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The Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

Book of Common Prayer Service

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Patrick Blaney

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WELCOME

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. We ask that you please turn all cell phones and other electronic devices to silent or "off".

After the service, we invite newcomers (and others!) to visit our Welcome Table downstairs in the Lounge. This is a place where you can learn more about the various activities and groups here at St. John's, find contact information, ways to get involved and have fun!

Ministering today at our 10:00 a.m. service:

<i>Celebrant:</i>	<i>The Reverend Patrick Blaney</i>
<i>Liturgical Assistant:</i>	<i>Jill Parsons</i>
<i>Preacher:</i>	<i>The Reverend Patrick Blaney</i>
<i>Crucifer and Server:</i>	<i>Hazel Breakey</i>
<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Galina Martyniuk (Piano, Organ)</i>
<i>Choir Director:</i>	<i>Christie Smith</i>
<i>Readers:</i>	<i>Leeann Price, Bill Muir</i>
<i>Intercessor:</i>	<i>Tracey MacLennan</i>
<i>Eucharistic Administrators:</i>	<i>Bob Hardy, Alison Brookfield</i>
<i>Welcome Table:</i>	<i>Donna Lawrence</i>

Flowers in the Sanctuary today The 2024 Flower Calendar is in the Narthex. Please sign up for the Sunday that you would like to donate Altar Flowers. Thank you.

Offertory Plate sits at the back of the church: Your thoughtful and generous gifts to St. John's enable our worship and ministry to our world. One-time or recurring donations can be made by visiting our website www.stjohnnv.ca, or by scanning this QR code on your smartphone. Contact Bev Provost or the church office for personal offertory envelopes or other donation information.



Prelude & Announcements

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Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet-ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

And the moun-tains in re-ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad-some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain

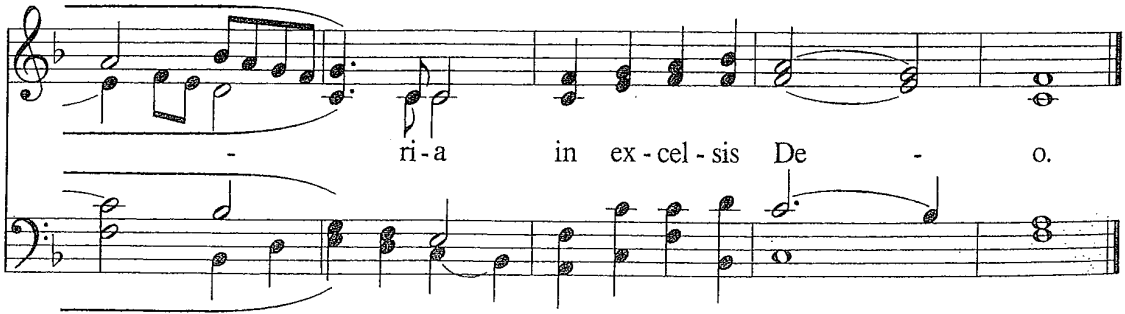
Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

Text: French carol, fr. "Crown of Jesus," 1862
 Tune: French carol

GLORIA
 177 and refrain





Territorial Acknowledgement

Priest

The community of St. John's acknowledges that we live, work and worship on the ancestral and unceded land of the Coast Salish Peoples: The Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. May the reconciling love of Christ be reflected in our words and in our actions.

The Gathering of the Community

Priest
People

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.
Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be 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.

Priest

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel,
The Lord our God is one Lord;
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,
and with all thy strength.
This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like unto it:
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
On these two commandments hang all the Law and the
Prophets.

People (sing)

Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write both these thy laws in our hearts,
we beseech thee.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect

Priest
People

Eternal God,
**who by a star
led wise men to the worship of your Son.
Guide by your light the nations of the earth,
that the whole world may know your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: Read by Leeann Price.
A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Isaiah 60:1-6

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 - *Please remain seated for the reading of the Psalm together.*

Of Solomon.

**Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

**May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.**

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts.
May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.**

**For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Liturgical Assistant

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.

People

**As it was in the beginning, is now and
will be forever. Amen.**

The Second Reading: Read by Bill Muir.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Ephesians 3:1-12

Reader	The word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

CHRISTIAN YEAR Christmas/Epiphany

118 O Come, All Ye Faithful

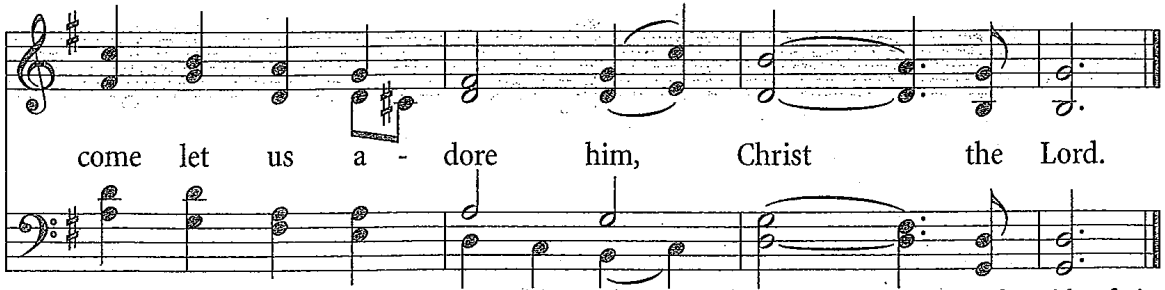
1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God of God, Light of Light,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem:
lo, he ab - hors not the vir - gin's womb;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove;
leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh with low - ly fear;

Refrain
come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels;
ver - y God, be - got - ten not cre - a - ted: O
glo - ry to God in the high - est:
we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;

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





Text: St. 1, 2, 3, and 5, John Francis Wade (1711–1786); Irregular with refrain
 st. 4, Etienne-Jean-François Borderies, 1822; st. 5a, *Thesaurus Animae Christianae*, 1850; ADESTE FIDELES
 st. 1, 2, 3, and 5, tr. Frederick Oakley (1802–1880); st. 4 and 5a, tr. William T. Brooke (1848–1917).

The Gospel - The Epiphany of the Lord

Liturgical Assistant

People

Liturgical Assistant

People

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.

Matthew 2:1-12

Liturgical Assistant
People

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the second half of the Gradual Hymn is sung.

Sermon

The Reverend Patrick Blaney

Time for Reflection

The Nicene Creed

Priest I believe in one God,
People **The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of
God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God, of God; Light, of Light;
Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made;
Being of one substance with the Father;
Through whom all things were made:
Who for us humans and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin
Mary, And was made human,
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
And the third day he rose again according to the
Scriptures, And ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge
both the quick and the dead:
Whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of
Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is
worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic
Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission
of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,
And the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Please take whatever position is best for you for prayer.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The lyrics are: "O God we call, O God we call, from deep in-side we yearn, from deep in-side we yearn, from deep in-side we yearn for you." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the words "deep in-side we yearn". The first system covers the first two lines of the lyrics, and the second system covers the last line. The music is written in a clear, legible style with standard musical notation.

O God we call, O God we call, from deep in-side we yearn, from
deep in-side we yearn, from deep in-side we yearn for you.

Words: Linnea Good 1994

Music: Linnea Good 1994

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The Church Archbishop Lynne McNaughton our Metropolitan, Bishop John Stephens, Linda Nicholls our Primate. We pray for Archbishop Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop and Presiding Elder of the Sacred Circle. Also, we pray for Patrick our Priest. For Jill in her discernment, work and studies to become an Anglican Priest. Primate Brent Alawas, Bishop Benny Lang-akan and the Clergy and People of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines. Our companion parish, St John the Evangelist Mission and Outstations, Pasnadan, The Reverend Tristan Bati-el. St. John the Evangelist, North Vancouver, The Reverend Patrick Blaney, St. Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby, The Reverend Ruth Monette, St. Stephen, West Vancouver, The Reverend Ken Vinal.

The Local Community: City & District of North Vancouver, Queen Mary Community School.

The World: *Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:*

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

Those in Need: For those who are sick, hospitalized and in need of our prayers. This week, our prayers are requested especially for these members and friends of our St. John's faith community: The Sampson Family, John & Pat Riddell, Andy & Raili Mazurek.

The Dearly Departed: Those we no longer see, but they live forever in our hearts.

In Thanksgiving: In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Hazel Breakey, Alison Brookfield & family, Ann & Barry Burch, Anna Burrige, Maureen Buting, Beverley Champion, Marilyn & Tony Chotem.

The Confession

Priest Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

People **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sharing of The Peace

All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

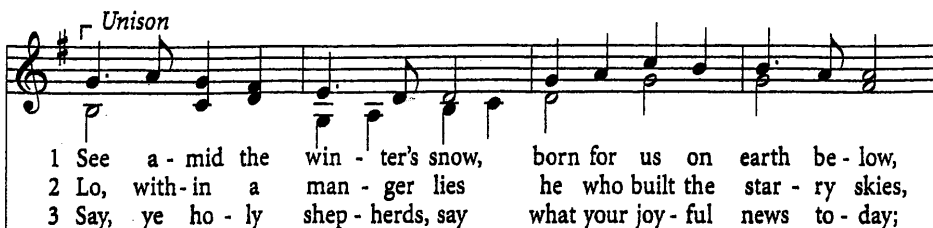
People **And with thy spirit.**

*The members of the community may greet each other in the name of the Lord.
(Please respect social distancing)*

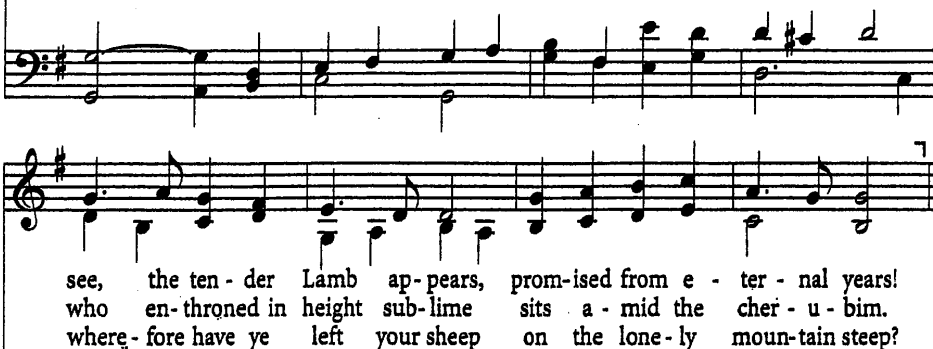
CHRISTIAN YEAR Christmas/Epiphany

148 See Amid the Winter's Snow

Unison



1 See a - mid the win - ter's snow, born for us on earth be - low,
2 Lo, with - in a man - ger lies he who built the star - ry skies,
3 Say, ye ho - ly shep - herds, say what your joy - ful news to - day;



see, the ten - der Lamb ap - pears, prom - ised from e - ter - nal years!
who en - throned in height sub - lime sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.
where - fore have ye left your sheep on the lone - ly moun - tain steep?

Refrain in harmony



Hail, thou ev - er bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn!



Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem: Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.

Text: Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt.
Music: John Goss (1800-1880).

7777 with refrain
SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Representatives of the people present the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharist (with money and other gifts for the needs and responsibilities of the Church) to the celebrant before the altar. Your thoughtful and generous gifts enable our worship and ministry to our world. We thank you.

The Doxology

All	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
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The Prayer Over the Gifts

Priest	Gracious God,
People	accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer (BCP)

Priest The Lord be with you;

People And with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts;

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

People It is meet and right so to do.

Priest It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, according to whose most true promise thou dost pour forth thy Spirit upon us, filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth: who dost give us power to proclaim the gospel to all nations and to serve thee as a royal priesthood.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

**People Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

**Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who 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; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, 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 ye all, of this; 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."

Priest Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded.

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

People **O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ

People **We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The Communion

Priest The Gifts of God, for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All who love God and desire Christ are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the Eucharistic Administrator know if you wish to receive one. Please note intinction, (dipping the bread into the wine), is not permitted.

This is the body of Christ

Words & music: John L. Bell

gently

This is the bo - dy of Christ, — bro - ken that we may be
whole; — this cup, as prom - ised by God, — true to his
word, cra - dles our Lord: — food for the good of the soul. —

CHRISTMAS

Still, Still, Still

47

1 Still, still, still: the night is calm and
2 Sleep, sleep, sleep: sweet Je - sus, soft - ly
3 Joy, joy, joy, glad tid - ings of great

still. The Christ - child in his crib lies sleep - ing,
sleep, while Ma - ry sings and gent - ly holds you,
joy! For through God's ho - ly in - car - na - tion

an - gels round him watch are keep - ing.
safe - ly in her arms en - folds you.
Christ is born for our sal - va - tion.

Still, still, still: the night is calm and still.
Sleep, sleep, sleep: sweet Je - sus soft - ly sleep.
Joy, joy, joy, glad tid - ings of great joy!

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Music: Austrian melody, arr. Walter Eirel 1963
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STILL, STILL, STILL
3 6 9 8 3 6

What Child Is This 137

Em D G D

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,

Em Am Bm Em D G

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 -

D Em Am B Em^{sus4} Em

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 Bm G D Em Am Bm

This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

Bm G D Em Am B Em^{sus4} Em

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Text: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898).
 Music: Melody English trad.; arr. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871, alt.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

**All Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

CHRISTIAN YEAR Christmas/Epiphany

138 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er -
 3 Hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of

new - born King, peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
 last - ing Lord; late in time be - hold him come,
 Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,

God and sin - ners re - con - ciled." Joy - ful, all ye
 off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
 risen with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his

na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 God - head see; hail, the in - car - nate de - i - ty,
 glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"
 pleased as one of us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec-ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King."

Text: Charles Wesley (1701–1788), alt.

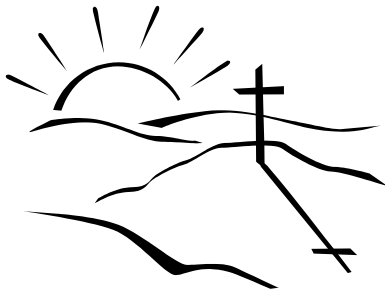
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Dismissal

Priest
People

Words of dismissal
Thanks be to God.

Postlude - for those who wish to remain



Please do join us downstairs in the Lounge for our tea and coffee fellowship.