



# ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## CHRISTMAS EVE

### Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist

December 24, 2019

4 P.M.

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#### If you are new or visiting ...

**To follow along with the service** all you need is this service bulletin.

**Families with small children:** Three seating areas at the front of the church are reserved for families with small children: the area under the array of paper cranes (for children age 3 and under), and the areas in front of the two front pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

**Education for All Ages** takes place from 9 to 9:45 A.M. on most Sundays during the academic year.

**Wireless access in the Sanctuary** is accessible by connecting to wireless network STEC – Guest. Your device will open a web browser and St. Thomas's website. Sunday bulletins are posted on the website's Bulletin Archive. We aim to reduce printing by encouraging worshippers to use their smart devices to follow the order of service.

**Restrooms for men and women** are located on the second floor. Go through the red double doors at the front of the church, up the stairs to the left, and to the far end of the hallway. An **all-gender restroom (with baby changing table)** in the Vesting Room, located opposite the red double doors at the front of the church.

**All are invited to receive Holy Communion.** Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each communion station; **non-alcoholic wine** is available from the chalice bearer at the center. Any difference will be explained during the announcements.

**To receive Holy Communion** hold out your hands, and the server will place bread in them. If you wish to receive wine, please sip it from the common cup, using both hands to guide the chalice to your lips.

The **Eucharistic Prayer** we are using tonight was written as a family-friendly alternative for Christmas by the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phillips. She currently serves as Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Westwood, MA.

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# MUSICAL PRELUDE

*At the ringing of the bell, please stand.*

## HYMN

O come, all ye faithful (83, *The Hymnal* 1982)

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;

*Refrain*

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

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

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others  
Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The presider says the following while the Advent and Christmas candles are lit*

Glory to you, Giver of all good gifts! We offer you glad thanks and praise for every blessing from your love, and especially for the best gift of yourself in the child Jesus. **Amen.**

*The presider says the following when the Baby Jesus is added to the Creche*

Holy One, you have entered our dangerous world as a baby, entrusted to the care of human arms and hearts; you call us to walk your way of vulnerability and tenderness, with firm resolve, by the grace of your indwelling Spirit. Lead us to serve and protect all your beloved children, with thankfulness and courage, in the name of your child Jesus, our Redeemer. **Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

Hark! the herald angels sing (87, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!  
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is in a 4/4 time signature and the key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The word 'Refrain' is written above the first few notes of the treble staff.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

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

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a young woman: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

*The congregation is invited to join in the singing of the hymns during the Pageant.*

**Narrator 1:** This is the story of the birth of the Christ Child whose name is Jesus. Many years before Jesus was born, people were waiting and hoping that God would send them a savior. A prophet told them to expect a child to be born who would be called the Prince of Peace.

**Isaiah:** Unto us a child is born; to us a son is given; the government shall be on his shoulders. His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Narrator 2:** Hallelujah! The words of the prophet are brought forth in the town of Bethlehem this night. Let us tell the story.

**Narrator 1:** [Pointing.] Look over there! The Angel Gabriel has been sent by God to Nazareth. Gabriel came to see Mary who was planning to marry a carpenter named Joseph. Listen to what the Angel Gabriel says.

**Gabriel:** Greetings. The Lord is with you. Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. God will give you a baby son and you shall call his name Jesus. He is the Messiah your people have hoped for.

**Mary:** I am God's beloved. Let it be as God wills.

**Narrator 2:** Many months passed, and the baby grew inside Mary. She and Joseph were looking forward with great joy to the birth of this child. They wondered what plans God had for his life.

**Narrator 1:** As the time came near that Mary would have her baby, the Roman Emperor ruled that everyone should go to their hometown to be counted. Joseph walked the long distance with Mary who was carried on a little donkey.

**Narrator 2:** After traveling so far, Mary and Joseph looked for a room in Bethlehem where they could spend the night.

**HYMN            O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM (VERSES 1 & 2)**

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

For Christ is born of Mary;  
and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth!  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to men on earth.

*The Holy Family enters by the center aisle, stopping three times.*

**Mary:** Do you have a room for the night?

**Congregation: No room!**

**Joseph:** Do you have a room for the night?

**Congregation: No room!**

**Mary and Joseph together:** Do you have a room for the night?

**The Last Innkeeper:** We have no room in the inn. You may go and sleep in the stable with the animals.

**Narrator 1:** And that very night, in a stable in the town of Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to her firstborn son. They named him Jesus.

**Narrator 2:** Mary wrapped the baby Jesus in bands of cloth and laid him in the manger.

**HYMN**

**AWAY IN A MANGER (VERSE 1)**

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

**Animal:** Who were the first to cry Nowell? We animals! We were the very first to see the Christ Child. He was born in our stable. He was laid in the manger where we eat our food. Fellow animals, come and bring love to the Baby Jesus.

**HYMN**

**AWAY IN A MANGER (VERSE 2)**

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

*Children dressed as animals come to the front.*

**Narrator 1:** The child looked around, and smiled to see the animals. Not far away, others were hearing the news.

**HYMN**

**THE FIRST NOWELL (VERSES 1 & 2)**

The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.  
They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

**Shepherd:** In that region there were shepherds keeping watch over their flocks during the night. And, the angel of the Lord came, and suddenly the glory of God was shining all around and they were very afraid. Shepherds, come and listen to the angel.

*Children dressed as shepherds come to the front.*

**HYMN**

**WHAT CHILD IS THIS? (VERSE 1)**

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

**Narrator 2:** And the Angel said to them:

**Angel:** Do not be afraid, for see I bring you good news of great joy, for all people. To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth, lying in a manger.

**Narrator 1:** And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the Heavenly Host, praising God and saying: Hallelujah! Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will among all. Look at all the beautiful angels coming to praise the new birth. Come angels, come.

*Children dressed as angels come to the front.*

**HYMN**

**ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH (VERSES 1 & 2)**

Angels we have heard on high,  
singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their brave delight.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see?  
What glad tidings did you hear?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

**Narrator 2:** So they all came to Bethlehem, animals, shepherds, and angels. They were glad and quiet and they worshiped Jesus, the newborn king.

## HYMN

## THE FRIENDLY BEASTS

Jesus our brother, strong and good,  
Was humbly born in a stable rude,  
And the friendly beasts around him stood,  
Jesus our brother, strong and good.

"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown,  
"I carried his mother up hill and down;  
I carried his mother to Bethlehem town."  
"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

"I," said the cow, all white and red,  
"I gave him my manger for his bed;  
I gave him my hay to pillow his head."  
"I," said the cow, all white and red.

"I," said the sheep with curly horn,  
"I gave him my wool for his blanket warm;  
He wore my coat on Christmas morn."  
"I," said the sheep with curly horn.

"I," said the dove from rafters high,  
"I cood Him to sleep so he would not cry;  
We cood Him to sleep my mate and I."  
"I," said the dove from rafters high.

And all the beasts, by some good spell,  
In the stable dark were glad to tell,  
Of the gifts they gave Emmanuel,  
Of the gifts they gave Emmanuel.

*Please stand for the Prayers of the People.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Priest*

In the stillness of this holy season of Christmas, let us pray to God, saying, "God of love, hear our prayer."

*Intercessor and People*

Christians around the world are celebrating the birth of your son, Jesus. Unite us in faith, that we may shine with one light, and scatter all darkness. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

You pierced the cosmic silence with the utterance of your Word made flesh. Inspire leaders everywhere with your message of compassion and reconciliation. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

By joining heaven and earth in your son, you affirmed the holiness of our earthly habitation. Encourage all people to bless it, and to keep it a hallowed home for all its occupants. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

The Messiah is born, and promise is born anew. Renew our hope, individually and as a community, and strengthen the bonds we share with others, both within and beyond these walls. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Shepherds heard and conveyed your angel's good news of great joy. Give us grace to understand and share your gospel of love. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Multitudes of heavenly host proclaimed glory to you and peace on earth. Kindle in our hearts the courage and strength to work for justice and liberation. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus came to us as a baby cradled in a borrowed bed of straw, because there was no room at the inn. Open our eyes and hearts to the needs of the homeless and the hungry. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

You sent Jesus to illuminate all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Tend the embers of comfort and healing for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

By making Jesus incarnate in the world, you offered to all people the blessing of holiness. Lend your glory to those who have died, and at the last day gather us all in your eternal life. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Hear the concerns and gratitude of your people here gathered, offered silently or aloud.

*Presider*

God of love, the feast of Christmas reminds us that you are with us at all times and in all places; hear our prayer, and send your Holy Spirit to guide us more certainly upon the way of your Holy Child, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

*Al stand.*

## **THE PEACE**

**Presider:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The lights are raised. The People greet one another with a sign of peace, and then are seated for brief announcements. After the announcements, the People remain seated for the **Offertory Music**, during which the collection is taken.*

## **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*During the singing of the **Offertory Hymn**, the People stand, the Ushers carry the gifts forward, and the altar is prepared. Our usual practice is for the People to encircle the altar for the Eucharistic prayer, but for this service we ask you to remain in the pews.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

Angels we have heard on high (96, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**  
**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:**  
**A FAMILY-FRIENDLY EUCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS**

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

*Presider*

Holy God, our Source and Ending, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks to you! You have called all creation into being! You set the earth on its foundations, spread out the heavens like a tent, set a boundary to the seas, filled the world with your creatures, and then called all things good. The heavenly beings are your messengers night and day, and with them we give glory to you and sing:

**SANCTUS**

S-130, *The Hymnal 1982*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a four-system musical score for a hymn. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests and ties.

*Presider*

In these latter days, God leaned toward the earth and spoke to us by a Son, Jesus the Beloved. Born of our sister Mary and the Holy Spirit, cared for by our brother Joseph, Jesus came among us as a baby, human as we are, in need of human love. Though humbly born, kings honored him, and emperors feared him.

The Word of God made flesh and full of grace, a child in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, was sent to deliver us from sin, from the power of evil, and from the fear of death. As a man, Jesus surrendered his might upon the cross. As the risen Anointed One, he is enthroned at God's right hand. At the end of days, he will bring mercy and justice to all the earth.

And so, rejoicing in all God has done for us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again!**

*Presider*

We remember that Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take, eat, This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper, Jesus took a cup of wine, blessed it, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

Holy God, as you visited us in the birth of Jesus, visit us now by the power of your Spirit in this bread and wine. Make them for us the Body and Blood of Christ, the banquet of heaven here on earth. Shed your grace brighter than starlight upon us, that we may bear your good tidings to all, and renew the weary world in your name: the name of Emmanuel, God-With-Us, to whom in joy we give honor and glory, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.*

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| <b>Our Father, who art in heaven,<br/>hallowed be thy Name,<br/>thy kingdom come,<br/>thy will be done,<br/>on earth as it is in heaven.<br/>Give us this day our daily bread.<br/>And forgive us our trespasses,</b> | <b>as we forgive those<br/>who trespass against us.<br/>And lead us not into temptation,<br/>but deliver us from evil.<br/>For thine is the kingdom,<br/>and the power, and the glory,<br/>for ever and ever. Amen.</b> |
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### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

### FRACTION ANTHEM

S-164, *The Hymnal 1982*

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

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

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

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Baptism is not required; church membership is not required. At the usher's direction, please proceed up the center aisle to receive communion, and then return to your seat via a side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at each station; non-alcoholic wine is available from the chalice bearer at the center. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

It came upon the midnight clear (89, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that  
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with  
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the  
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing  
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly  
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly  
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;  
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from  
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they  
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn  
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its  
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and  
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!  
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt. Music: *Carol*, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900)

The electric lights will be dimmed, and the congregation will remain seated to sing "Silent night, holy night."

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN

Silent night, holy night (Hymn 111, *The Hymnal 1982*)

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

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
 hea - ven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)  
 Music: *Silte Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863), harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

*After all have received communion, the people remain seated for a period of silence. Then all stand.*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Mysterious God,**

**we thank you for feeding us with yourself;**

**and for making yourself known to us**

**in the holy child Jesus, the Christ.**

**Let us carry within our hearts your Holy Spirit,**

**that same Spirit which was in Jesus,**

**so that that we may help bring your peace**

**to all the earth in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*Presider*

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

## FINAL HYMN

Joy to the world! (100, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
\*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

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

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

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

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

**DISMISSAL**

Priest: *[The Priest dismisses the People.] [Alleluia, Alleluia!]*  
 Priest: **Thanks be to God. [Alleluia, Alleluia!]**

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729  
 J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

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## *Christmas Offerings*

*Max Ballard*

*Ricardo & Jenny Chavira, in memory of Maria & Rosario Gonzalez*

*Dexter Cheney*

*Jakki Flanagan & Keri Aubert, in memory of Mary Ann & Pat Flanagan and Ginny & AJ Aubert*

*Robert & Lorna Herdt*

*James Mansfield, in memory of Robert & Sharon Mansfield, Roy Graham & Sally Lawson,  
and Kenneth & Caroline Mansfield*

*Dwight Miller*

*Gary Robison*

*Don & Denise Terry, in memory of Dorothy Asch*

## **St. Thomas's Choir**

(\* Section Leader)

### **Soprano**

Carolyn Brunelle  
Jenna Freudenburg  
Jennifer A. Herdt  
Genevieve Nuttall  
Alexandria Robison  
Madison Thompson  
\* Maggie Lieberman  
\* Sherezade Panthaki

### **Alto**

Isabel Dunlap  
Cora Marieke Hagens  
Linda Meyer  
Erika V. Nemeti  
Elizabeth Peters  
Heather Robison  
\* Joy Wang

### **Tenor**

\* Hannah Goodwillie

### **Bass**

\* Peter Lifland



*Wishing you a very  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
and a  
**BLESSED NEW YEAR!***

*We look forward  
to seeing you  
in 2020!*

## **Announcements**

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"like" St. Thomas's on Facebook.*

**Office Closing.** With the Day School, the Church office is closed until Monday, January 6.

**Next Delight Night (Parish Social):** Friday, January 10, 6 p.m.

**THANK YOU** to all who make possible our Christmas worship: acolytes, sacristans, and ushers; lectors and intercessors; all involved with the Pageant; the Choir; the Church decorators; and the Church staff.

For more information and announcements, see our website and last week's Weekly Parish Enews.

## Serving Christmas Eve at 4 p.m.

**Presider:** The Rev. Keri Aubert  
**Assisting Priests:** The Rev. Canon K. Dexter Cheney, The Rev. Jakki Flanagan  
**Organist:** Dr. Noah Horn  
**Pageant Director:** Denise Terry  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Kyle Holton  
**Crucifer:** Eden Holton  
**Chalice:** Judy Thompson  
**Intercessor:** Judy Thompson  
**Ushers:** Greg D'Andrea  
**Sacristans:** Judy Thompson, Val & Greg Echols  
**Flowers:** Sally Edwards & Judy Thompson

## Serving Christmas Eve at 10 p.m.

**Presider and Preacher:** The Rev. Keri Aubert  
**Assisting Priests:** The Rev. Jakki Flanagan  
**Choir Director & Organist:** Dr. Noah Horn  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Sally Edwards  
**Crucifer:** Michael Dunlap  
**Lectors:** Jennifer Herdt, Don Edwards  
**Intercessor:** Craig Bottiger  
**Usher:** Gary Robison  
**Sacristans:** Judy Thompson, Val & Greg Echols  
**Flowers:** Sally Edwards & Judy Thompson

## Serving Christmas Day

**Presider:** The Rev. Keri Aubert  
**Organist:** Dr. Noah Horn  
**Flowers:** Sally Edwards & Judy Thompson

## Leadership at St. Thomas's

### Church Officers and Vestry

Kyle Holton (Senior Warden)  
Denise Terry (Junior Warden)  
Ricardo Chavira (Treasurer)  
Linda Meyer (Clerk)  
Thomas Hogan  
Elizabeth Peters  
Alexandria Robison  
Catherine Stricklan  
Joann Sweasy  
The Rev. Keri Aubert (Rector)

### Church (Volunteer) Associate Priests

The Rev. Canon K. Dexter Cheney  
The Rev. Jakki Flanagan

### Day School Board of Trustees

Gina Panza (Head of School)  
The Rev. Keri Aubert (President, Day School Corp.)  
Gina Criscuolo (Chair)  
John Forrest (Vice-Chair)  
Tracey Meares (Treasurer)  
Eileen O'Donnell (Secretary)  
Alexander Babbidge  
Christopher Cavallaro  
Don Edwards  
William English  
Jeralyn Fantarella  
Kenneth Paul  
Tony Reyes  
Kathryn Crabb Scherer  
Denise Terry  
Heather Tookes Alexopoulos

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