

December 24, 2023

8:30 p.m.

**SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

A parish of the Diocese of Milwaukee  
Located at: 1833 Regent St., Madison, WI 53726  
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Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24, 2023 – 8:30 p.m.

**8:30 p.m. Prelude of Carols and Anthems**

**CAROL** | In the bleak midwinter (Cranham) *hymnal, number 112*  
*Congregation, choir, ensemble and organ*  
*Stanza 1: Women in unison, Stanza 2: Choir only, Stanza 3: Men in unison, Stanza 4 all, in harmony*

**CAROL** | Once in royal David's city (Irby) *hymnal, number 102; stanzas 1, 2, 4 and 6*  
*Congregation, choir, ensemble and organ*

**ANTHEM** | O magnum mysterium *Morten Lauridsen, b. 1943*  
*Choir*

*O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum  
Ut animalia viderunt Dominum natum jacentem in praesepe  
Beata Virgo cujus viscera – meruerunt portare Dominum Christum! Alleluia!*

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger!  
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

**CAROL** | God rest you merry (English traditional) *arranged by David Willcocks (1919-2015)*  
*[Congregation, choir, ensemble and organ - see below, and sing as indicated]*

**Verse 1 (All)**

God rest you merry, gentle folk, let nothing you dismay.  
For Jesus Christ our Savior was born upon this day.  
To save us all from Satan's power, when we were gone astray:  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

**Verse 2 (All)**

From God our heav'nly Father a blessed angel came,  
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name:  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

**Verse 3 (Baritones and women with low voices, trebles joining on the refrain)**

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind.  
And left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm and wind,  
and went to Bethlehem straightway this blessed babe to find:  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

**Verse 4 (Trebles - high women's voices and children, baritones joining on the refrain)**

But when to Bethlehem they came, whereat this infant lay,  
They found him in a manger, where oxen feed on hay;  
His mother Mary kneeling, unto the Lord did pray:  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

**Verse 5 (All)**

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace  
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface:  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

**VOLUNTARY** on *The holly and the ivy*  
*Handbells and piano*

arranged by Sandra Eithun

**ANTHEM** | The Shepherd's Carol  
*Choir*

Bob Chilcott, b. 1955

We stood on the hills, Lady, Our day's work done, Watching the frosted meadows  
That winter had won. The evening was calm, Lady, The air so still,  
Silence more lovely than music- Folded the hill.  
There was a star, Lady, Shone in the night, Larger than Venus it was  
and bright, so bright. Oh, a voice from the sky, Lady,  
It seemed to us then – Telling of God being born Lady,  
And so we have come, Lady, our day's work done, Our love, our hopes,  
ourselves we give to your son.

**CAROL** | While shepherds watched their flocks by night (Winchester Old)  
*Congregation, choir, ensemble and organ*

*hymnal, number 94*

**CAROL** | O little town of Bethlehem (St. Louis)  
*Congregation and organ*

*hymnal, number 79; verses 1, 2, 3 and 5*

**VOLUNTARY** | Bring your torch, Jeanette, Isabella  
*Ensemble*

arranged by Daniel Kelley

## The Holy Eucharist 9:00 p.m.

### The Word of God

**CAROL** | O Come, all ye faithful (Adeste fidelis)

*hymnal, number 83; verses 1, 2, 3 and 6*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Musical Response | Angels we have heard on high (Gloria)

**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.*

**See him in the manger laid whom the angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.**  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Collect of the Day

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.*

**First Reading** | 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 96 *The congregation joins in singing the verses in bold print.*

Edward Cuthbert Bairstow  
(1874-1946)



- 1 Sing to God a | new | song; \*  
sing to God, | all the | whole | earth.
- 2 Sing and bless God's | holy | Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of sal|vation ■ from | day to | day.
- 3 **Declare God's glory a|mong the | nations \***  
**God's wonders a|mong all | peoples.**
- 4 **For God is great and | greatly ■ to be | praised; \***  
**more to be | feared than | all | gods.**
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, | they are ■ but | idols; \*  
but it is | God who | made the | heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and mag|nificence ■ of God's | presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the | splendor | of God's | sanctuary!
- 7 **Ascribe to God, you | families ■ of the | peoples; \***  
**ascribe to | God | honor ■ and | power.**
- 8 **Ascribe due honor to God's | holy | Name; \***  
**bring offerings and | come in|to God's | courts.**
- 9 Worship the Most High in the | beauty ■ of | holiness; \*  
let the whole earth | tremble ■ be|fore | God.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations that | God | reigns! \*  
God has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; ~  
and will | judge the | peoples ■ with | equity."
- 11 **Let the heavens rejoice, ~ and let the earth be glad; ~ let the sea thunder and | all that ■ is | in it; \***  
**let the field be joyful and | all that | is there|in.**
- 12 **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before | God ■ who will | come, \***  
**who will | come to | judge the | earth.**
- 13 God will judge the | world with | righteousness \*  
and the | peoples | with | truth.

**Second Reading** | 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.**

The Holy Gospel | Luke 2:1-14(15-20)

*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People:*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

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

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

[When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

*Celebrant:*        The Gospel of Our Lord.  
*People:*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Prayers of the People

The Passing of the Peace

Welcome, Celebrations and Invitations

**Offertory Anthem** | What sweeter music

music by John Rutter, b. 1945

What sweeter music can we bring  
Than a carol for to sing  
The birth of this our Heavenly King?  
Awake the voice, awake the string  
Dark and dull night, fly hence away  
And give the honor to this day  
That sees December turned to May  
That sees December turned to May  
Why does the chilling winter's mourn  
Smile, like a field beset with corn?  
Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn  
Thus, on the sudden? Come and see  
The 'cause, why things thus fragrant be  
It is He is born, whose quickening birth  
Gives life and luster, public mirth  
To Heaven, and the under-Earth  
We see him come, and know him ours  
Who with his sunshine and his showers  
Turns all the patient ground to flowers  
Turns all the patient ground to flowers  
The darling of the world is come  
And fit it is, we find a room  
To welcome him, to welcome him  
The nobler part of all the house here is the heart  
Which we will give him, and bequeath  
This holy and this ivy wreath  
To do him honour, who's our King  
And Lord of all this revelling  
What sweeter music can we bring  
Than a carol for to sing  
The birth of this our Heavenly King?  
Of this our Heavenly King, our King

Offertory Response | With gratitude and humble trust (Forest Green)



1. With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to  
2. A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and



thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with all hu - man - i -  
give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to God that all may



ty. O\_\_ thou who gav - est\_\_ us\_\_ thy self in  
live; the\_\_ Church of Christ is\_\_ call - ing us to



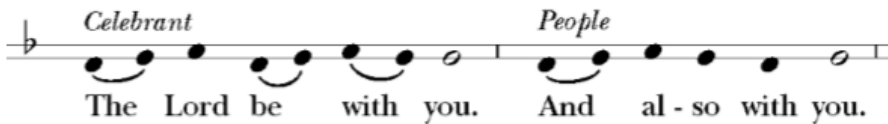
Je - sus Christ thy Son,\_\_ help us to give our -  
make the dream come true:\_\_ a world re - deemed by



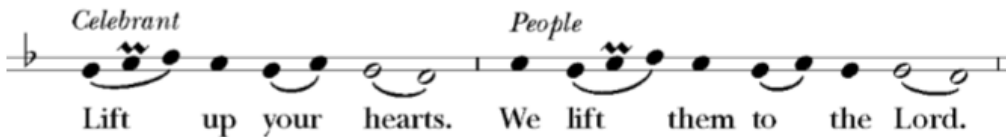
selves each day un - til life's work is done. \_\_\_\_\_  
Christ-like love all life in\_\_ Christ made new. \_\_\_\_\_

The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer B

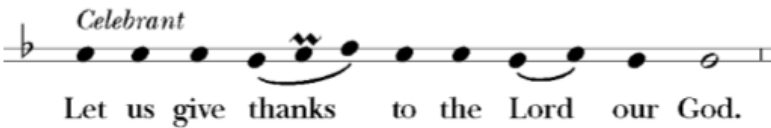
*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings*



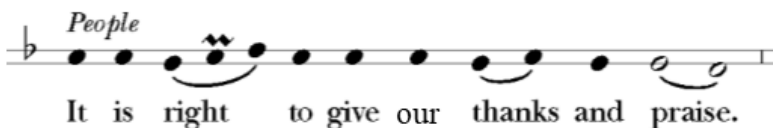
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.



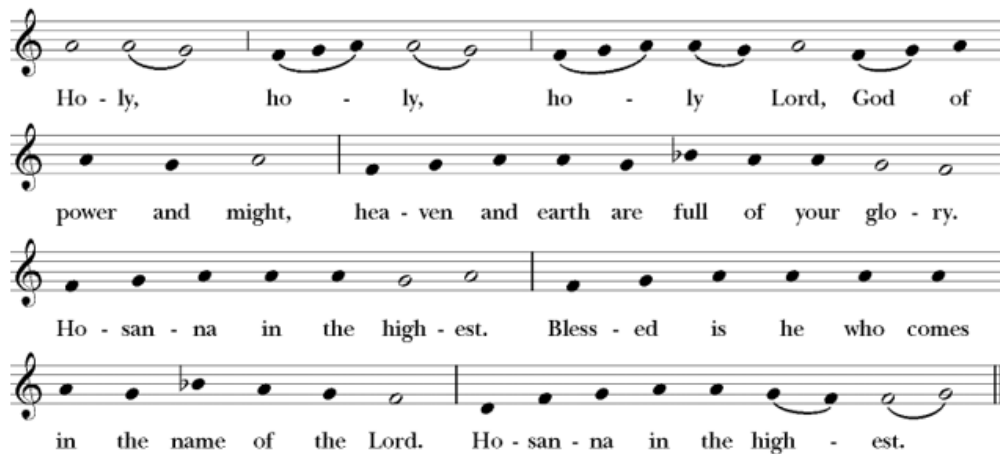
*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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:

*Celebrant and People*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
power 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.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

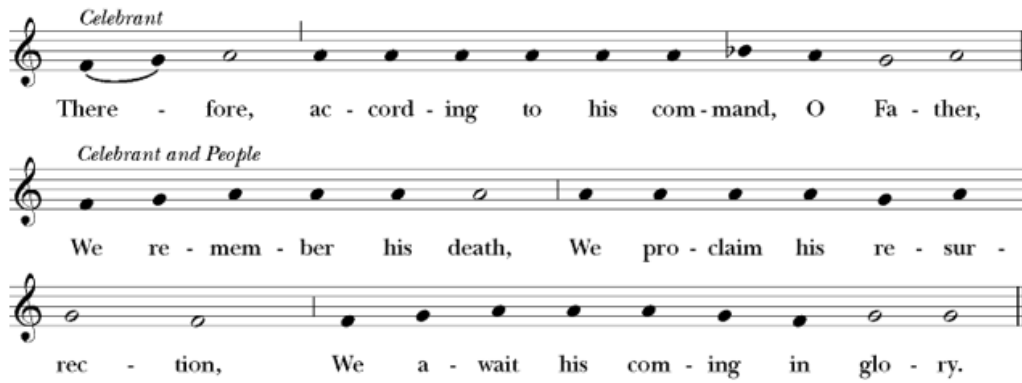
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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."

*Celebrant and People*



*Celebrant*  
There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

*Celebrant and People*  
We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -  
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

*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 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 sing,



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.


## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*


*Then may be sung or said*

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor; then All*

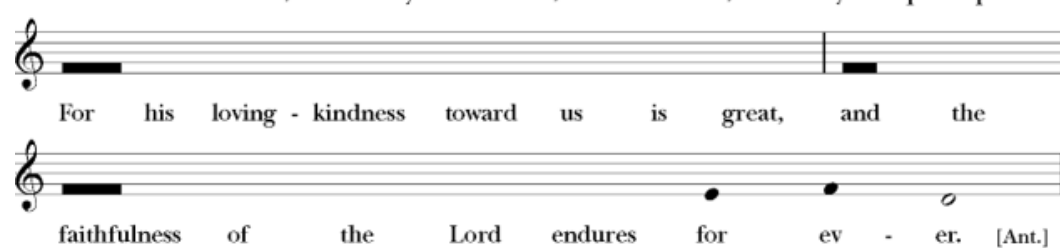


Bles-sed are those who are called to the Sup-per of the Lamb.

*Cantor*



Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him, all you peo-ples.



For his loving-kindness toward us is great, and the  
faithfulness of the Lord endures for ev-er. [Ant.]

### Music at the Communion

**Voluntary** | It came upon a midnight clear *ensemble*

**Carol** | Away in a manger *handbells*

**Carol** | Of the Father's love begotten (Divinum mysterium) *choir*

arranged by Daniel Kelley

arranged by Sandra Eithun

arr. by Paul Wohlgermuth

### Post Communion Prayer

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.

**Candlelight Carol** – Silent night, holy night (Stille nacht)

*hymnal, number 111*

*The hymn will be introduced with the choir singing one stanza in German, while candles are lit.*

*When all candles are lit, join in singing all 3 stanzas.*

Christmas Blessing

**CAROL** – Joy to the world (Antioch)

*hymnal, number*

100

Dismissal

**Postlude** | Pat-a-Pan

arranged Daniel Kelley



A special thanks to those who enriched this service with their gift of music.

**St. Andrew's Chancel Choir**

**Kristen Davies**, flute; **Sue Newman**, oboe; **James Waldo**, cello

Handbell Ringers – **Ross Swaney**, **Penelope** and **David Johnson**,

**Kevin Featherson-Crowe**, and **Stephanie Elkins**

Assistant Organist and Accompanist for the Choir – **Mitchell Patton**

Music Director and Organist - **Ken Stancer**

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