

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
WITH
THE SOLEMN HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I
10:00 P.M.**

**The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord
December 24, 2022**

Merry Christmas!

*You are welcomed whether you are a guest or a member,
and we invite you to join us in our worship of God.*

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our clergy following the service. We also invite you to please take a moment to sign our Guest Book which can be found at the Welcome Center. Service Bulletin contains all that you will need to worship with us this morning.

If you have a prayer request, please write it in the book that is located at the prayer desk just outside the back of the sanctuary.

Please note that this worship service will be recorded and live streamed.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community
committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.*

Please pick up a candle from one of the terra-cotta containers located in the Narthex.

+ LETTER FROM THE RECTOR +

Merry Christmas and welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We pray that as you worship here during this Christmas season you will join us in praising God for the best gift given—Jesus Christ the Son of God and Savior of humanity. We are so pleased that you chose to share your Christmas with us here at St. Augustine's. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive and loving community made up of people very much like you who are in fellowship with one another and seek to follow the person and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. We do not insist that we know all of the firm and final answers to life's most important questions, but we commit ourselves to listening to God, loving the questions, being an active part of God's ongoing work, and reaching out to show that faith can bring peace, justice, and hope to the world, the local community, and in each other's lives.

I invite you to participate in worship today as you feel comfortable. You will find St. Augustine's to be that place where you will receive a radical WELCOME, experience thought-provoking and inspiring WORSHIP, and meet other disciples of Jesus ready and willing to WITNESS to all that God is doing!

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide, but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask anyone around you for help.

I hope to meet you before or after worship, but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate so we can connect with you.

Again, Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Blessings,

Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +
Rector

+ THE GATHERING RITE +

Pre Service Music: “Four Carol Settings”

Michael Rondeau

I. “Deck the Hall With Boughs of Holly”

II. “The Holly and the Ivy”

III. “O’ Tannenbaum”

V. “In Dulci Jublio”

“Lo, How a Rose is Blooming”

Johannus Brahms

Fanfare and Variations on “Noel Nouvelet”

Raymond H. Haan

Please stand at the sound of the bells.

During the singing of the Introit the Christ Child is carried from the manger in front of the Ambo to the Crèche in the Narthex. As this takes place, the congregation’s candles will be lit from a flame taken from clay lamps made in the Holy Land.

Introit: “O Holy Night”

“Silent Night”

“Away in a Manger”

Blessing of the Crèche

Christ Child Bearer The glory of the Lord has been revealed:

People

And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

Christ Child Bearer Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. With Mary and Joseph, angels and shepherds, and the animals in the stable, we gather around thy Son, born for us. As we prepare to celebrate his holy birth; strengthen us in faith, bless us with thy presence, and inspire us to help those who have no place to dwell. Especially the migrant worker, the homeless, and the refugee. Be with us that we might share Christ’s love with all the world, and receive the fullness of life he came to bring, for he is our light and salvation. Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever. **Amen.**

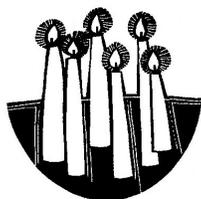
Opening Acclamation



Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

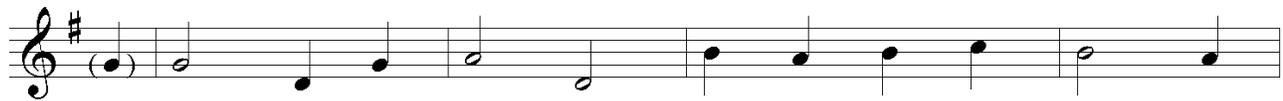


And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.



Hymn at the Procession: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Adeste fideles



O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
 God of _____ God, _____ Light _____ of _____ Light, _____
 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing,



O come ye, O come _____ ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Lo! he ab - hors _____ the _____ Vir - gin's womb.
 Lea - ving their flocks draw nigh with low - ly fear;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove;
 Je - su, to thee _____ be _____ glo - ry giv'n;



Come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels:
 Ve - ry _____ God, Be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted:
 We too will thi - ther Bend our joy - ful foot - steps:
 Glo - ry to God _____ In _____ the _____ high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing:



O come let us a - dore him, O come let us a - dore him,



O come let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Collect for Purity

Presider

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Hymn of Praise: "Glory Be to God on High"

Gloria



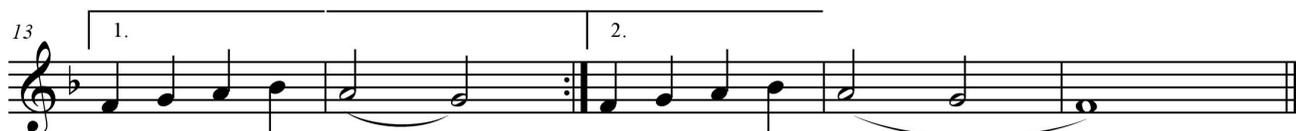
Glo - ry be to God on high peace to all on earth be giv'n
Lamb of God you take a-way sin and death, no more have sway.
You a - lone, O God, we cry, Ho - ly One, we name _____ you.



An - gels sing let all re - ply good - will breaks from heav'n a - bove.
You who reign with God a - bove, Mer - cy grant, O gra - cious Love.
You a - lone are God most High, One in three, we claim _____ You.



Glo _____ ri - a



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Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

Please be seated.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2-7

Lector A Reading from the Book of 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Psalmody: Psalm 96 – “Sing to the Lord a New Song”

Scott Soper/Es ist ein Ros

Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to God all you lands;
 Let earth and heav - en glo - ry, let o - cean depths re - jice.

6
 sing of sal - va - tion al - ways; God's glo - ry now at hand.
 Let hills and plains and for - ests sing prais - es with one voice.

11
 God's love shall nev - er cease.

14
 God comes to rule with jus - tice; God comes to rule with peace.

Please be seated.

The Second Lesson: Titus 2: 11-14

Lector A Reading from Paul’s Letter to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**



Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Mendelssohn



Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing — Glo - ry to the new - born King,
Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, — Christ, the e - ver - last - ing Lord,
Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!



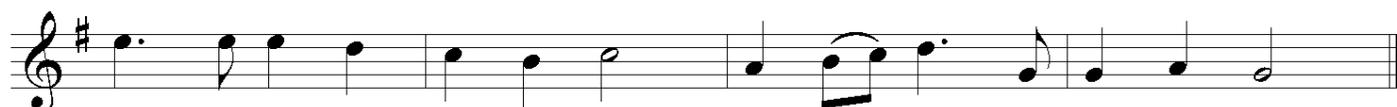
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, — God and sin - ners re - con - ciled;
Late in time be - hold him come — Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb;
Light and life to all he brings, Risen with heal - ing in his wings;



Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise, — Join the tri - umph of the skies, —
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, — Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty! —
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, — Born that man no more may die, —



With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem.
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Je - sus — our Em - ma - nu - el.
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to — give them se - cond birth.



Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing Glo - ry — to the new - born King.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 1-20

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

After the reading, the Gospel Book is “enthroned” in the manger.

Gospel Response: “Angel Alleluias”

Alan Bullard

Please be seated.

Sermon

The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Sacred Silence

Please stand as the Ministers of the Liturgy gather around the baptismal font.

Nicene Creed

Presider The waters of Mary’s womb broke forth and our Savior Christ was born. Through the waters of baptism we are born anew and made God’s children through adoption and grace. Living therefore as baptized believers we confess our faith.

Presider & People

**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.**

Please kneel at the sound of the bell while the Choir sings of the Incarnation.

Incarnation Anthem

Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
And was made man.

Please stand at the sound of the bell and continue reciting the Creed.

**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.**

Music for the Sprinkling Rite: “Nigerian Fanfare”

Frank Boles

Prayers of the People

Intercessor Loving God, source of all light and truth, you sent your only begotten Son into this world you created to be a light unto our path. Bless, we pray, all who serve Christ in your Church; especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Poulson our Bishop, Bishop Daniel Genovesi, Diocesan Bishop of The Diocese of Uruguay, Joseph, and Tony, our priests, Karen and Linda our deacons, and all who minister in your name; that the radiance of your light may shine forth to all. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Eternal King, when your people, the sons and daughters of Abraham & Sarah, were established as a mighty nation, you sent prophets and kings to lead them and you were with those whom you sent. Be with the leaders of our nation; especially: Joe, our president; Kevin, our governor; David, our mayor; and all who serve your people in this earthly realm through the rule of law. May they be guided by the light of your Son, that they might govern and serve your people with wisdom and not folly. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor God of Power, Might and Compassion, in your creation are those who are beset by danger and are persecuted, those who are besieged by illness and malady, those who have fallen by the wayside and are friendless and in need. We lift up the concerns & thanksgivings of this community. Let your Spirit light a fire in our hearts which cannot be hidden nor quenched to do as your Son did; to bring light to those in darkness, to bring warmth of body or spirit to those who are cold, to feed from your bounty those who are hungry. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Ever Faithful One, grant us solace and comfort for those who have died. Let the light in our hearts, the comingled light of your love and our memories of those who have gone before us, forever shine and illumine to all the knowledge that your children will soon stand reunited with those loved ones and your Son in the hope you have prepared for us. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end.

People **Amen.**

Peace

Presider The angels said to the shepherds, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace on those with whom God's favor rests." So I announce to you, the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

+ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +

Please be seated.

Offertory Sentence

Worthy art thou, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things, and by thy will they were created and have their being. – *Revelation 4:11*

During the "Offering in Song," please sign the Canterbury Connection Cards in the service bulletin and kindly drop it in the wicker basket with your offering.

To submit your offerings electronically, text the amount you would like to give to 405-645-6608 or go to "bit.ly/GiveSAC" in your browser and follow the instructions.

Thank You.

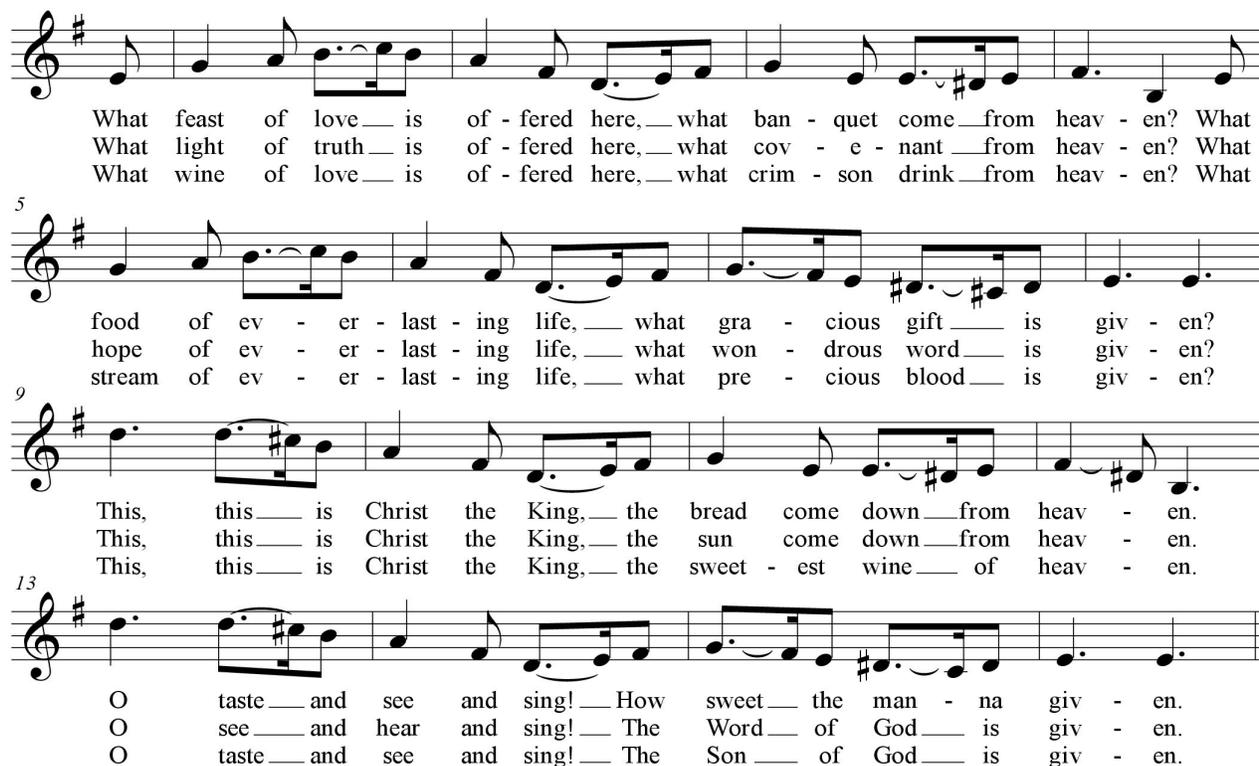
Music at the Offertory: "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

Stuart Forster

Please stand as the offerings are presented at the Altar and blessed with incense.

Music at the Presentation: "What Feast of Love"

Greensleeves



What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en? What
What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en? What
What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav-en? What
5 food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?
hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?
9 stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?
This, this is Christ the King, the bread come down from heav-en.
This, this is Christ the King, the sun come down from heav-en.
13 This, this is Christ the King, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.
O taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en.
O see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en.
O taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en.

Please kneel or stand.

Eucharistic Prayer II

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

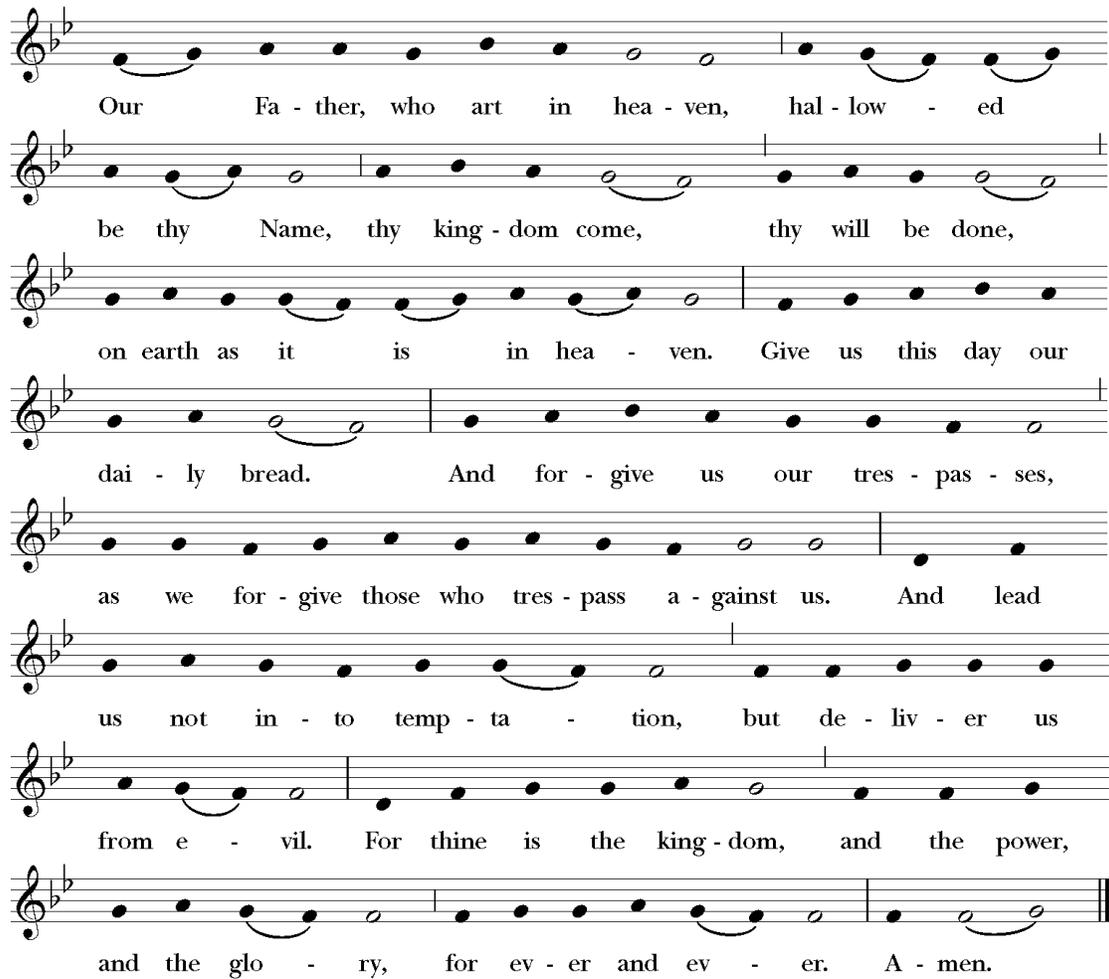
And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**



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

The Lord's Prayer



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

Breaking of the Bread

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



Fraction Anthem: "Agnus Dei"

Setting: *From Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*
Music: *Healey Willan 1880-1968*

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Distribution

All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.

For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.

If you wish to receive the bread dipped in wine, please receive a napkin from an usher. The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by one of the clergy, then placed on the napkin. After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.

If you wish to drink from the cup, please proceed to one of the two chalice bearers to the far ends.

Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.

Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.

Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you.

If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Arr. *Ralph Vaughn Williams*
Descant: *Thomas Armstrong*
Words: *Bishop Phillip Brooks*



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie.
O morn - ing stars to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth.
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is giv'n.
O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, Des - cend to us we pray:



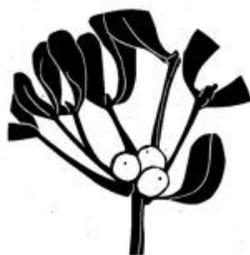
A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
For Chris is born of Ma - ry; And, gath - ered all a - bove,
No ear may hear his com - ing; But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad ti - dings tell:



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of wond - 'ring love.
Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el.



Communion Hymn: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

Nahum Tate (1652-1715)
Estes Psalter (1592)
Arr. David Willcocks



While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,
Fear not,' said he (for might - y dread had seized their troub - led mind);
To you in Dav - id's town this day is born of Dav - id's line
'The heav - n'ly Babe there you shall find to hu - man view dis - played,
Thus spake the ser - aph; and forth - with ap - peared a shin - ing thron - g
'All glo - ry be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;



the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shown a - round.
'gload ti - dings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind.'
a Sav - iour, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:'
all mean - ly wrapped in swad - ling bands, and in a man - ger laid.'
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."



Communion Hymn: "Once in Royal David's City"

David Wilcox



Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is God and Lord of all,
And through all his won - drous child-hood, He would hon - our and o - bey,
For He is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like us He grew;
And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed.
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
love, and watch the low - ly mai - den, in whose gen - tle arms He lay;
He was lit - tle, weak and help - less, tears and smiles like us He knew;
for that child so dear and gent - le is our Lord in hea - ven a - bove;
we shall see him; but in hea - ven, set at God's right hand on high.



Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
with the poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - iour ho - ly.
Chris - tian chil - dren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.
And He feel - eth for our sad - ness, and He sha - reth in our glad - ness.
and He leads his child - ren on to the place where He is gone.
When like stars his child - ren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.



+ THE SENDING RITE +

Please kneel or stand.

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Please be seated.

Announcements and Recognitions

Please stand.

Blessing

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

People **Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**



Sending Hymn: "Joy to the World"

*Author: Issac Watts (1674-1748)
Arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)
Composer: G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
Tune: Antioch*



Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re-ceive her King; let
Joy to the world! the Sa- vior reigns; let us our songs em- ploy, while
No more let sins and sor- rows grow, nor thorns in- fest the ground; He
He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na- tions prove the



ev - ery heart pre - pare him room and
fields and floods rocks, hills and plains, re -
comes to make his bless - ings flow far
glo - ries of his right - eous - ness and



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



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

Dismissal

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

Voluntary: "Grand Choeur Dialogue"

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

***We cordially invite you to join us outside for a
Chocolate & Champagne Reception***

+ 2022 CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS +

Brett Cash

In loving memory of my parents

Angelique Chamberlain

In loving memory of Cordelia Ann Herring

Pat Current and Family

In loving memory of Tom Current, Jr.

Sally & Chuck DeBellevue

In memory of our family and thanksgiving for our friends

Claren Denning

In memory of Carl Denning, Clarence Bott, and Mary Bott and in honor of my family.

Al and Cindy Ginsberg

In memory of Doris Atwood and the Ginsbergs

Valerie & Mike Hall

In memory of William H. Hall

Biel & Bud Johnson

In loving memory of Catherine English, Howard Johnson, Velma Johnson, Catherine Bielstein, Charles Bielstein

Diana & George Laufffer

In thanks for all of the good times

Dianne and Tom Norton

In loving memory of Alice Norton

Jan Pope

In thanksgiving for my family

Lyla & Art Rousseau

In thanksgiving of our countless blessings

Susan Shebester

In loving memory of Jerry Shebester, Jean & Bob Coleman, and in honor of Kelly Bishop

Robin Troutman

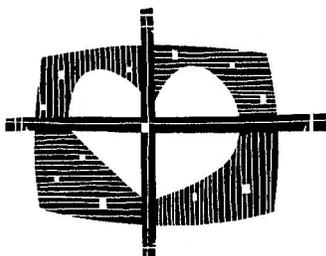
In loving memory of Bob, Jean, Claude, Lola and Mary

Karen Valentine

In loving memory of Katy Valentine

The Vanek Family

In thanksgiving for all our blessings



+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Presider: The Reverend Canon Tony Moon

Preacher: The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Deacon: The Reverend Linda Paul

Eucharistic Ministers: Patsy Hollingsworth, Cheryl Mims-Wilson

Lector: Bill Kenney

Intercessors: Pam Alltizer, Zoe Alsay, Jeannie Haas, Jan Hunter

Vergers: Bill Kenney and Jan Hunter

Thurifer: Gil Haas

Boat Bearer: Caleb Alsay

Crucifer: Chris Lapolla

Acolytes: Ayla and Jolie Yeakley, Nora and Michah Thompson

Banner Bearer: Zipporah Alsay

Oblation Bearers: Judy & Mark Heaney

Christ Bearers: The Thompson Family

Organist/Choirmaster: John Stephen Potter

Choir: St. Augustine Parish Choir

Trumpet: Randy Polk & Nick Paynter

French Horn: Joe Charlton

Trombone: Andy Fugate & Thomas Cortes

Percussion: Andrew Orr

Ushers: Rick Inselman and Matt Lapolla

Greeters: Janet Mills and Sarah Stuhr

Reception: David Krausse and the St. Augustine's Hospitality Team

+ PRAYER LIST +

For those with medical issues and other concerns: *The Cajindos Family, Daniel Bellos, Tiana Martinez, Lela Frances Welch, Pamela, Evelyn and Eric Thrower, The Lorance Family, Annie Mae Miller, Debbie and Al Hamilton, Mike Hodges, Reggie Ekins, Jada Smiley, Will Havins, Shiloh Kile, James L. Henry, Jim Henry, Stephanie Holladay, Judy Reeder, Richard Stuhr, Robby Housh, Gavin Marshall, Mackenzie Flick, Jason Eliot, Jackie Watson, Khalil Franklin, Mary Ortiz, Pamela Hernandez Angelino, Ann Merritt, Terry Cannon, The Rev. KayBoman-Harvey, Dorene Peel, Ladina Justus, Barbara Hendricks, Mason, Daniel, Tabitha, Erlinda, Lamar, DaShaun, Ashley, Lamar, Antonia Duenez Estrada, Charlotte Cascio, Beverly Davis, Bill Hoover, David Rios Montero, Manuel Estrada, Maria Carmen de la Torre, Inna Jones, Vermit Jones, Valentina Gopanyako, Nick Gopanyako, Selena Estrada. Gavin Marshall, Ryan Spillars, Bill Hodges, Jessica, Beverly Davis, AimeeAnn, The Inselman Family, P.J. Nelson, Robin Troutman, Bruce, Jay, Winston, Edit, Jonna, Yvonne, Bridget, Marsha & Leonard Cayton, Deb Krausse, Steve Bauer, Teresa & Arnie Stromberg, Karen Koch, Scott Mills, Bill Kerr.*

For those in the military: *Megan Weimer, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfroe, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Simon Liszeski, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Andrew Long, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Stephen Liszeski, Ted Liszeski, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stienl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf, our troops at home and abroad and their families.*

Birthdays this week: *Alan Haynes, Karen Hall, Anna Green, Kenny Koch, Daniel Narvaiz, Chris Lapolla, Nik Brewer, Mitch Pace, Sarah Stuhr*

Anniversaries this week: *Charlotte & Hugh Long, Biel & Bud Johnso, Nora & John Burgess, Sally & Chuck DeBellevue*

Deaths: *Margarito Gonzalez, Aunt Faye, Stephen Laurel Boss 'Twitch', Martin 'Marty' Schaper, Jonathan Goldberg, Darla Inselman Sorenson, Mary Margaret Bott, Edgar Zuniga, Fred Nelson,*

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Bishop Daniel Genovesi, Diocesan Bishop, and our Companion Diocese of Uruguay.*

ST. AUGUSTINE'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day – One Service Only

- 10am – Christmas Around the Creche with Holy Eucharist

Church Offices Closed Mon. 12/26 - Sat. 12/31 (use mailbox or front door mailbox slot for end of year giving donations)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

- No mid-week Eucharist or Bible Study

GLANCE AT NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 New Years Day

Feast of The Holy Name - One Service

- 10am – Holy Eucharist

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Church Offices Closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

- No mid-week Eucharist or Bible Study

ONE SERVICE ONLY ON CHRISTMAS DAY SUN. 12/25/22 AND NEW YEARS DAY SUN. 1/01/23

Join us Sunday, December 25 at 10am for Christmas Day, and a week later Sunday, January 1 10am for New Year's Day. Please bring your loved ones from out of town, invite a neighbor or friend! See you at 10am for **one service only** on both 12/25/22 and 01/01/23.

BLESSING BOX AND SUGGESTED DONATIONS

St. Augustine's Blessing Box Ministry seeks to provide sustenance to those experiencing food insecurity in our community by providing fresh and non-perishable food items, household goods and more.

Suggested item for November and December is **boxed Macaroni and Cheese** – January is **SOUP!** Drop off donations at the basket in the Commons. Questions? memberengagement@sac-okc.org

NEW YEARS DAY GAME NIGHT -ALL INVITED!

Sunday January 1st, 2023 – 4:00-6:00pm – The LGBTQIA+ and Allies Small Group invites you for potluck snacks and game time New Years Day! Bring your favorite snack (sweet or savory) to share and a favorite card or board game. We'll gather at 4:00pm in the Parish Hall at the church for a New Year's Day celebration together. Email Jeanne (lazokie@gmail.com) to confirm you would like to attend.

MORE THAN ENOUGH! STEWARDSHIP INGATHERING – LAST CALL!

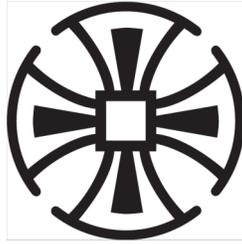
The St. Augustine Vestry is working hard to finish the 2023 budget and are making a last call to anyone who wishes to make a financial pledge in 2023. A paper form is available at the reception desk OR – go to <http://bit.ly/3V1Shll> and complete your pledge. Thank you!

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

As we enter the Christmas season, we often ask ourselves, "What shall I return to the Lord for all that He has given me?" (Psalm 116:12). Please consider the following opportunities as you make your end of year plans:

- Any donations you wish to include for the 2022 tax year must be submitted by December 31st.
- Place your gift in the collection basket, give online via our website, drop it off at the church office, or mail it to the church.
- Text the amount you would like to give to 405-645-6608 and follow the instructions given.
- Your gift can be credited to your stewardship pledge, or a particular area that you direct the funds toward, such as education, building fund, music, hospitality, or outreach.
- If you have appreciated stock this year, you may realize a tax break through a donation to Saint Augustine. Consult with your tax adviser about your situation. For donation instructions, please contact Marian Moon, Treasurer at marianmoon50@gmail.com or by calling the church office. Gifts must be dated on or before 12/31/2022.
- If you are age 70.5 or older and have a required minimum distribution from your retirement plan, you may benefit from a directed gift to Saint Augustine. Talk to your tax adviser or plan administrator and let them know you are interested in possible tax benefits.
- Please note that any gift processed online after December 31, 2022 will be included in your 2023 giving statement. Per IRS requirements, contributions placed in the offering basket beginning January 1, 2023 will only qualify for charitable gift tax reduction for 2022 if the check is dated 2022 and came in over the holidays.

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Wednesday – Holy Eucharist – 12 Noon

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