



The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Carols at 7:30 p.m.
Holy Eucharist at 8:00 p.m.

December 24, 2023

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church
Wilmette, Illinois

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S

Welcome

We are a church that welcomes everybody as we strive to: invite people into our midst, connect with God and with each other, equip ourselves as disciples, and ask God to send us out to share Christ's mission of peace, justice, and service in the world. We're glad you have joined us today. If this is your first time worshipping with St. Augustine's, we hope you will return. Our 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship service is held in person, on Zoom and live streamed to YouTube. We also invite you to join us for worship at 8:00 a.m. on Friday mornings in the Chapel. If you'd like to know more about the parish, please contact our rector, the Rev. Nadia Stefko: nadia.stefko@staschurch.org.

Open Communion

We invite everyone who seeks God to receive the consecrated bread and wine at Communion. These are gifts that God gives to us, and we share them with joy.

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Restrooms are located through the pulpit-side door, at the far end of the hallway past Puhlman Hall on either side of the drinking fountain.

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The Carols

Congregational Carol Angels we have heard on high

stanzas 1, 2, and 3

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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Anthem I wonder as I wander

Malcolm Edwards
(Women's Chorus and Strings)

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die, for poor orn'ry people like you and like I, I wonder as I wander out under the sky. When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall, with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all. But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, and the promise of the ages it then did recall. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky or a bird on the wing, or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing, he surely could have had it, 'cause he was the King.

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Congregational Carol Once in royal David's city

4. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 Once in ro - yal Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
2. He came down to earth from hea - ven who is
3. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
4. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him, but in

low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
God and Lord of all. And his shel - ter was a
own re - deem - ing love, for the child, so dear and
ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him, but in

heav-en, where his saints his throne sur-round: Christ, re-
 ba-by in a man-ger for his bed: Ma-ry
 sta-ble and his cra-dle was a stall. With the
 gen-tle is our Lord in heav'n a-bove; and he
 heav-en, where his saints his throne sur-round: Christ, re-
 - vealed to faith-ful eye, set at God's right hand on high.
 was that mo-ther mild, Je-sus Christ her lit-tle child.
 poor, the scorned, the low ly, lived on earth our Sav-ior ho ly.
 leads his child-ren on to the place where he is gone.
 - vealed to faith-ful eye, set at God's right hand on high.

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Anthem Concerto Grosso Per la notte di Natale

Arcangelo Corelli

Vivace - Grave - Allegro

(Strings)

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Congregational Carol It came upon the midnight clear

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt. Music: *Carol*, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900).

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Anthem Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion

Georg Friedrich Händel

(Lauren Florek, soprano, Strings and Organ)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, shout, O daughter of Jerusalem, behold thy King cometh unto thee.

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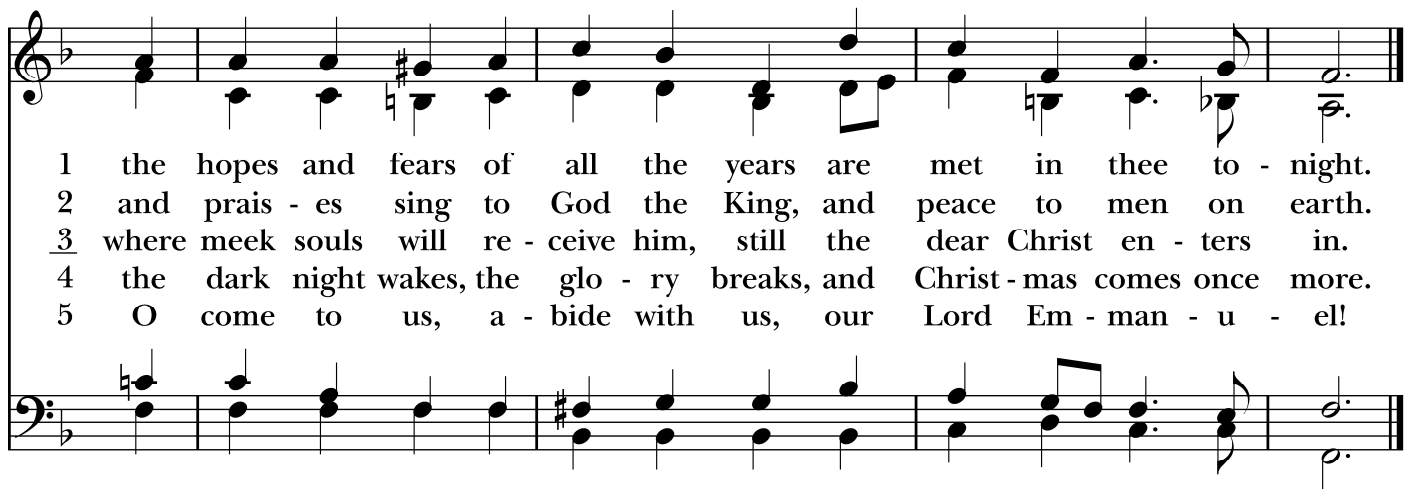
Congregational Carol O little town of Bethlehem

stanzas 1, 3 and 5

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 *4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893). Music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908).
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Anthem Lo, he comes, an infant stranger

Simon Mold
 (Choir, Strings, and Organ)

Lo! He comes, an infant stranger, of a lowly mother born; Swathed and cradled in a manger, Of His pristine glory shorn! Lo! He comes, the great Creator, calling all the world to own him the judge and Lord of nature, seated on his father's throne! Lo! He comes constrained to borrow shelter from yon stabled shed; He who shall through years of sorrow have not where to lay His head! Lo! He comes, all grief expelling from the hearts that him receive; he to each with him a dwelling in his father's house will give! Man of human flesh partaking, offspring of the virgin's womb, who, the hopeless wand'rer seeking, deigned in lowly guise to come! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise to Christ, incarnate Word. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise, O praise ye him the living Word!

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Congregational Carol Go tell it on the mountain

stanzas 1 and 3

Go, tell it on the moun - tain o - ver the hills and ev - cry - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ— is born.

Fine

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

1. Be - hold through - out the heav - ens there shown a ho - ly light.—
3. And God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.—

D.C.

Duet Gloria in excelsis deo

J.S. Bach

(Lauren Florek and Justine Izewski, sopranos, Barb Holland, flute)

Gloria in excelsis deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

[Glory to God in the highest and peace to people on earth of good will.]

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Congregational Carol Joy to the world

stanzas 1, 2 and 4

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
 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

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

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

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

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The Word of God

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand at the sound of the chimes.

Processional Hymn O come, all ye faithful

stanzas 1, 2, 3 and 6

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

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Greeting

Presider

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

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider

God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

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.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

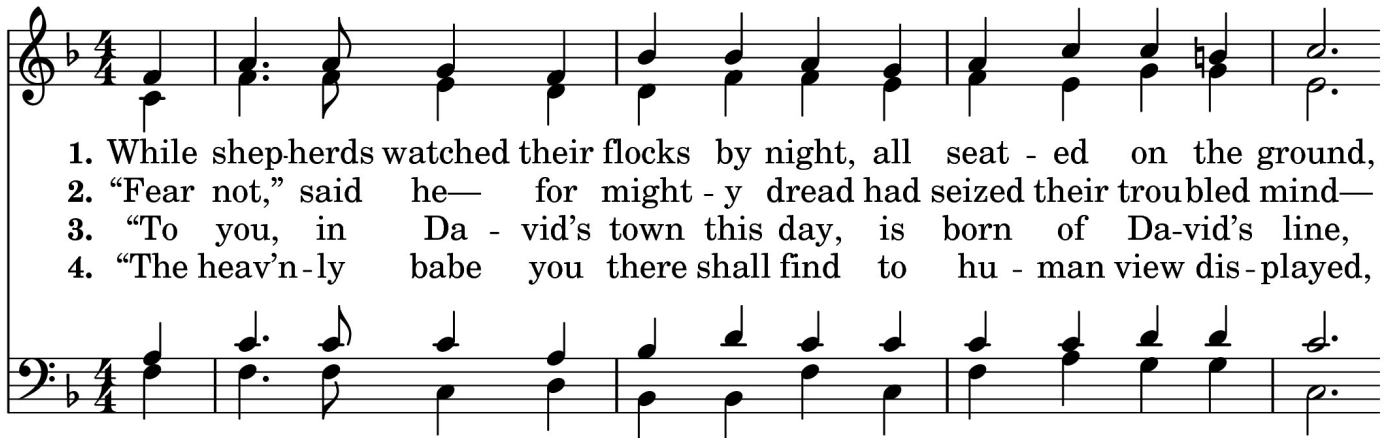
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their 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.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn While shepherds watched their flocks by night stanzas 1 - 4



1. While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,
2. "Fear not," said he— for might - y dread had seized their troubled mind—
3. "To you, in Da - vid's town this day, is born of Da-vid's line,
4. "The heav'n-ly babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,



the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
"glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind.
the Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign:
all mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, and in a man-ger laid."

Glory to God 117

TEXT: Nahum Tate, 1700, alt.

MUSIC (WINCHESTER OLD, CM): Este's *Psalmes*, 1592; harm. George Kirbye, 1592

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The Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.

Gospeller The Good News. The Gospel of Christ.

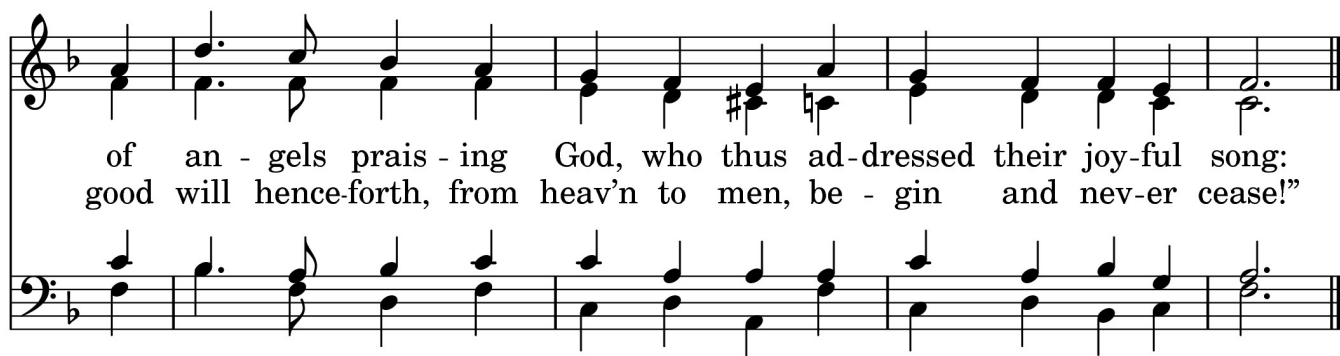
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

“While shepherds watched their flocks by night”

stanzas 5 – 6



5. Thus spake the ser-aph, and forth-with ap-peared a shin-ing throng
6. “All glo - ry be to God on high, and to the earth be peace:



of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad-dressed their joy-ful song:
good will hence-forth, from heav'n to men, be - gin and nev-er cease!”

Sermon

Nadia Stefko

After the sermon, you are invited into a brief period of silence.

The Nicene Creed *Please stand as you are able.*

Deacon Let us pray together the words of the Nicene Creed.

All 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 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 and the Son.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Dear Friends in Christ, on this most holy night we celebrate the coming of God to be with us in the gift of Jesus. Let us join together in opening our hearts as a dwelling place for Mary, Joseph, and Jesus.

Leader That the message of peace proclaimed by the angels be heard in the nations of the world, especially those places where conflict, injustice, and greed cause pain and suffering. God of peace. . .

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That the brightness and warmth of the Christmas star surround those who on this night are lonely, cold, homeless or hungry, or fear for their safety. God of love. . .

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That the hope of a new beginning in the infant Jesus gives courage to all who experience isolation, illness, and uncertainty; and continued strength to all who are caregivers. God of power. . .

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That in the quietness of this night, as the memories of those who are no longer with us stir our hearts, the steadfastness of God's love comfort us. God of compassion. . .

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader That the beauty of music, flowers, and familiar carols lift our hearts and move us to reach out to loved ones, friends, and strangers in love and generosity of spirit. God of joy. . .

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Presider prays a concluding collect:

Incarnate God, child of Mary and hope of all the earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people this holy night, and strengthen us to do your will, today and always; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People **And also with you.**

For those in person, we invite you to share a sign of peace with others as you are comfortable. If you'd prefer no physical contact with others, you can signal that by simply crossing your arms over your heart. For those on Zoom, we invite you to pass the peace with a message through the chat window.

Offertory

The offering is collected for the ministry and mission of St. Augustine's.

We invite you to offer your gifts of time, talent, and treasure, as you are able.

If you prefer to give electronically, a "Donate" link for Paypal can be found on the footer of our website: www.staschurch.org.

For those on Zoom, there are three ways to give financially to St. Augustine's:

- 1. You may contribute electronically via Realm. Simply sign in and click Giving, then +Give, and select 2023 Pledge Giving from the Fund drop down menu list. The best way to give is through bank account transfer.*
- 2. You may contribute electronically via PayPal (see above).*
- 3. You may write a check and send it to the church (1140 Wilmette Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091).*

Presider *Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.*

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *Concerto Grosso Per la notte di Natale* *Arcangelo Corelli*
Recitative and Largo (Angels from the Realms of Glory)

(Justine Izewski, soprano, Strings and Choir)

Recitative: And the shepherds came with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in the manger.

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth, Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth; Come and worship, Worship Christ the new-born King. Gloria in excelsis deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

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Please stand as you are able and remain standing for the Great Thanksgiving.

Presentation Hymn Good Christians friends, rejoice

stanzas 1 and 3

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - jice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - jice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - jice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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Gently [in One]



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and_ might, ___ heav'n and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord. ___ Ho - san - na in the
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Presider 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In Christ, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.

In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ,
through whom we are acceptable to you,
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 Blessed Augustine and all your saints,
we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children;
through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All **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

Gently [In One]

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly
 Child, who takes the sin of the world a - way; Have
 mer - cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the
 son of Ma - ry. This, this is your bo - dy
 giv'n, Your pre - cious blood, the gift of heav'n.
 Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the
 son of Ma - ry.

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*The Presider invites the Congregation to Communion:
 The Gifts of God for the People of God.*

We offer God's gracious gift of Holy Communion to anyone who wishes to receive it. If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you would prefer a gluten-free wafer, please come to the communion station closest to the pulpit to receive, and let the clergy know of your preference. A full communion may be made with the bread alone.

If you did not pick up a candle as you entered church this evening,
 please pick up one as you return from communion. The ushers will initiate the lighting
 of the candles at the beginning of the hymn, "Silent night."

Communion Hymns

The first Nowell

stanzas 1, 2 and 6

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star
 3 And by the light of that same star
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
 5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 4 and there it did both stop and stay
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win-ter's night— that was— so deep.
 2 and— so it con - tin - ued both day— and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star— wher - ev - er it went.
 4 right— o - ver the place— where Je - sus lay.
 5 their— gold,— and myrrh,— and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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

Words: English Carol, 18th cent. Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901); alt. refrain harm. and desc. Healey Willan (1880-1968). Alternative setting with descant, Copyright © 1926, by Oxford University Press, Inc.

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In the bleak midwinter

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
 4 What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim throng - ed the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a wise - man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894). Music: *Cranham*, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934).
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Silent night

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.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885). Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910).

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Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray:

All pray together:

**Eternal God, whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

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

People Amen.

Recessional Hymn Hark! the herald angels sing

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an-gel-ic host pro-claim Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je-sus, our Em-man-u-el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing glo-ry to the new-born King!

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

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Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of the newborn Christ.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Church Sonata No. 11 in D

W. A. Mozart

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(Violins, Cello, and Organ; Viola and Flute *ad lib.*)

Thank you for worshipping together this evening!

Please join us after the service

for a Festive Reception in Puhlman Hall.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The Bach children and grandchildren, *in loving memory of Grandpa Jeff,
and Don Stang, Dave Gibson, Geoff O'Hara, and Diane Tilson*

Susan Barry, *in loving memory of Ann Stake DuVall*

Bill Braun and Christine Sammel, *in loving memory of
Joey Gass, Mary Beth Moore, and David Musgrave*

Debbie Buesing, *in thanksgiving for the St. Augustine's community*

Elizabeth (Betsy) R. Cox, *in loving memory of Edward J. Cox*

David Filkins, *in loving memory of Mika Filkins*

Barb Holland, *in thanksgiving for Robert, Charles, Margie, Andrew and Jules*

Mary and Martha Jacobson, *in loving memory of the Jacobson family,
the Stropes family, Mary Rold, Leslie Fogel, Martha Durham,
Gladys Warchal, Howie Thorsson, Gail Klingberg, and Don Olson*

Julia and Ray Joehl, *in loving memory of their parents and other family,
and in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren*

Devon & Dana Law

Theresa and Bill Kimball, *in thanksgiving for Ali, Elle, Liam and Gracie*

David Price and Diana Hackbarth, *in gratefulness for family and friends*

Brenda and Gill Schumaker, *in thanksgiving for their families near and far,
the Schumakers and Nielsons, and for their St. Augustine's family*

Kevan M. Snyder, *in loving memory of her parents, Mary-jane and Clark Q. Snyder*

Betsy Soete and Ray Narducy, *in loving memory of
Jean & George Soete, Violet & Don Narducy, and John Soete*

Jerry and Kathleen Todd, *in loving memory of Verna Fair*

Kristie Webber and Tim Johnson, *in thanksgiving for family and friends*

Mary and John Whiteley,
in loving memory of Kyle Hardenbrook Whiteley and Mark Towsley

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Dan Galat, *Violin*

Barbara Holland, *Flute*

Sara Morrow, *Viola*

Charlotte Munn-Wood, *Violin*

Emily Munn-Wood, *Cello*

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Debbie Buesing, Katie Eckstein, Lauren Florek,

Justine Izewski, Laura Kehe, Linda Laatsch

Soprano

Barbara Holland, Mary Jacobson, Claudia Joehl,

Julia Joehl, Laura Osterlund, Kathleen Todd, Linda Walker

Alto

Dave Carley, Janice Hurley, Phillip Kehe,

Hilary Kennedy, Steve Thorngate

Tenor

Karl Anderson, Henry Eckstein,

Robert Holland, Frank Senn

Bass

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Augustine's Outreach Grant Application 2024

St. A's grant program is the means by which we commit a portion of our treasure to support the important work of organizations striving to make our world more equitable. The grant application will be available on St A's website from January 2 to March 1. If you know of an organization which you believe is doing good work consistent with our funding criteria, please alert the organization to check St. Augustine's website after January 2 and apply for funding. Further information is available from the co-chairs of the Christian Outreach Commission, Linda Laatsch (llaatsch@gmail.com) or Diana Hackbarth (dhackba@luc.edu).

Please complete your 2023 pledge payments and send in your 2024 pledge!

Thank you to all who have pledged for 2024! It is budget preparation time and you can help the treasurers prepare a balanced budget for Vestry review if you would please:

- **2023 pledge payments:** Please complete your 2023 pledge payments by December 31. If you are unable to fulfill your 2023 pledge due to changed circumstances, please simply let our treasurers know that information for our budgeting purposes. Email Gray Curchin or Mark Farrell.
 - **2024 pledge:** If you are considering a pledge for 2024, please complete and submit it by December 31. You can do so by: returning your certificate of giving by mail; completing the online pledge card at staschurch.org/onlinepledge/; or logging in to your Realm profile, clicking on the giving tab and then the "Pledge" button, and entering your information.
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There's a lot happening at St. A's! Please see our e-news for information on:

- **December Collection for Hillside Food Pantry**
- **Prayer Shawl Guild:** *Saturday, January 6, 1:00 p.m.*
- **St. A's Book Group:** *January 11 (Braving the Wilderness by Brené Brown)*
- **Donations for Newly Arrived Migrants:** *Taking a Pause until January 7*
- **This Sunday's Music Notes:** staschurch.org/choir-music; scroll to bottom of page

If you do not receive our *Parish Life Connections* e-news, sent each Thursday, email augustine@staschurch.org or visit our website: www.staschurch.org/newsletter.

Serving Today

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