

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS WITH COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT - RITE II

**The First Sunday after Christmas
December 31, 2023
10:00 A.M.**

We welcome you if you are joining us as a guest or a member and we invite you to actively join our celebration and worship of God.

This service leaflet contains everything you need to follow and participate in the service. After the service, please introduce yourself to our Clergy. Please remember to sign our Guest Book located at the Welcome Center in the Commons Area.

In the midst of our hurried lifestyle during this season of the year, we pause in the middle of the day to offer our praise, prayers and pondering. This intimate service is intended for those who want the Spirit of the Prince of Peace to dwell in the recesses of their hearts and minds.

+ 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 +

Voluntary: “Voluntary on Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

David Johnson

Welcome and Announcements

See Bulletin

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

Somos una comunidad Cristiana que da la bienvenida con entusiasmo y acogedor, comprometida con la unidad de toda la gente con Dios a a través de Cristo.

Moment of Silence

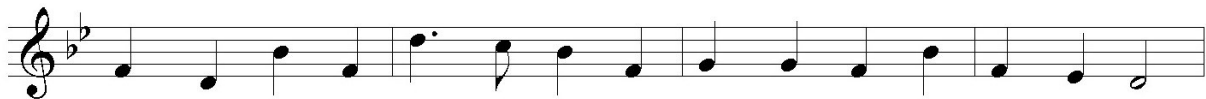
At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray, or engage in other silent activity. At the tolling of the bell, please stand and face the entrance.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Gathering Carol: “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

*Text: James Montgomery
Tune: Regent Square*



An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions beam a - far:
Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,



ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mess - si - ah's birth:
God with you is now re - sid - ing; yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new-born King.

Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

The congregation is invited to gather at the first station and follow the Ministers of the liturgy to each of the fourteen stations.

The Stations of the Crib

Summary of the Stations of the Crib



Station 1: The Word Became Flesh *John 1:1-18*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Presider We adore You, O Infant Christ, and we praise You.
People **Because, through Your incarnation, You have transformed our lives.**

Station 2: Gabriel Visits Zechariah *Luke 1:5-23*

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.' Zechariah said to the angel, 'How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.' The angel replied, 'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.' Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

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Station 3: The Annunciation *Luke 1:26-35*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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Station 4: Mary Visits Elizabeth *Luke 1:39-45*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

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Station 5: The Magnificat *Luke 1:46-55*

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

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Station 6: John Is Born *Luke 1:57-80*

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.' The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

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Station 7: An Angel Visits Joseph in a Dream *Matthew 1:18-25*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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Station 8: The Genealogy of Jesus Christ *Matthew 1:18-25*

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

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Station 9: The Journey to Bethlehem *Luke 2:1-5*

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.

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Station 10: The Nativity *Luke 2:6-7*

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.

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Station 11: The Heavenly Host Praises God *Luke 2:8-14*

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!’

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Station 12: Shepherds Visit the Holy Family *Luke 2:15-20*

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.

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Station 13: The Presentation in the Temple *Luke 2:22-38*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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Station 14: The Visit of the Magi *Matthew 2:1-12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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The congregation is invited to return to their seats and remain standing.

The Apostles' Creed

We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - migh - ty, by whose
Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter
We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be - low, a -
plan earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be -
led, suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he des - cend - ed to the
bove: saints of God in one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li - ness and
gan. We be - lieve in Christ the Sa - vior, Son of
dead. We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, hea - ven's
love. So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our
God in hu - man frame, vir - gin - born, the child of
king to rule and reign, to the Fa - ther's side as -
Sa - vior, Lord and friend, we shall rise with him in
Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came.
cend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.
glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

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 also with you.**

Please be seated.

Offertory Sentence

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

During the Offering in Song, please sign the Canterbury Connection Card in the bulletin and kindly drop it in the wicker basket after the offering plate has been passed.

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.

Offering in Song

+ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +

Please stand.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus said, “Abide in me, as I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love.”

Please kneel.

Prayer of Access

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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

The Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Distribution

*For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your row
and receive the bread at the head of the center aisle.*

*Then turn and walk to the chalice bearers to receive wine, and continue down the outside aisle to return to your
seat.*

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

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

*To receive bread, hold your palms upward. It is helpful if you guide the cup to your mouth. If you wish to receive
the bread dipped in wine, leave the bread in the palm of your hand and the chalice bearer will dip it for you.*

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

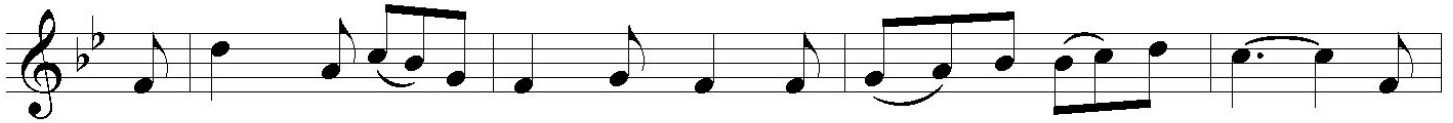
If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.



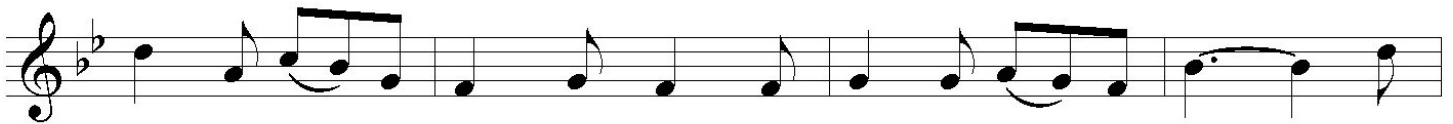
Communion Carol: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Text: *Edmund H. Sears*

Music: *Carol*



It came up-on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old, from
Still through the clov-en skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled, and
Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf - fered long; be -
For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by pro - phets seen of old, when



an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace
still their heavenly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world; a -
neath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong; and
with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told, when



on the earth, good will to men, from heavens' all - gra - cious King." The
bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - ering wing, and
war - ring hu - man-kind hears not the tid - ings which they bring; O
peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling, and



world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
ev - er o'er its Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!
all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Communion Carol: "Love Came Down at Christmas"

Text: *Christina Rossetti*

Music: *Gartan*



Love came down at Christ - mas, love all love - ly, love di - vine;
Wor - ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate, love di - vine;
Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine,



love was born at Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the sign.
wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where-with for sa - cred sign?
love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

+ THE SENDING RITE +

Please stand.

Post-Communion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship, Vol. 1

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people on heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Please remain standing.

Blessing

Presider

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. And the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

People

Amen.



Sending Carol: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Spiritual



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



King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room and
poy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
ground; He comes to make his bless - ings flow far
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



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.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to spread the light of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Ludwig von Beethoven

You are cordially invited to the Commons Area for refreshments following the service, so that we may get to know each other better.

We invite those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries to gather in the Chapel after the service.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessing

Presider Let us pray.
People **O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on those who begin another year. Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+ PRAYER LIST +

For those with medical issues: *Jack Long, Jeff Gabelsberg, Jim Geist, Marcy Taber, Tucker Spear, K. Capps, Chelsea Cook, Dove Elliot, Richard Hacklery, Sophia Green, Debra Collier, Virginia Tripp, Tommy Stern, Pamela Castor, Joyce Jameson, Drue Eliot, John Scambler, Edit Scambler, Mike Kirschner, Baby Emerson, Lynell O'Leary, Brett Ballard, Daisey K. Martinez, Michael Standifer, Jack Coffey, Dr. Cynthia Cole, Patrick Hays, Brian Law, Sheradon & Baby Girl, Charles Owens, Megan Posey, Sharon Freland, Jim Capps, Rick Andrews, Janet Wells, Jack Long, Cody Bond, Ted Osumi, Larry Murray, Manuela Angelino, Chris & Angela Denning, Mary, Gabrielle & Michael Holden, Donny Trammell, Brad Nelson, Melinda Myers, Elizabeth Myers, Pamela Castor, Dicheal Talley, Anita Poole, Edit Scambler, David Clark, Ann Wetsel, Myrna Gray, Mrs. Phyllis Harvey, Claude Mathews, Camilla Nicole Manning, Tom Current, Rick & Randy Pair, Ann Chambers, Nicole Pair, John Tipsword, Franz Lauffer, Janet Kennedy, Taryn Tipsword, Evelyn Thrower, Don Moon, Bill Kerr, Janice Wilson, Joice Thompson, Patrick Manning.*

For those with other needs or concerns: *Patsy Clymer and her family, Laura, Brendan, Kathy Eaton, Jason & Traci Eliot, Irma Vazquez, Maria Lugo, Nohelia Hernandez, Monica Hammons & Family, Latisha Ramsey and Family, Cheryl Mims, Family of Randy Kawada, Karen Walker, Stephanie B., Brody Wendy Nootens, Dona Marina Cobarrubias, Hector Manuel Gudino, Zylan Bailey, The Owens family, George Lamberts, Brooks Mayer, Mark Peters, Jackie, Grace Mathews, Gwen & Lindsey VanMeter, Aimeeann Vanek, Janet Jackson, Keely, Jeff, and Nahomi Gudino, those needing the services of the Guild of St. George, St. Francis Community Services, the Infant Crisis Services, residents of the Jess Dunn, Joseph Harp and Davis correctional facilities; the Lionwood Senior Living Center, the Harbor and Gatewood Homes for the mentally impaired, and the Jesus House.*

For those in the military: *Bryce Singleton, Derek Gabelsberg, Cody Branson, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfro, 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: *Nik Brewer, Savannah Lyne, Kelly Lewis & Alex Herrera*

Anniversaries: *Bud & Biel Johnson, Hugh & Charlotte Long*

Deaths: *John Wehba, Alisa Hodge Spear, Evelyn Joseph, Juana Maria Mendez Lopez, Gail Latimer*

+ THE MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Today, Sunday December 31, 2023 – The First Sunday after Christmas

Presider: The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Deacon: **The Reverend Robby Trammell**

Eucharistic Ministers: Todd Olberding, David Krausse, Jay Welch & Lee Kantner

Crucifer: **Ricky Womack**

Acolytes: Olivia Krausse and Momo Krausse

Lectors: Bud & Biel Johnson, Valerie Hall, Pam Alltizer, **NAME, NAME, NAME**

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Staff Musician: Scott Chard, Guy Nembhard

Guest Musician: **Kangwa Mundende**

Organist: **John Stephen Potter**

Greeters: Jim Snelling, Vicki Snelling, Judy Montgomery, and Janet Mills

Ushers: **Jessiah Shaw, Victor Rios, Calvin Jones & Marcy Taber**

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+ THIS IS OUR STORY +

Episcopalians celebrate The Feast of the Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ on January 1st, the eighth day after Jesus' birth. It was on this day that Mosaic law stipulated that male children were named and circumcised. This feast was retitled in our 1979 Book of Common Prayer as it was previously celebrated as the Feast of the Circumcision. The change in the feast's nomenclature paralleled Luke's (Luke 2:21) stress on the naming of Jesus. Celebration of the feast dates from the Middle Ages, but it was not moved to January 1 by the Catholic Church until 2002. The Church of England celebrates the Name of Jesus on August 7th while retaining January 1st as the Feast of the Circumcision. Jesus is from the Hebrew "Joshua" meaning "Yahweh is salvation". Devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus is derived from Phillipians 2:9-11, which states that God "gave him (Jesus) the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth." This epistle lesson is always read on Palm Sunday, and some Anglo-Catholics acknowledge the word "bend" with a genuflection.

If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: gghaas@aol.com, or drop the question in the offering basin. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.

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OFFICE HOURS

To offer our staff a Sabbath, the St. Augustine business offices are closed on Mondays, with staff available remotely for urgent matters. Ministry Leaders are welcome to access the building independently with their key, as needed.

Father Joseph Alsay, Rector
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Tuesday -Thursday 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
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