

# Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist



**Tuesday, December 24, 2024  
9:30 p.m.**

**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.

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**Holy Eucharist**  
**Tuesday, December 24, 2024 – 9:30pm**  
**Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**CHORAL PRELUDE**

*Adam Lay Ybounden*

**Boris Ord**

*Adam lay ybounden, Boun den in a bond; Four thousand winter, Thought he not too long // And all was for an apple, An apple that he took, As clerkes finden, Written in their book // Ne had the apple taken been, The apple taken been, Ne had never our lady, A-been heavené queen // Blessed be the time, That apple taken was, Therefore we moun singen, Deo gracias!*

*This Little Babe*

**from Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten**

*1. This little Babe so few days old  
is come to rifle Satan's fold;  
all hell doth at his presence quake  
though he himself for cold do shake;  
for in this weak unarmèd wise  
the gates of hell he will surprise.*

*3. His camp is pitchèd in a stall,  
his bulwark but a broken wall;  
the crib his trench, haystacks his stakes;  
of shepherds he his muster makes;  
and thus, as sure his foe to wound,  
the angels' trump alarum sound.*

*2. With tears he fights and wins the field,  
his naked breast stands for a shield;  
his battering shot are babish cries,  
his arrows looks of weeping eyes,  
his martial ensigns Cold and Need  
and feeble Flesh his warrior's steed.*

*4. My soul, with Christ join thou in fight,  
stick to the tents that he hath pight.  
Within his crib is surest ward,  
this little Babe will be thy guard.  
If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy,  
Then flit not from this heavenly Boy.*

*There is no Rose*

**from Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten**

*There is no rose of such virtue  
As is the rose that bare Jesu:  
Alleluya.*

*The angels sung the shepherds to:  
"Gloria in excelsis Deo",  
Gaudeamus.*

*For in this rose contained was  
Heaven and earth in little space:  
Res Miranda.*

*Leave we all this worldly mirth,  
And follow we this joyful birth:  
Transeamus.*

*By that rose we may well see  
That he is God in persons three:  
Pari forma.*

*Interlude*

**from Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten**

## *In dulci jubilo*

Dietrich Buxtehude

### Latin/German Text

1. In dulci jubilo,  
Nun singet und seid froh!  
Unsers Herzens Wonne liegt  
in praesepio,  
Und leuchtet als die Sonne  
Matris in gremio,  
Alpha es et O!

2. O Jesu parvule  
Nach dir ist mir so weh!  
Tröst' mir mein Gemüte  
O puer optime  
Durch alle deine Güte  
O princeps gloriae.  
Trahe me post te!

3. O Patris caritas!  
O Nati lenitas!  
Wir wären all verloren (verdorben)  
Per nostra crimina  
So hat er uns erworben  
Coelorum gaudia  
Eia, wären wir da!

4. Ubi sunt gaudia  
Nirgend mehr denn da!  
Da die Engel singen  
Nova cantica,  
Und die Schellen klingen  
In regis curia.  
Eia, wären wir da!

### English Translation

In dulci jubilo [In quiet joy]  
Let us our homage show  
Our heart's joy reclineth  
In praesepio [in a manger]  
And like a bright star shineth  
Matris in gremio [in the mother's lap]  
Alpha es et O. [Thou art Alpha & Omega]

2. O Jesu parvule [O tiny Jesus]  
I yearn for thee always  
Listen to my ditty  
O puer optima [O best of boys]  
Have pity on me, pity  
O princeps gloriae, [Prince of glory]  
Trahe me post te. [draw me unto thee]

3. O patris caritas [O father's caring]  
O nati lenitas [O newborn's mildness]  
Deeply were we stained  
Per nostra crimina [by our crimes]  
But thou hast for us gained  
Coelorum gaudia [heavenly joy]  
O that we were there.

4. Ubi sunt gaudia [where be joys]  
If that they be not there  
There are angels singing  
Nova cantina [new songs]  
There the bells are ringing  
In regis curia [at the king's court]  
O that we were there.

## Selections from *Messiah*

George F. Handel

### Sinfonia

#### Chorus

“And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. (*Isaiah 40, v.5*)

#### Chorus

“And he shall purify the sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.” (*Malachi 3, v.3*)

**Recitative** – Ariana Christine Stultz (mezzo-soprano)

“Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel, God with us.” (*Isaiah 7, v.14; Matthew 1, v.23*)

**Air and Chorus** – Ariana Christine Stultz (mezzo-soprano)

“O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain. O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!” (*Isaiah 40, v.9*); “Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.” (*Isaiah 60, v.1*)

## Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Rite

*(please stand and sing)*

### ENTRANCE HYMN

O come, all ye faithful (Adeste fideles)

Hymnal 83 (vs. 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*

## AT THE CRECHE

*Celebrant* Be astonished, O you heavens, tremble with fear; and let the foundations of the earth be shaken. For behold, he who bears the whole world in the hollow of his hand, is wrapped in swaddling clothes and received as a guest in a manger. Our Savior, the Sun rising in the East, has visited us from on high, and we who were in darkness and shadow have found the truth: for the Lord is born of a Virgin.

*People* Light of Light, brightness of the Father, you have made the whole creation shine with joy. All that has breath praises you, the image of glory of the Father.

*(all reverently bow the head as the Creche is blessed and the figure of the BAMBINO is placed therein)*

*Celebrant* The glory of the Lord has been revealed  
*People* And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so may we share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## HYMN

What child is this, who, laid to rest (Greensleeves)

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.

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*(the Celebrant says)*

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
 And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.



# COLLECT FOR PURITY

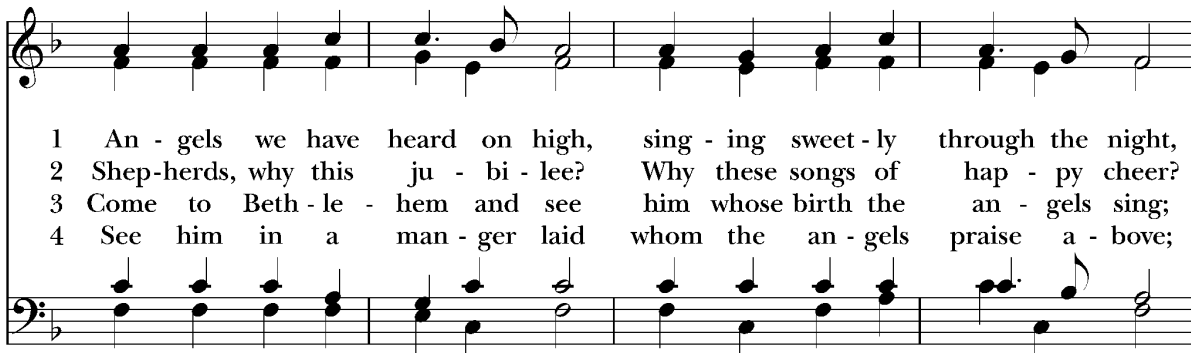
*(the Celebrant says)*

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.**

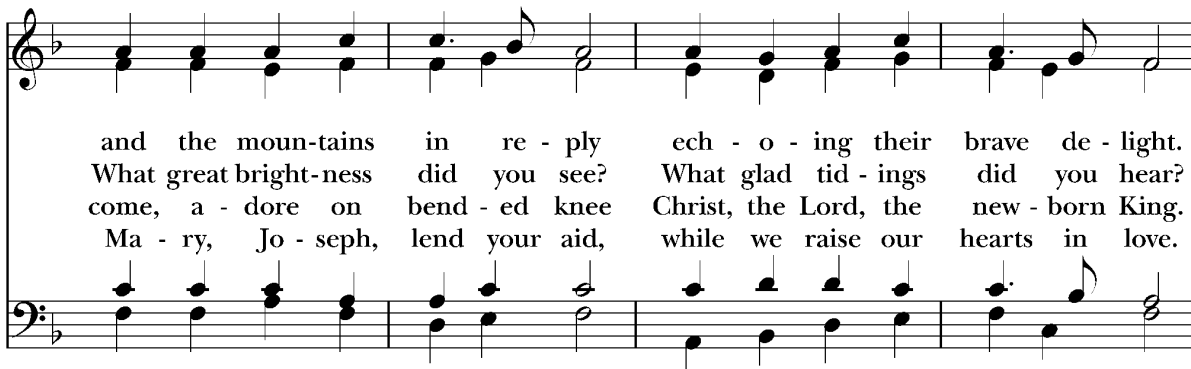
# SONG OF PRAISE

Angels we have heard on high (Gloria)

Hymnal 96



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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*(please be seated)*

## FIRST READING

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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96 (led by cantor, with congregation singing alternate verses)

*Tone V.I*



- 1 Sing to the LORD a *néw* song; \*  
sing to the LORD, *á*ll the *whó*le earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and *bléss* his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his *salvá*tion from *dá*y to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the *ná*tions \*  
and his wonders *amó*ng all *pé*oples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be *prá*ised; \*  
he is more to be *fé*ared than *á*ll gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but *íd*ols; \*  
but it is the LORD who *má*de the *hé*avens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his *pré*sence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his *sán*ctuáry!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the *pé*oples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD *hó*nor and *pó*wer.

- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Náme; \*  
bring offerings and cóme intó his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of hóliness; \*  
let the whole earth trémble befóre him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: “The LÓRD is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the péoples with équity.”
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is ín it; \*  
let the field be joyful and áll that ís therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD wén he comes, \*  
when he cómes to júdge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with ríghteousness \*  
and the péoples wíth his truth. [Ant.]

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

A Reading from Paul's letter to Titus.

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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

(stand and sing)

## HYMN

The first Nowell the angel did say (The First Nowell)

Hymnal 109 (vs. 1,3,5)

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*

**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.

**THE SERMON – The Rev. Katie Cadigan**  
*(a moment of silence is observed)*

**THE NICENE CREED**  
*(the Celebrant announces the Creed and the people stand)*

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.

#### LITANY OF THE INCARNATION

O God, the ruler of ages eternal,  
you are without beginning or end:  
**Yet you choose to be born an infant in time.**  
Praise to you, O Lord.

O God, the invisible,  
you are the One whom nobody has seen or can see:  
**Yet you assume the face of the Son of Mary.**  
Praise to you, O Lord.

O God, the all-powerful,  
you hold the mountains in the palm of your hand:  
**Yet you let yourself be wrapped in swaddling clothes.** Praise to you, O Lord.

O God, the eternal glory,  
innumerable angels acclaim you endlessly:  
**Yet you choose to be rocked to sleep by the songs of the daughter of David.**  
Praise to you, O Lord.

O God, the universal provider,  
you feed every creature:  
**Yet you choose to hunger for the milk of your mother.**  
Praise to you, O Lord.



O God, the infinite,  
heaven and earth cannot contain you:  
**Yet you rest in the arms of Mary.**  
**Praise to you, O Lord.**

O God, the perfect joy,  
you are the source of the happiness of heaven and earth:  
**Yet you cry like a little child.**  
**Praise to you, O Lord.**

O God, the eternal Word,  
you are the light of all created intelligence:  
**Yet you are laid in a manger and cannot even speak.**  
**Praise to you, O Lord. Amen.**  
*from: "Come, Lord Jesus" by Lucien Deiss*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            And also with you.

*(then the ministers and the people greet one another in the name of the Lord)*

## 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 the QR code

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM – *Messiah* by George Friedrich Handel

### Chorus

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” (*Isaiah 9, v.6*)

### Pifa Pastoral Sinfonia

### Recitative - Jessica Berns-Garner (soprano)

“There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.” (*Luke 2, v.8*)

### Accompagnato

“And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.” (*Luke 2, v.9*)

### Recitative

“And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” (*Luke 2, 10–11*)

### Accompagnato

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,” (*Luke 2, v.13*)

### Chorus

“Chorus Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will toward men.” (*Luke 2, v.14*)

*(please stand)*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Joy to the world! the Lord is come (Antioch)

Hymnal 100

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Joy to the world! the Lord is come". 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 sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. Below the treble staff, there are four lines of lyrics, numbered 1 through 4. The lyrics are: 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,



God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are

full, full of your glo-ry. Ho-

san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na

in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na



*(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, 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 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

Jesus, Lamb of God (Schubert/Proulx)

S 164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

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Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

## INVITATION

*(Celebrant)*

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

### 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 – *Messiah* by George Friedrich Handel

**Duet Ariana Christine Stultz and Jessica Berns-Garner (mezzo-soprano/soprano)**

“He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: and he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. *(Isaiah 40, v.11)*; “Come unto him, all ye that labour, come unto him, that are heavy laden, and he will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him; for he is meek and lowly of heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.” *(Matthew 11, vv.28–29)*

## 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.**

*(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)*

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,

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.

## THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

*(the Priest blesses the people, saying)*

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

Hark! the herald angels sing (Mendelssohn)

Hymnal 87

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!

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude – “Adeste Fideles” by David Hegarty  
 Greg Schreiner, Organ

*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.

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**The Westover family.**

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**Kathryn Wilcox.**

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**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](mailto: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!**  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7:15-9pm

If you love music, come sing with us - everyone is welcome. Contact Mike Raleigh, Music Director [mike@saint-augustine.org](mailto: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](mailto:carrie@saint-augustine.org)

## **Young Adult Lunch Group**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:ianlundberg@ucla.edu), or Katie, [katielusk3@gmail.com](mailto:katielusk3@gmail.com).

*Sign up for weekly emails which list current activities.  
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