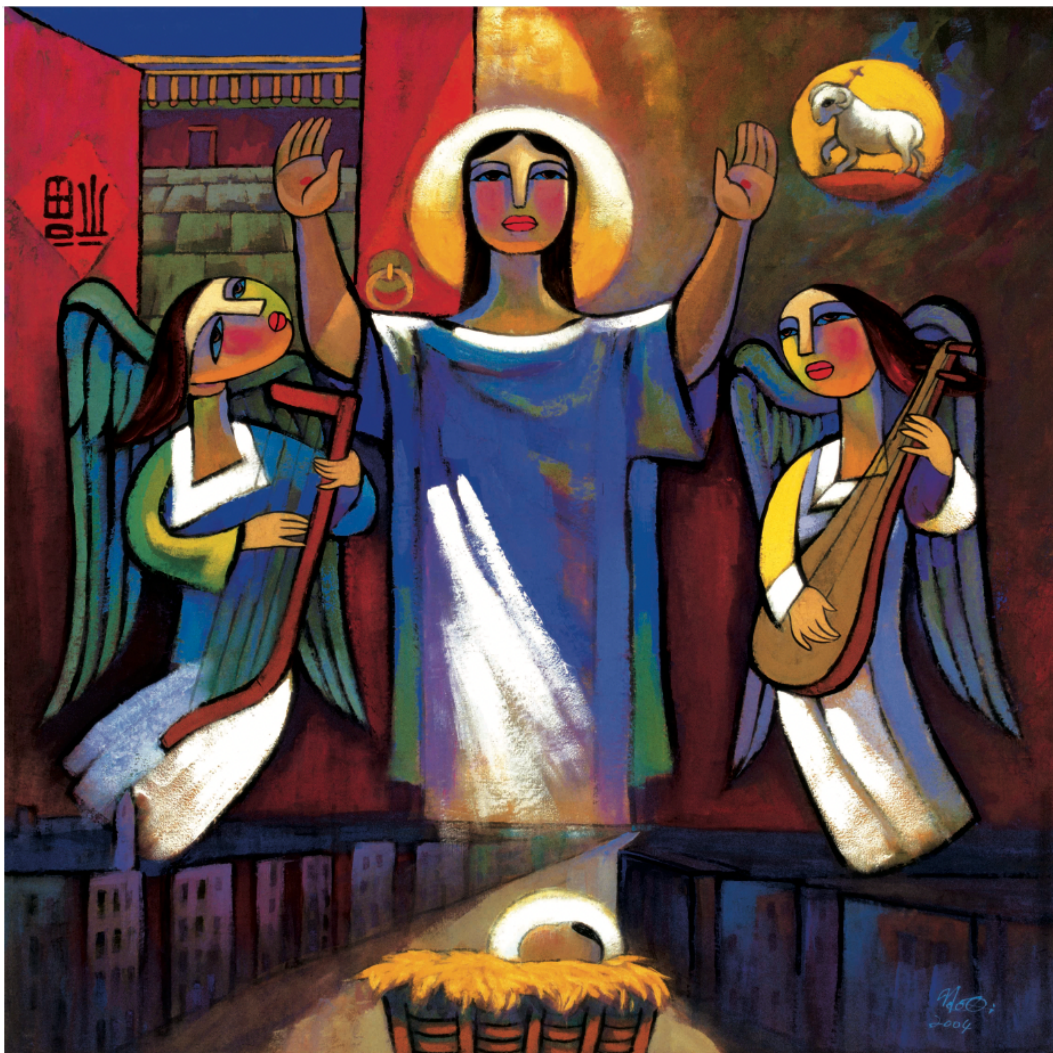


Christmas Eve Family Service & Children's Pageant



**Tuesday, December 24, 2024
5:00 p.m.**

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**Welcome to
St. Augustine by-the-Sea
Episcopal Church!**

We are a spiritually engaged community, seeking the knowledge and love of God, and sharing that life-giving love with the world. We believe in following the teachings of Jesus Christ and see God at work in our faith-based questions, doubts and curiosity. Scripture reveals that God loves each and every one of us, no exceptions. As such, St. Augustine's is LGBTQIA+ welcoming and affirming.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!



If you are new or visiting, we invite you to introduce yourself by filling out the online Welcome form through this QR code. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about St. A's.

Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, December 24, 2024 – 5:00pm
Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Prelude: "What Child is This?" by Samuel Wellman

OPENING HYMN

O come All Ye Faithful

Hymnal 83 (sts. 1,3,4)

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

GREETING

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
People And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Celebrant The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
People And we beheld his glory.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

(please be seated for the children's pageant)

PAGEANT

(This is an interactive pageant. The narrator will invite the various participants to come forward at the appropriate time.)

The **Prophets** go to the Altar Rail during the singing of:

"O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The **Stars** go to the Altar while the congregation sings:

"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years, are met in thee tonight.

The **Animals (except sheep)** go up during the singing of:

"AWAY IN A MANGER"

Away in a manger no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The **Angels** go up during the singing of:

"HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING"

Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies.
With angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark the Herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!

The **Shepherds lead the Sheep** to the manger while the congregation sings:

“THE FIRST NOWELL”

The first nowell the angels did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep on a cold winter’s night that was so deep. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

The **Kings** carry their gifts to the manger as the congregation sings:

“WE THREE KINGS”

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O...O, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

(everyone stands for the reading of the Gospel)

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

Priest 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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

(after the Gospel everyone joins in singing)

“JOY TO THE WORLD”

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader Let us pray with the angels in thanksgiving for the birth of Jesus, the Bread of Life.

People **Let heaven and earth rejoice**

Reader We praise you, King of glory, for coming to live among us by being born as a little child who was laid in a manger.

People **Let heaven and earth rejoice**

Reader We give thanks for the love and forgiveness in our families and for the joy of celebrating Christmas together, at home and at church.

People **Let heaven and earth rejoice**

Reader We pray for all the children in the world, that all may have enough food to eat, clean water to drink, safe shelter, decent clothing and sufficient love.

People **Let heaven and earth rejoice**

Reader We pray for the leaders of the nations that their hearts may be turned to peace and that together they may find ways to sustain the earth.

People **Let heaven and earth rejoice**

Reader We pray for all who are sick or dying; for those who face Christmas alone or unloved and for those who are grieving, that the Spirit of Jesus may fill their hearts with hope.

People **Let heaven and earth rejoice**

Reader We confess our failure to be our best selves and we pray that the love of Christ may grow in our hearts and shine forth in our lives.
People Let heaven and earth rejoice

Celebrant O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

(the people greet one another in the name of Christ)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*



Offerings in thanksgiving for God's gifts to us are invited through:

- Offering plate
- **Texting the amount you want to give to (323) 615-2625**
- Using this QR code

OFFERTORY ANTHEM – *What Is This Lovely Fragrance?*, Healey Wilan
sung by Saint A's Section Leaders

HYMN at the Presentation of Gifts

(During the hymn, the procession comes forward with the gifts of bread and wine and money, symbols of our life and labor. All children are invited to join in the procession and come to stand around the altar for the consecration.)

What child is this, who, laid to rest

Hymnal 115

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds
 guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to
 bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(the Celebrant proceeds)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(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 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O God,

Celebrant and People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory.**

(the Celebrant continues)

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 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 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God, for the People of God. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome at Christ's Table.

(The children return to their places with their families and friends and then return to the Altar to receive Communion with their loved ones.)

Invitation to Spiritual Communion for Online Worshippers

(The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that the simple desire to consume the consecrated elements is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion.)

Celebrant Will all who are online, join in praying:

In union, Blessed Jesus with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. Since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen

(All are welcome at Christ's table. To receive the bread, place one hand over the other. Gluten Free wafers are available upon request. To receive the wine, guide the cup to your lips for a small sip. We believe Christ is fully present in each element, so it is acceptable to receive bread only. If you would like a blessing from a priest instead of receiving communion, cross your arms over your chest.)

COMMUNION ANTHEM - In the Bleak Midwinter

Composer: Gustav Holst (1874-1934); Author: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

(All participants will receive a hand candle as they return to their places following communion. Please signal an usher if you did not receive one)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

(please stand as we pray together)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

HYMN

Silent night, holy night (Stille Nacht)

Hymnal 111

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Silent night, holy night'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: '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,'. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

all is bright round you virgin mother and child.
 at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar,
 love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy 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. born! birth. Sleep Christ, Je - sus, Lord, in hea - ven - ly peace.
 the Sa - vior, is born! at thy birth.

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

(the Priest blesses the people, saying)

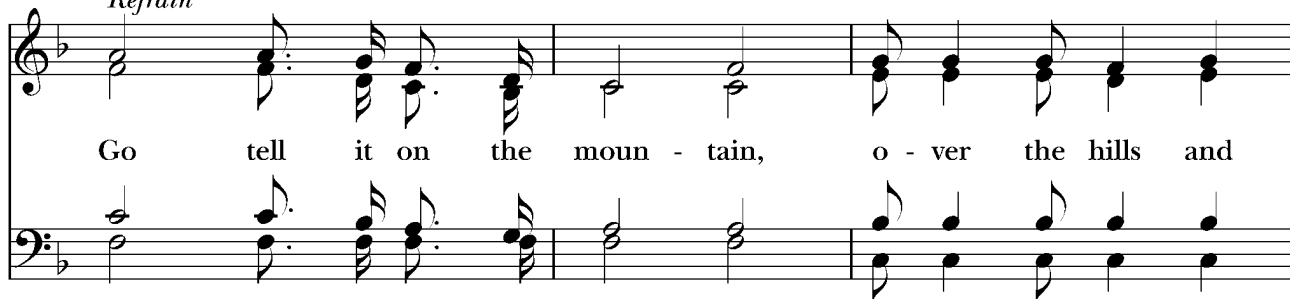
May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN

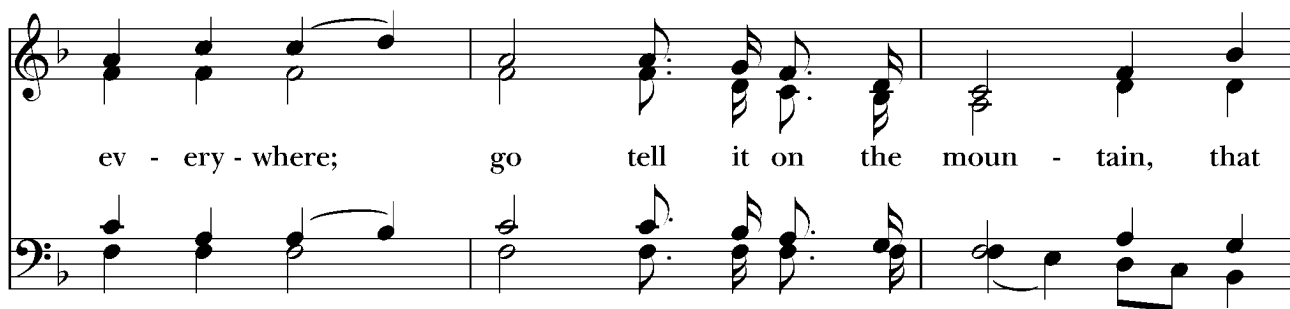
Go tell it on the Mountain

Hymnal 99

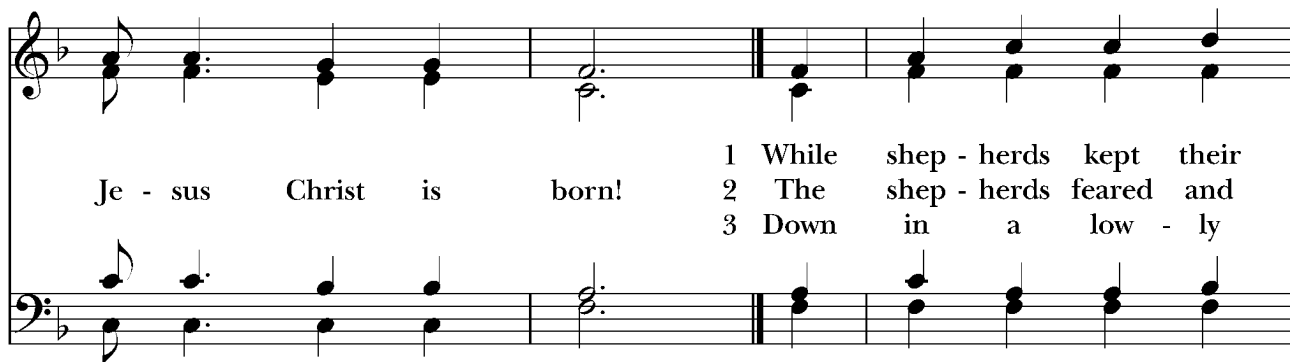
Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

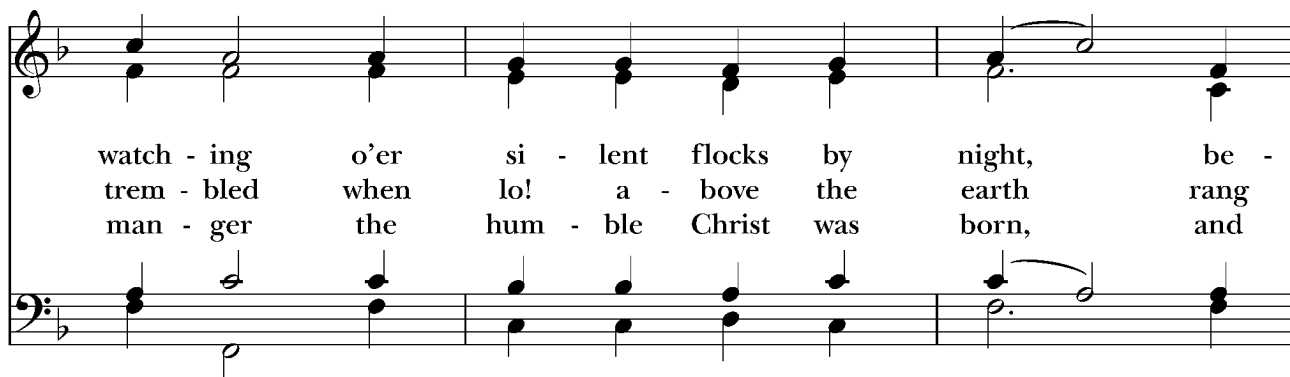


ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that



Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their
2 The shep - herds feared and
3 Down in a low - ly



watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang and
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

Repeat Refrain

hold, through-out the hea-vens there shone a ho - ly light.
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with chords. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. The piece concludes with a 'Repeat Refrain' instruction and a final chord in the treble staff.

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth rejoicing in the birth of our Savior. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

(The hand candles may be returned to the ushers in the entranceway at the end of the service).

Postlude: "Joy to the World" by Lani Smith
Greg Schreiner, Organ

*We go forth into this silent night,
anticipating the gift of the child of God
to be born, once again, in our lives and in our hearts.
May God grant you a Holy Night.*

Merry Christmas!

*Flowers & Greenery in Celebration of
The Birth of Christ are given by:*

Katie Cadigan as a thank offering for the St. A's community.

André Champagne.

Suzanne Edwards in loving memory of Cassie Edwards.

Martha Goode in loving memory of Cara, my grandmother and Mary Ellen, my mother.

Charles & Greg Schreiner Griffis in loving memory of Opal & Val Schreiner; Dan & Evelyn Griffis and our dear Lucy Dog; and as a thank offering for Fergie and Missy.

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Ann McDonald in loving memory of Wayne Stone and as a thank offering for St. A's.

Carla Meyer & Chuck Arnold in loving memory of Dick & Mary Anna Meyer and Glen & Pearl Arnold.

Christopher Muntz & Charlene Huang as a thank offering for the blessing of our families.

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Carrie Takamiya-Price in loving memory of Jean & Masaru Takamiya, my wonderful parents and Katsuko Kamimura, my maternal grandmother.

The Thomas-March family in loving memory of Reece Thomson.

The Westover family.

Tim Whalen in loving memory of my parents, Bill & Marianne and my brother, Michael.

Kathryn Wilcox.

Linn Wile in loving memory of Dave Wile.

Deborah Williams.

And as a thank offering for the forthcoming union of the Hersch-Vodicka families.

Christmas Day
10:30am - Eucharist & Carols

Ongoing Ministries at St. A's

Children's Program
Sundays, 10:30am

Youngsters have fun discovering God's love through activities and story-telling, then join families for communion. For more info email Kiwan Cato-Fox, Director of Children's Ministries, k_cato@me.com.

Market Mass
Wednesdays, 8:30-9am

A simple weekly Eucharist centering on a feast day or saint of the week.

Bible Study on Zoom
Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30am

Join clergy to explore the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86748028725>

Contemplative Prayer
Wednesdays, 7-8pm

Rest your soul in beauty of holiness and breathe in the Spirit with silent meditation, centering prayer and a contemplative reflection.

Choir!
1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays, 7:15-9pm

If you love music, come sing with us - everyone is welcome. Contact Mike Raleigh, Music Director mike@saint-augustine.org.

Cook Meals for Unhoused Folk

Each month we prepare a meal for two organizations serving youth and adults struggling with homelessness: Home-y Made Meals and Safe Place for Youth (SPY). To get involved email Carrie Price, carrie@saint-augustine.org

Young Adult Lunch Group 3rd Sunday of the month, after 10:30am service

Are you 20+, but perhaps not yet middle-aged? We gather in the church entry each month to walk to food. For more information contact: Ian, ianlundberg@ucla.edu, or Katie, katielusk3@gmail.com.

*Sign up for weekly emails which list current activities.
Contact office@saint-augustine.org*

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December 26 – January 5, 2025**

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