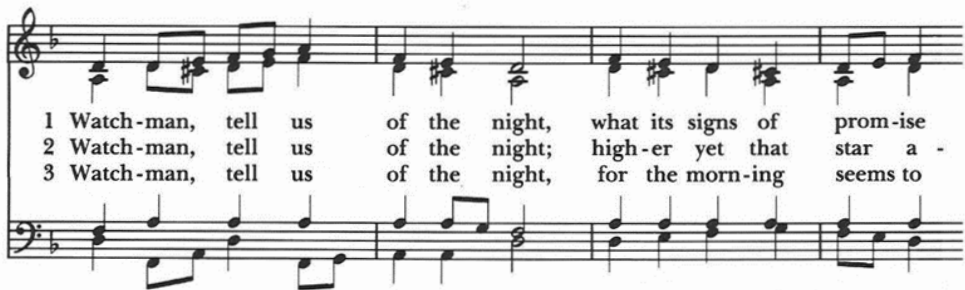
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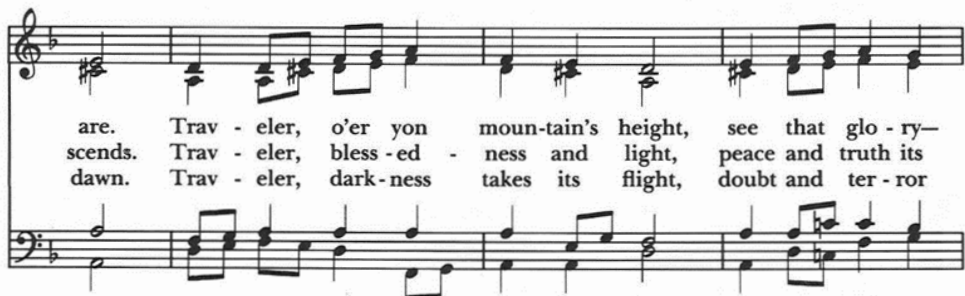
All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: "Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night" (Hymn 640)



1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise  
2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high-er yet that star a -  
3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to



are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, see that glo - ry-  
scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its  
dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

beam - ing star. Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray  
 course por - tends. Watch-man, will its beams a - lone  
 are with - drawn. Watch-man, let thy wan - derings cease;

aught of joy or hope fore - tell? Trav - eler, yes; it  
 gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav - eler, a - ges  
 hie thee to thy qui - et home. Trav - eler, lo! the

brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.  
 are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.  
 Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

*Two groups may sing antiphonally, alternating by sentences.*

Words: John Bowring (1792-1872)

Music: Aberystwyth, Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

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## THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Susan Butler  
**Lectors:** Caroline Johnson (OT), Kevin Huston (NT)  
**Intercessor:** Chassie Long; **Livestream / Audio:** Tony Burgess  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Susan Self, Kim Kilgore  
**Acolytes:** Madison Wolford, Lorelei Dumitru, Lillian Wolford  
**Ushers:** Ron Abston, David Andreae; **Greeter:** Shanda Schmitt  
**Healing Altar:** Rena Stansbury

**We pray for the healing and comfort of:**

Alicia, Betty Lamance, Betty Thompson, Bill Kazmier, Bob Hoover, Bryson Tidwell, Cynthia Millwood, Dianne Stone, Dixie Warren, Donie, Eddie Rodgers, Emmalea Rogers, Ernestine Rogers, Garnet Johnston, Gene Vredeveld, Jack Rudez, Jimmy McDaniel, John Giles, John Hickman, Julie Suttles Saunders, Karin Gilstrap, Kelly Snyder, Kevin Blasbery, Maggie Williams, Mark Northern, Mary Cook, Matt Klinger, Pete Cooper, Richard Rogers, Robert Carnes, Sawyer Burch, Suzy Marland, Terrell Williams, Terry Arnold, Tony D, Vicki Neff

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# Christmas

## S E R V I C E S

### CHRISTMAS EVE

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W/ PAGEANT

8:00PM: HOLY EUCHARIST  
W/CHOIR AND INCENSE

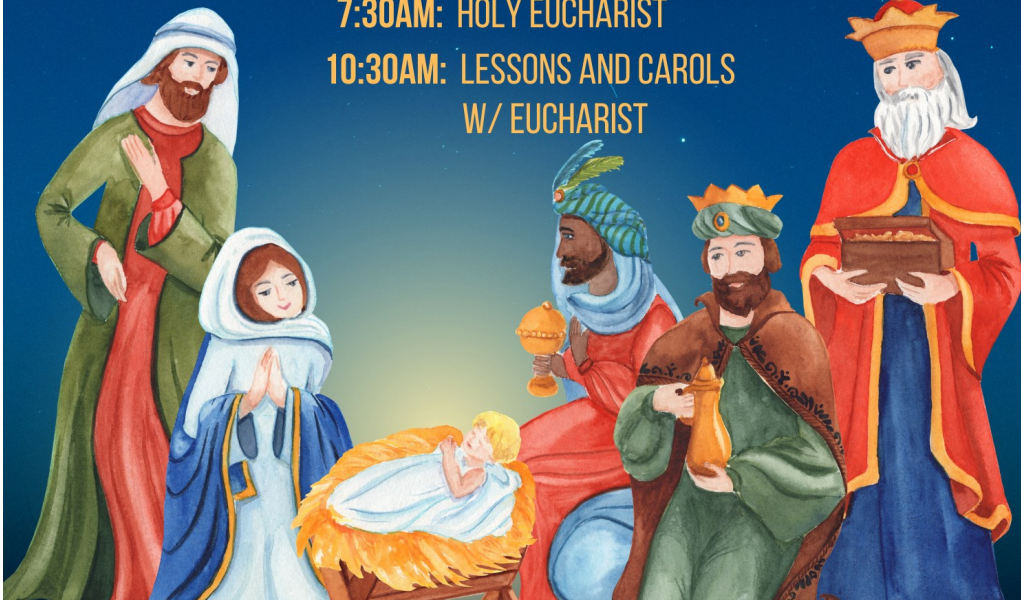
### CHRISTMAS DAY


10:30AM HOLY CHRISTMAS  
DAY EUCHARIST W/ FESTIVE  
CHRISTMAS MUSIC

### 1 CHRISTMAS (12/31)

7:30AM: HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30AM: LESSONS AND CAROLS  
W/ EUCHARIST





# Lessons & Carols

**Sunday, December 31**  
10:30am with Eucharist



# DATES TO REMEMBER

**DECEMBER**  
**25-29**

Office Closed

**SUNDAY**  
**12/31**

7:30 Holy Eucharist  
10:30 Lessons & Carols with Eucharist  
No Sunday School or Adult Formation

**JANUARY**  
**1, 2024**

Office Closed

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