Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

The Eve of the Nativity

Tuesday, December 24, 2024
Nine Thirty in the Evening

WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

Whatever brings you here, and whoever you are,
we are glad you are here!

First Time Worshipping at St. Paul's?

St. Paul's is an Episcopal Church and uses liturgy or language for worship from *The Book of Common Prayer*. While we use a variety of other resources, all the words and music needed for today's service are found in this bulletin. There are helpful tips on when to stand and sit; however, do what feels most comfortable for you throughout the service.

Are you new to St. Paul's or the surrounding area?

Let us know by filling out a Welcome Card located in the pew rack and on the website, and we will connect with you. We also have a Welcome Table you can visit following the service in the Gathering Space of the Parish House.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the Parish House. You are welcome to use the bathroom that best aligns with your gender identity.

Nursery

The nursery is open for this service. There is a child-size restroom and a changing table available as well as the ability to hear service.

Contact the Clergy

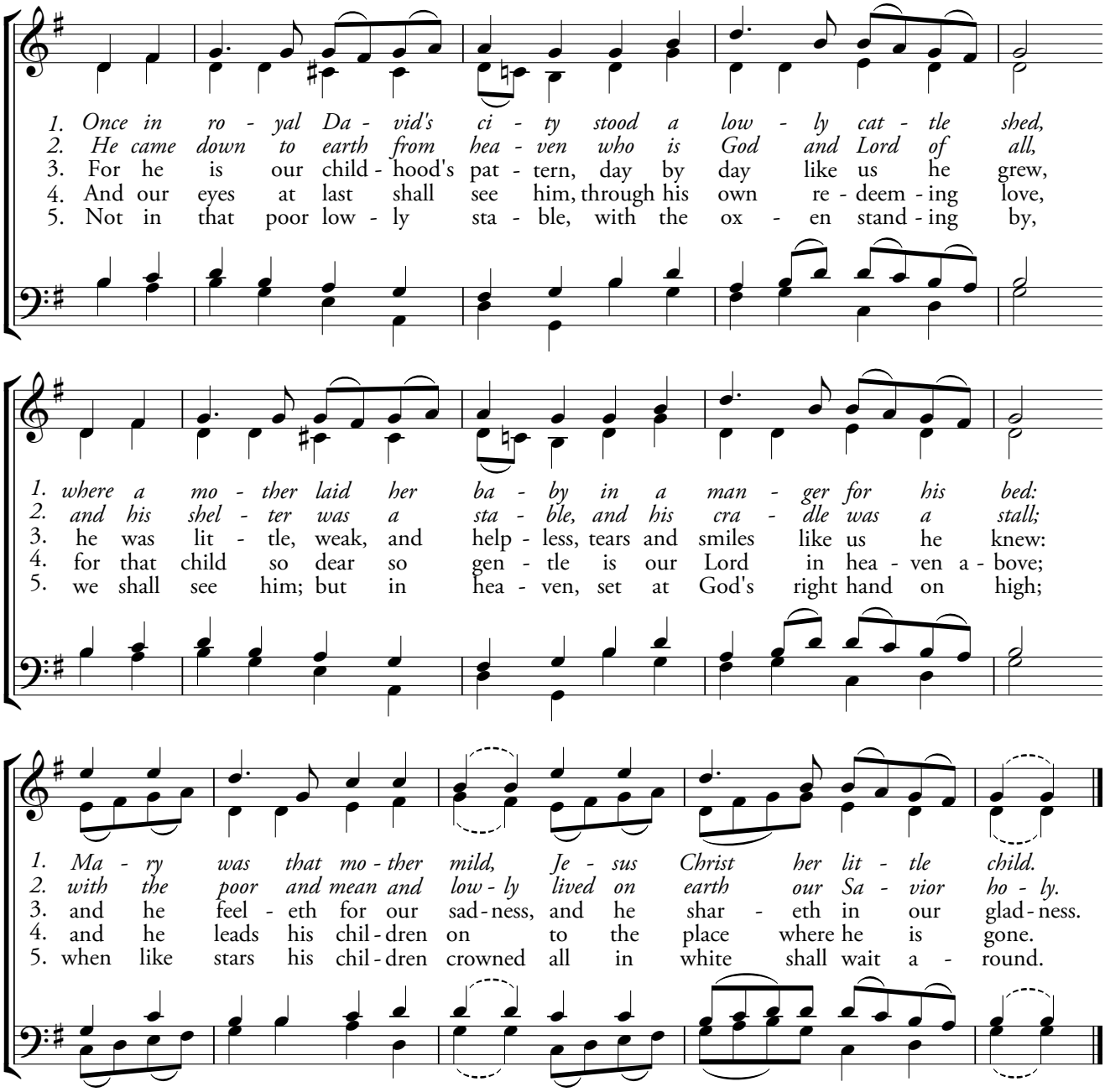
The St. Paul's clergy are eager to hear from you and to support you. On most Sundays a member of the clergy is available to pray with you during Communion at the station to the left of the altar railing. If you are going through a life transition, have an emergency, or are in need of pastoral care for any other reason, please call the church at 804.643.3589.

For Families and Children During Worship

Young ones need to be able to see and experience worship. Our ushers are happy to direct you to our **Family Space** at the front of the church where you will find picture books, paper and crayons, and small hand-held toys. We also have **Worship Bags** as you enter the church that contain **Children's Bulletins**, paper and crayons. During the **Gospel Procession**, children and families are encouraged to participate, and Children's Chapel follows. Kids will leave with our staff to participate in their own time of prayer and fellowship. They will return after the sermon during the Peace.

The Prelude

Hymn

The people remain seated for the hymns during the prelude. The choir sings stanzas 1 and 2, the people join in singing on stanza 3.

Text: Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-1895)

Music: *Irby,* melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929); desc. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Anthem

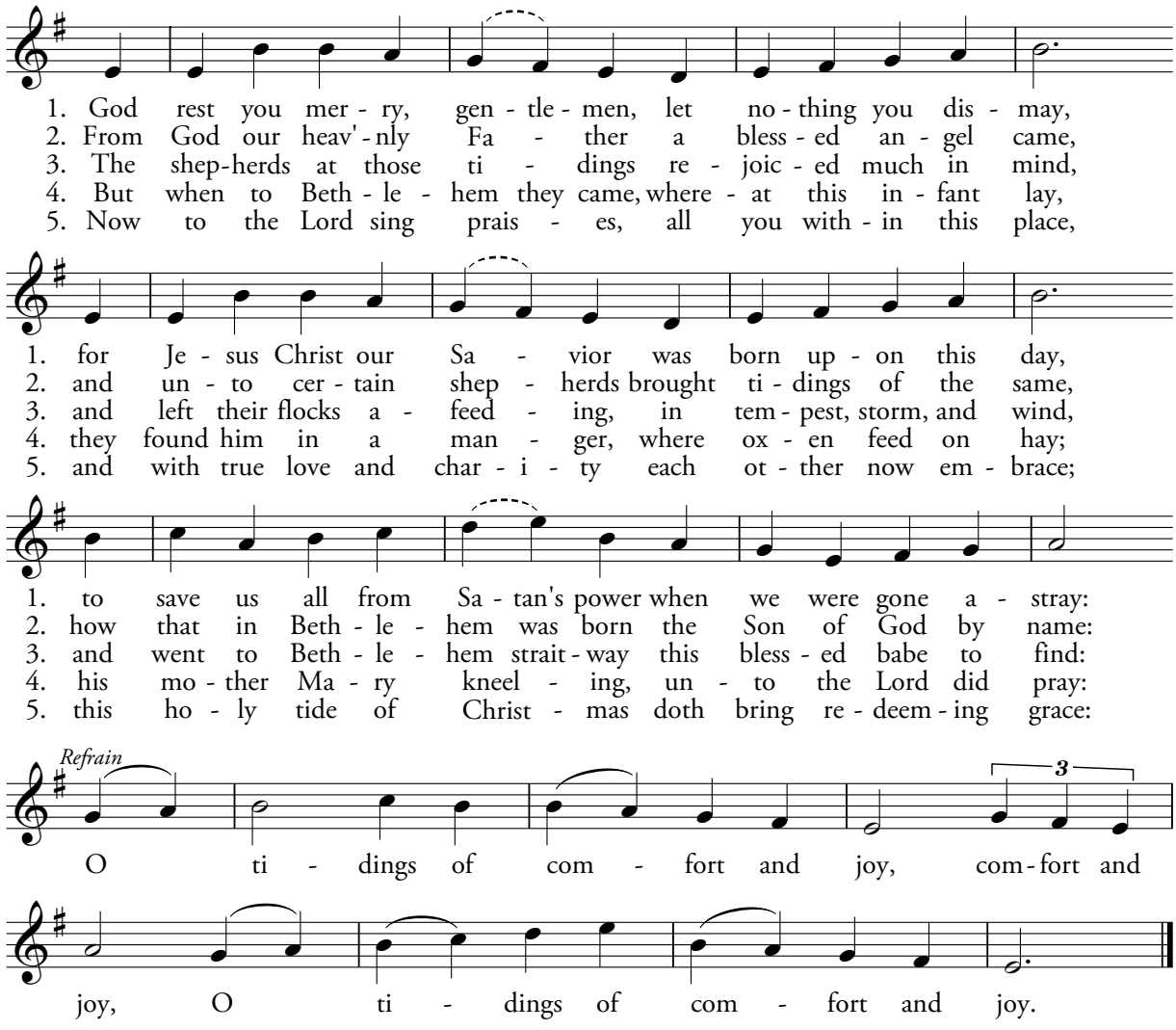
Who is there that singeth so? I am here, Sir Christèmas.
Welcome, my lord Sir Christèmas! Welcome to all, both more and less!
Come near! Nowell, nowell.

Dieu vous garde, beaux sieurs, tidings I you bring:
A maid hath borne a child full young, which causeth you to sing:
Nowell, nowell.

Christ is now born of a pure maid, born of a pure maid;
In an ox-stall he is laid,Wherefore sing we at a brayde:
Nowell, nowell.

Buvez bien, buvez bien par toute la compagnie.
Make good cheer and be right merry, and sing with us now joyfully:
Nowell, nowell!

Text: Anonymous (16th century)
Music: William Mathias (1934-1992)

Hymn

Text: London carol, 18th cent.
Music: *God Rest You Merry,* melody from *Little Book of Christmas Carols,* ca. 1850; harm. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Anthem

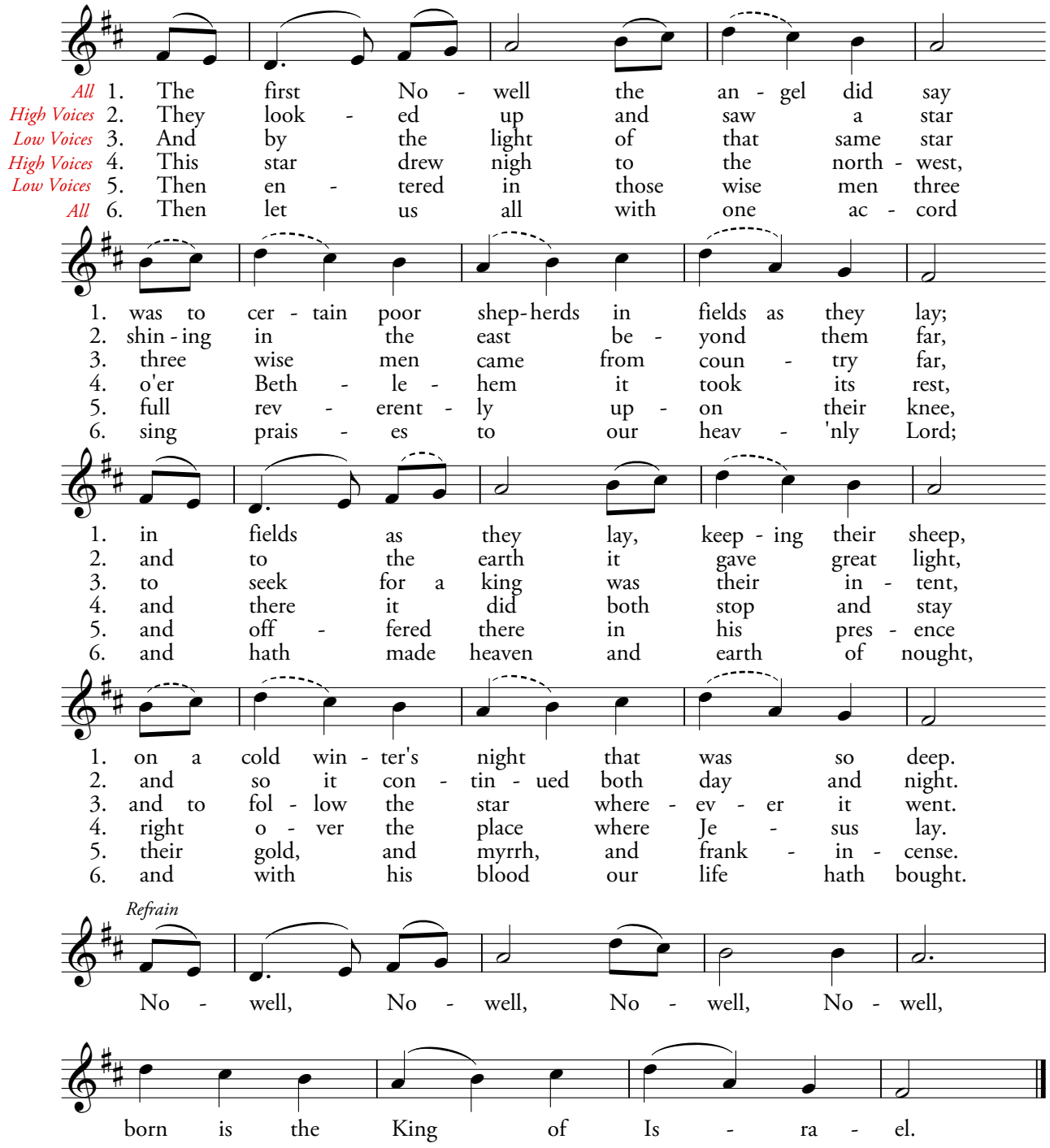
Softly through the winter's darkness shines a light,
Clear and still in Bethlehem on Christmas Night
Round the stable where a virgin mother mild
Watches over Jesus Christ the holy child.

Shepherds kneel in adoration by his bed;
Seraphim in glory hover round his head.
Wise men, guided by the leading of a star,
Bring him gifts of precious treasure from afar.

Choirs of angels sing to greet his wondrous birth:
Christ our Lord in human form comes down to earth.
'Glory to God in highest heav'n' their joyful strain:
'Peace on earth, goodwill to men' the glad refrain.

Lullaby! the child lies sleeping: sing lullaby!
Safe in Mary's tender keeping: sing lullaby!
Guardian angels keep their watch till break of day:
Lullaby! sweet Jesus sleeps among the hay.

Alleluia! let the earth rejoice today!
Christ is born to take our sins and guilt away.
Praise the Lord who sent him down from heav'n above:
Holy infant, born of God the Father's love.

Text: John Rutter (b. 1945)
Music: Melody from Arbeau's *Orchésographie*, 1588; arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

Text: English Carol, 18th cent.
Music: *The First Nowell,* English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901); desc. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Anthem

Do you hear what I hear?

Said the Night Wind to the little lamb,
"Do you see what I see? Way up in the sky, little lamb,
Do you see what I see? A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite, with a tail as big as a kite."

Said the Little Lamb to the shepherd boy,
"Do you hear what I hear? Ringing thro' the sky, shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear? A song, a song, high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea, with a voice as big as the sea."

Said the Shepherd Boy to the mighty King,
"Do you know what I know? In your palace warm, mighty King,
Do you know what I know? A child, a child, shivers in the cold,
Let us bring him silver and gold, let us bring him silver and gold."

Said the King to the people ev'rywhere,
"Listen to what I say, pray for peace people ev'rywhere,
Listen to what I say, a child, a child, sleeping in the night,
He will bring us goodness and light, He will bring us goodness and light."

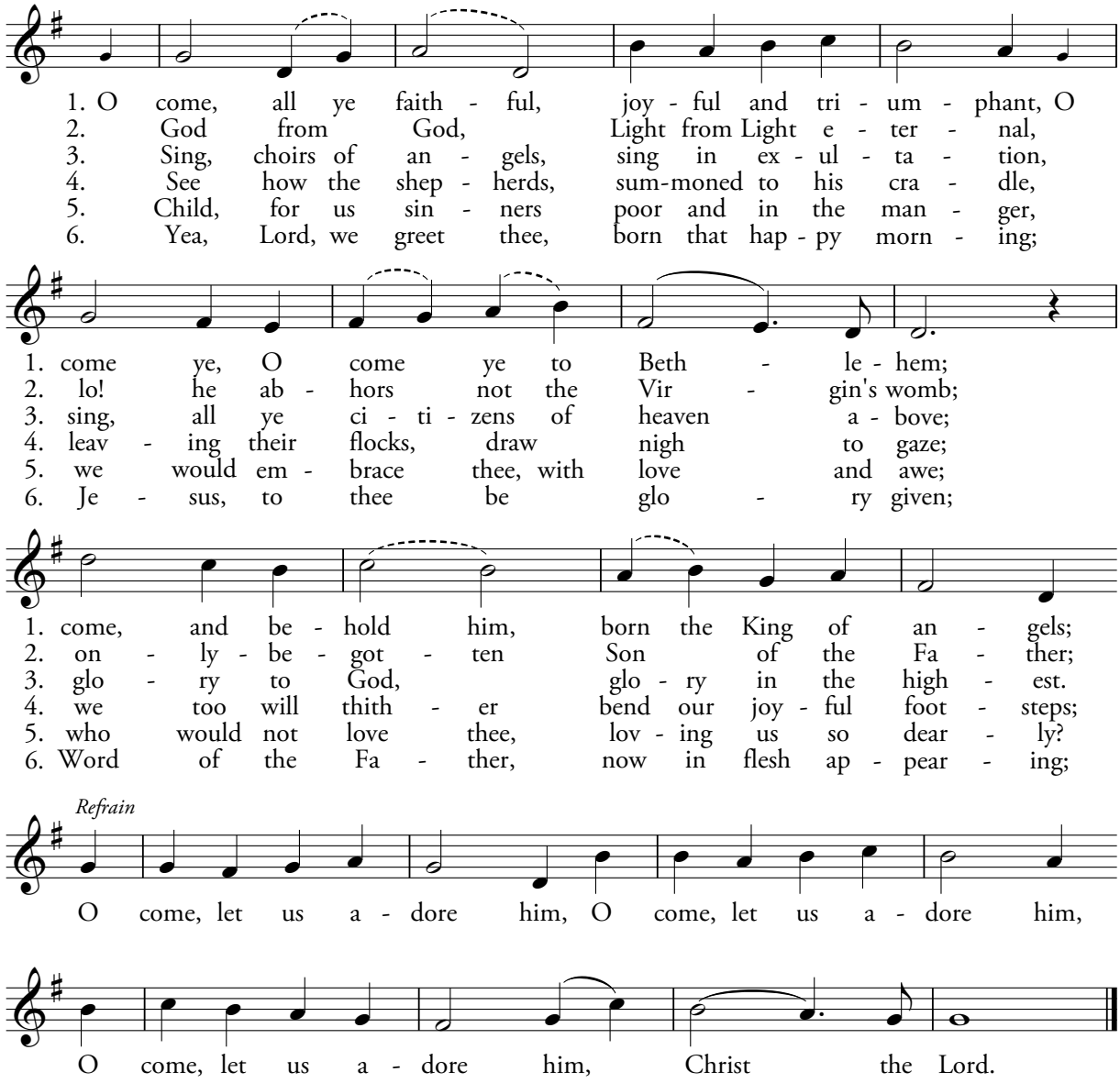
Text: Noël Regney (1922-2002)
Music: Gloria Shayne Baker (1923-2008); arr. Alyn Ainsworth (1924-1990)

Organ Voluntary

Carillon on a Ukrainian Carol — Gerald Near (b. 1942)

The Entrance Rite

Hymn

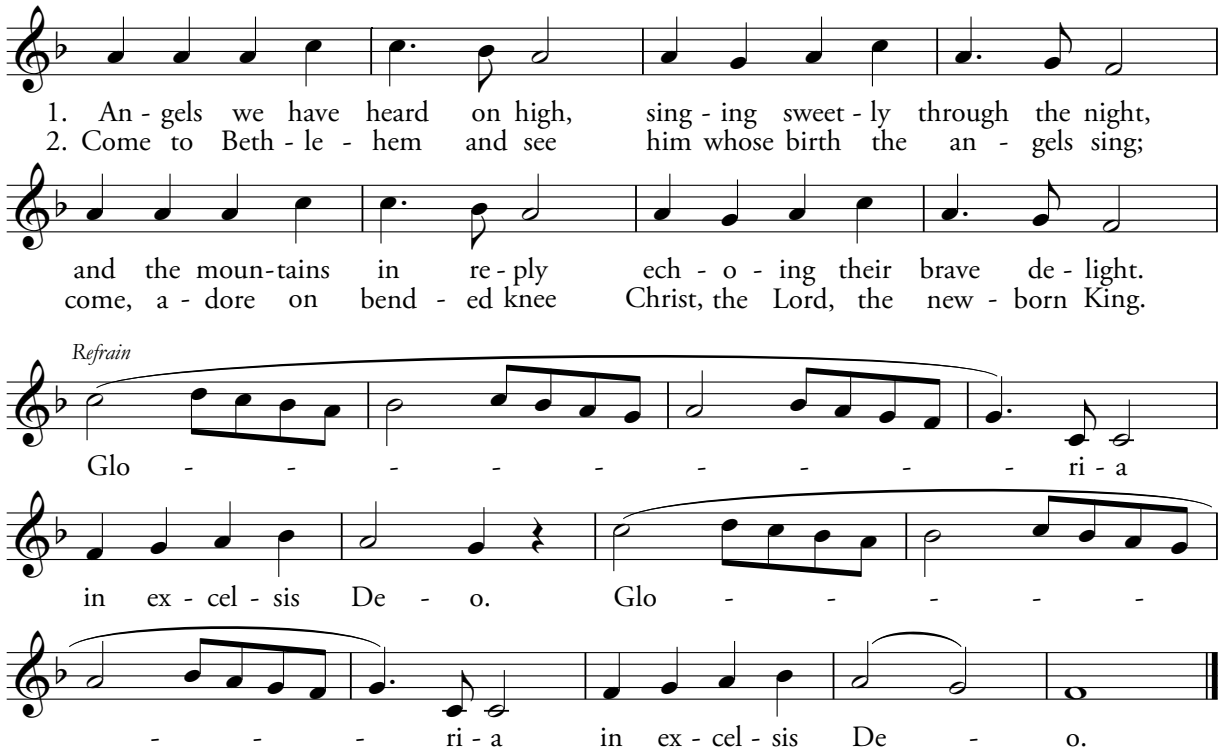
The people stand and sing.

Text: 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; desc. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us;
People **And we beheld God's glory.**

Hymn



Text: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.
Music: *Gloria,* French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

The Collect of the Day

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

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson

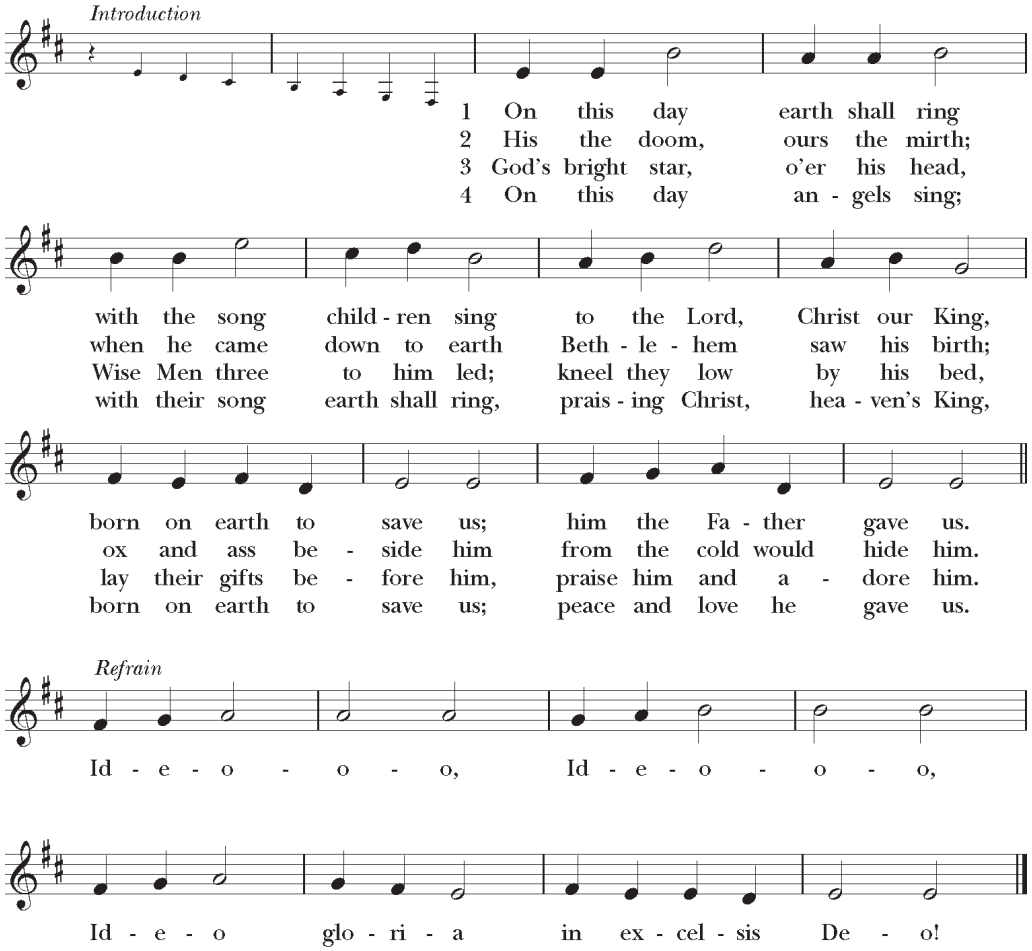
Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Silence is kept.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Text: *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; tr. Jane M. Joseph (1894-1929)

Music: *Personent hodie,* melody from *Piae Cantiones,* 1582; harm. Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

The Second Lesson

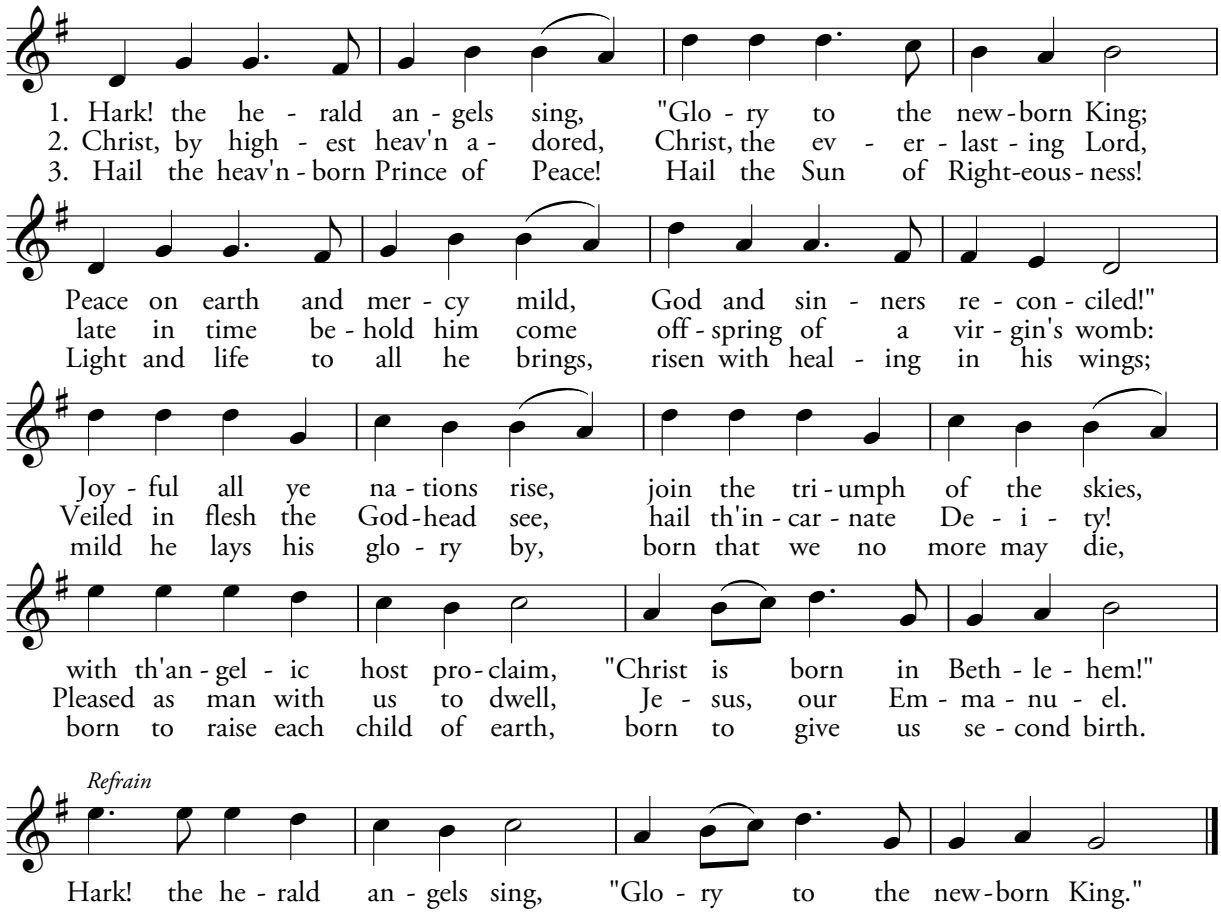
Titus 2:11-14

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

Silence is kept.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), George Whitefield (1714-1770), Martin Madan (1727-1790), and others

Music: *Mendelssohn,* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915); desc. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom God favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev'd Charles Dupree, D.Min., *Rector*

The Prayers of the People

The people stand.

Presider As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us to the end of time.

Intercessor With all our heart and all our mind, we pray to you, O Lord:
People **Make us instruments of your peace.**

Intercessor For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord:
People **Where there is hatred, let us sow love.**

Intercessor For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord:
People **Where there is injury, let us sow pardon.**

Intercessor For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord;
People **Where there is discord, let us sow union.**

Intercessor For those who do not yet believe, for those who have lost their faith, and those in despair and darkness that they may receive the light of faith, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Where there is doubt, let us sow faith.**

Intercessor We pray for the poor, the persecuted, the sick, especially those who have asked for our prayers. *(During the silence, add your petitions)*. We pray for all who suffer and those in danger. *(During the silence, add your petitions)*. We pray for those who are far away from family and friends. *(During the silence, add your petitions)*. We pray for comfort and protection, O Lord:

People **Where there is despair, let us sow hope.**

Intercessor For the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church; for Sean our Presiding Bishop; for Mark, our Bishop; and for this parish family, that in faithful witness we may spread God's love near and far, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Where there is darkness, let us sow light.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially those we name now. *(During the silence, add your petitions).* We also remember those who have died as a result of addiction, disease, conflict, or any manifestation of violence and hatred. For all the departed and those who are grieving, may they find comfort and be at peace, we pray to you, O Lord:

People **Where there is sadness, let us sow joy.**

Intercessor Your own intercessions and thanksgivings are now invited silently or aloud.

During the silence, add your petitions and thanksgivings.

People **Grant that we 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.**

Presider Living God, source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we come to see the true light who shines throughout the world and may we be the light that reveals truth and love to all of your people. This we ask in the name of the one who sleeps helplessly in the manger, Child of God.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.

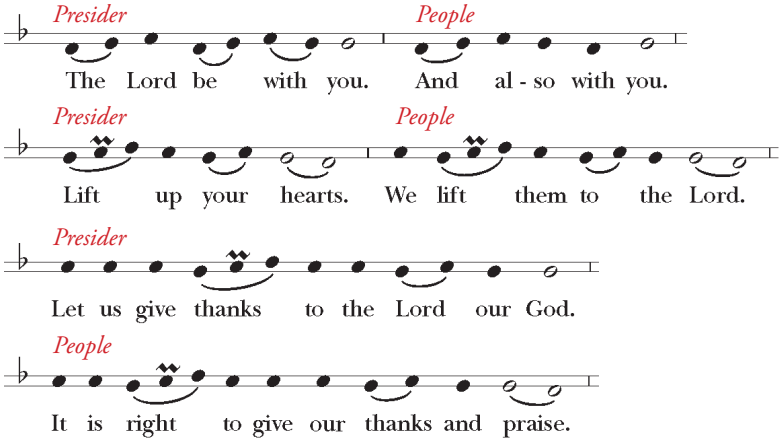
While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

Text: Afro-American spiritual, 19th century; adapt. John Wesley Work III (1901-1967)
Music: Afro-American spiritual, 19th century; arr. Paul Halley (b. 1952)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people stand.

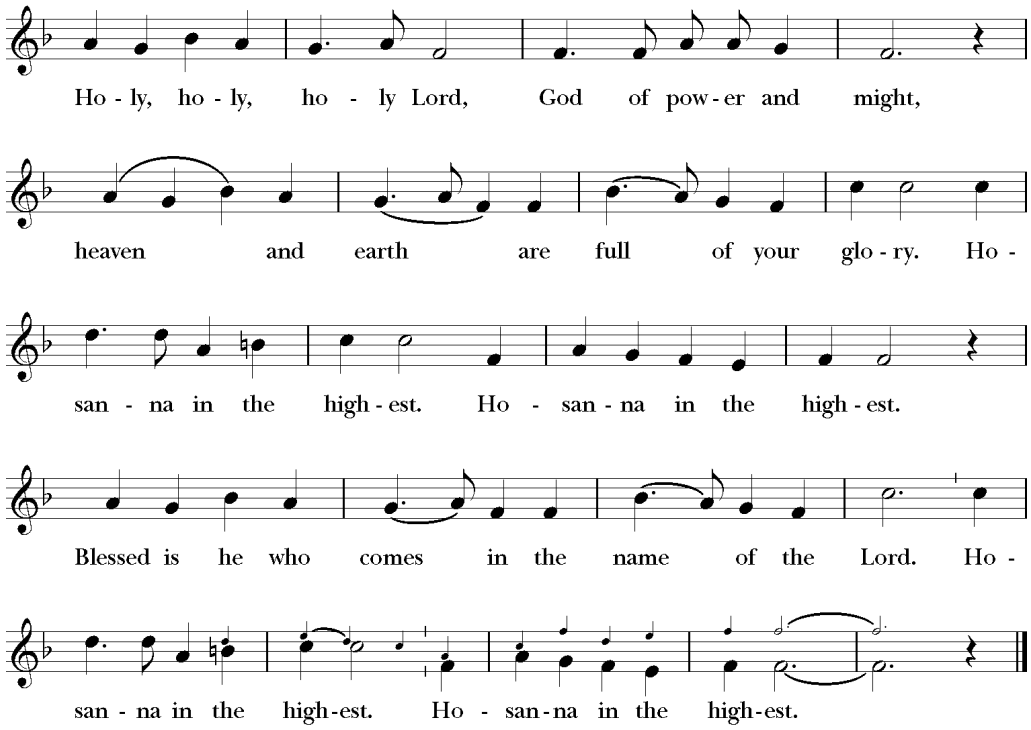


The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim to the glory of your Name:



Text: Mass Ordinary, Fifth century
Music: from *A Community Mass;* Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

The people stand or kneel as the Presider continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

The people say with the Presider.

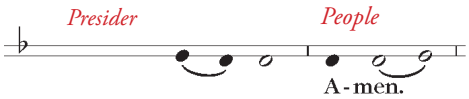
We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Paul, Mary, and all your saints, we may

enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

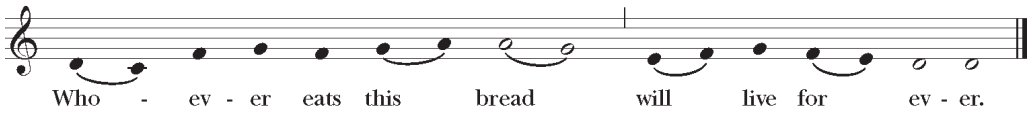
By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

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

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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the bread followed by silence. Then Antiphon is first sung by the choir, then by all; the verses are sung by the choir.



This is the true bread which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world. ***Antiphon***

Whoever believes in me shall not hunger or thirst,
for the bread which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. ***Antiphon***

Text: drawn from John 6:51b, 33, 35, 51c
Music: Mode 1 melody, adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

The Invitation to the Table and Holy Communion

All are welcome at God's table. An usher will signal when you may go forward. All are invited to the altar rail to receive the sacraments (bread and wine) or a blessing. Bread will be placed in your hand by the priest. If you choose to receive the wine, the preferred (and most sanitary) way is by drinking from the common cup, guiding it by the base to your lips. While our preference is to keep fingers OUT of the chalice, if you plan to intinct, please use hand sanitizer before coming to the altar rail. Hand sanitizers are located on the tables in the front and back of the church.

Anthem at Communion

Shepherds, called by angels,
called by love and angels;
no place for them but a stable.

Sages, searching for stars,
searching for love in heaven;
no place for them but a stable.

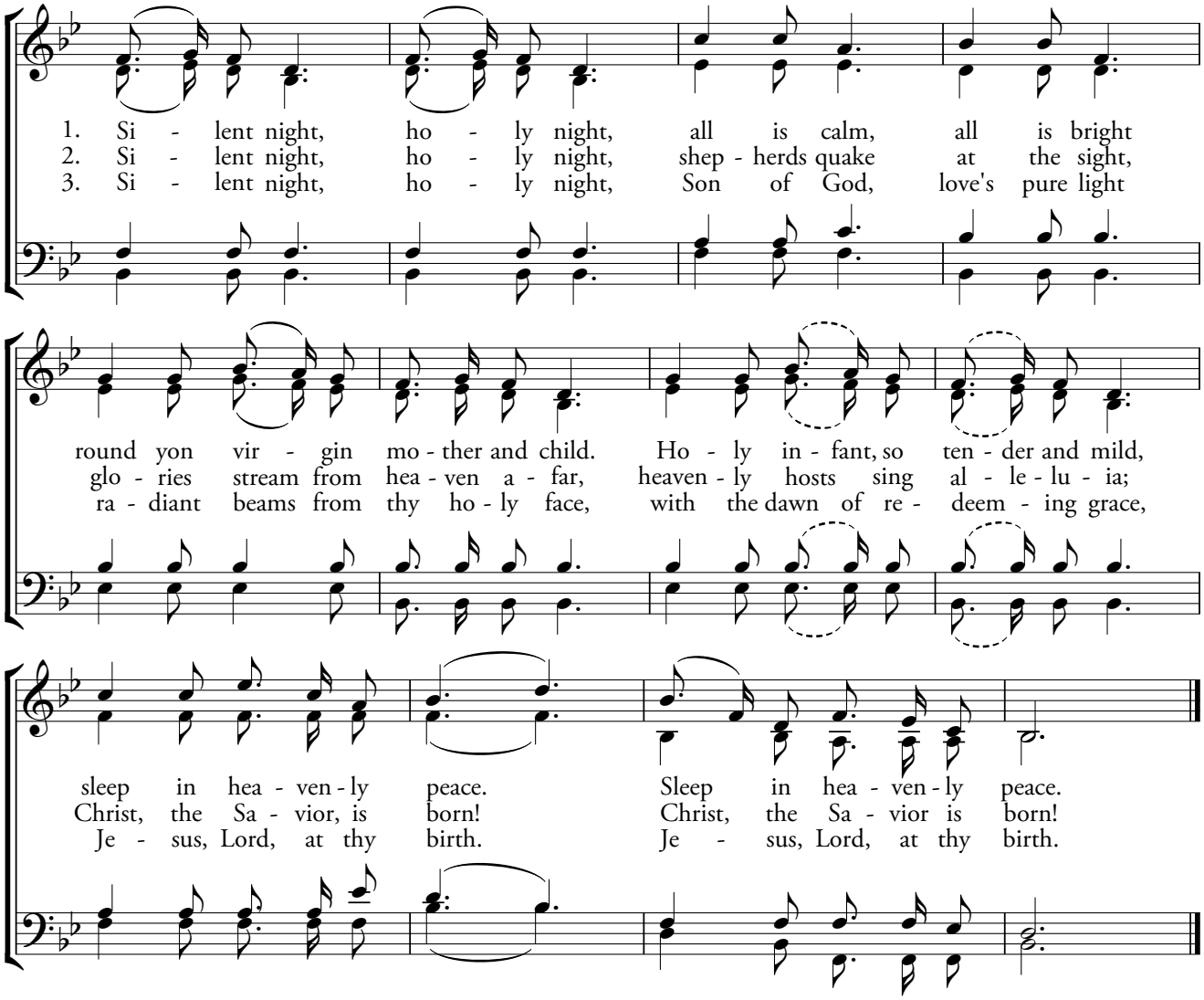
My Lord has come,
my Lord has come,
my Lord has come.

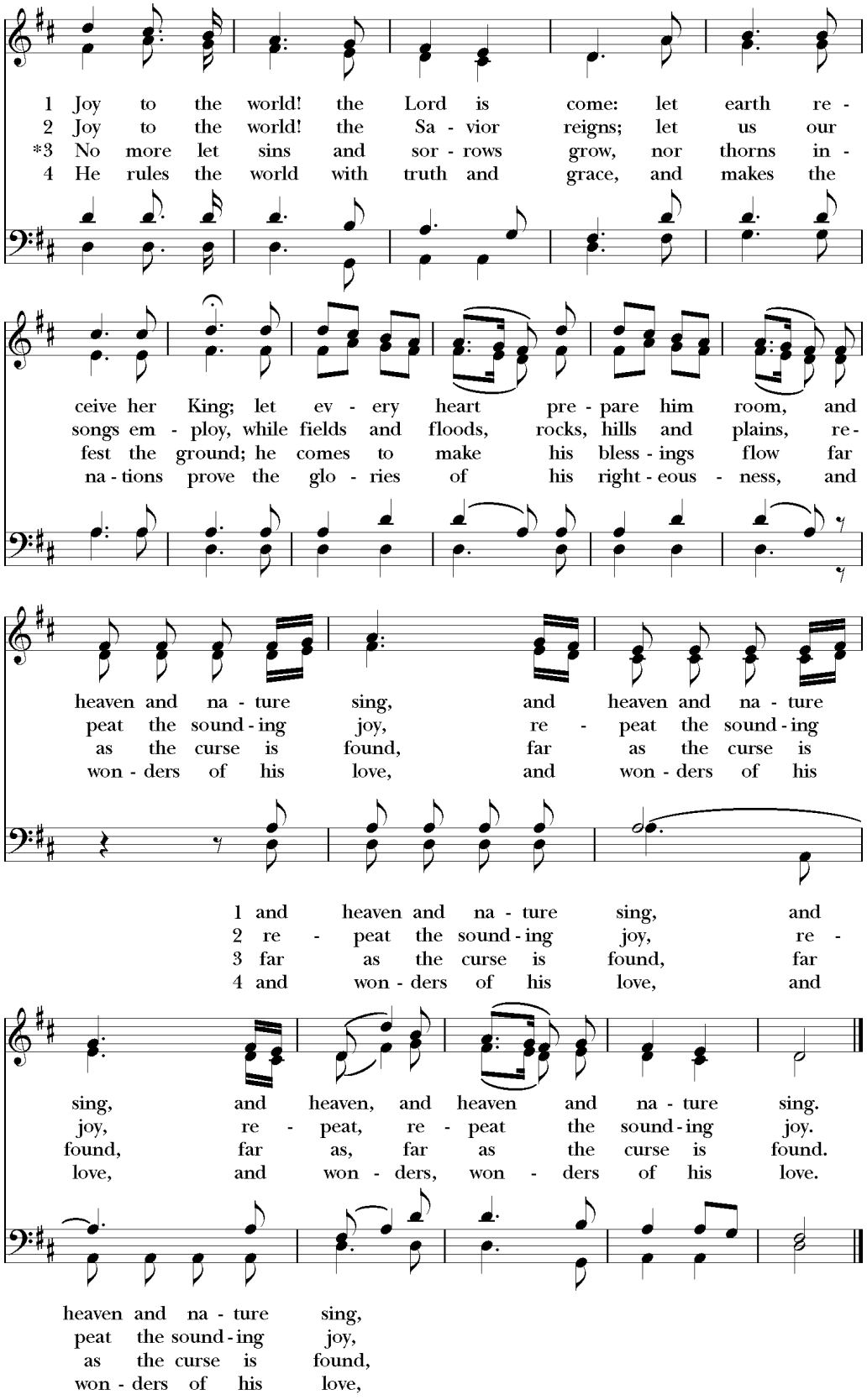
His love will hold me,
his love will cherish me,
love will cradle me.

Lead me, lead me to see him,
sages and shepherds and angels;
no place for them but a stable.

Text & Music: Will Todd (b. 1970)

Hymn

Once everyone has received communion, the acolytes will process down the aisles to light the tapers. The people on the ends of the aisle then pass the light from one another, tilting the unlit candle. The hymn is sung kneeling.

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

HYMN

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.
Music: *Antioch,* George Frideric Handel (1685-1759);
adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872);

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the light of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Organ Voluntary

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella — Keith Chapman (1945–1989)

Participants

Clergy

The Rev'd Charles Dupree, D.Min., *Rector*
The Rev'd Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Community Engagement*
The Rev'd Rainey G. Dankel, *Associate for Worship and Liturgy*

Musicians

Christopher Reynolds, D.M.A., *Director of Music & Organist*
Crystal Jonkman, *Music Associate*
The Saint Paul's Choir
Bentley Cobb, *Percussionist*

Lectors

Art Kellermann
Leila Taaffe

Intercessor

Douglas Callaway

Acolytes

Henry Mann
James Mann
Sally Ray Griffith

Eucharistic Ministers

Cynthia Ellis
Christopher West

2024 Christmas Flowers

- Given by Jane Baird Hyde in loving memory of Dr. Charles Lewis Baird, Jr., and Olin Volney Hyde
- Given by Susan Scott in loving memory of Sidney Buford Scott
- Given by Bettina Nelson in loving memory of William H. Mann
- Given by Rainey Dankel in loving memory of Thad Dankel, Frank Raysor, and Rachel Smylie
- Given by Cindy, David and Si Wofford in loving memory of Caroline Gray Wofford
- Given by Jamie Kennedy and Daniel Blichasz in loving memory of Robyn Kennedy
- Given by Connie Rice in loving memory of Lee P. Rice
- Given by Celia Luxmoore in loving memory of David Baker
- Given by Maria and Joel Everett in loving memory of their parents Mary and Fred Everett, Kathryn and Alexander Kissal, and Maria's sister Joanne Kissal
- Given by Nan Ellen and Dick Ritsch in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm E. Ritsch, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Williams, Jr., and Mr. Harvey L. Williams, III
- Given by Wilson and Liz Whitehurst in loving memory of Marie and Jim Keller, and Betty Whitehurst
- Given by Mike and Lynn Kotrady in loving memory of our parents Charlotte G. Tyndall and C. Ford Genzet Sr. and our brothers, Charles F. Ganzert, Jr., and Donald W. Kotrady
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Expansive Language and Creativity
A Few Notes about Worship at St. Paul's

St. Paul's seeks to be a welcoming, open, and inclusive community that values creativity, beauty, and mystery. We try to reflect this mission in our worship so that those from various backgrounds and perspectives will feel at home. We also hope that our worship reflects both a respect and honoring of the traditions of the Anglican church, while also seeking to give voice to how God is speaking in our current contexts. We know that the words we say in worship have a profound effect on our imagination and our experiences of God. Here's a bit of background.

Expansive Language: The Episcopal Church has developed many liturgies that use inclusive and expansive language. Expansive language is a way of incorporating multiple ways of imagining and speaking about God. It refers to the expanded use of metaphorical language for God and humans in new or unexpected and fresh ways. While we continue to value the beauty of our traditions and the importance of language, we recognize that all human language is limited. Expansive language seeks to incorporate as much of the diversity of language as possible to include all persons in the liturgical expressions.

Our Music: Every effort is made at St. Paul's to include music that speaks to the relevance and diversity of the world today. We draw from a variety of resources that include hymns ranging from the traditional, to spirituals, to those written specifically by female composers and poets. In choosing our music, we try to create a balance of music from our sacred traditions with music that reflects the diversity of the church today. In addition to Bach and Howells, we also intentionally seek out music that centers on composers who are writing music today, particularly composers of color and female artists.

A place for prayer, candle-lighting, and contemplation, St. Paul's is a holy space in which we encounter God's presence in many ways.

Candle-lighting: Lighting candles is an ancient practice of the church. The flame has always been considered a sign of God's presence. On the lectern side of the altar rail is a place set aside for you to light candles. Perhaps you'll light a candle in memory of a loved one, or for a particular thanksgiving or hardship in your own life. Your prayers combine with the prayers of the community as we put our trust and hope in God.

Our bulletin and recycling: Since we pull from as many as twenty-five sources, as well as write our own liturgical pieces (prayers, choral works, hymns, etc.) the bulletin serves as a way of capturing those elements and putting them into one place: your hands. Without a bulletin that is printed each week, we would not be able to be as creative. Plus, it would be confusing to those who are new to St. Paul's. This bulletin is an instrument of hospitality that allows us, Sunday by Sunday, to welcome and embrace all who are searching for a church home and an authentic encounter with our awakened and active Lord. In an effort to conserve paper usage, we try to print only enough bulletins as are needed for each individual service. If you'd like to help us be good stewards, you can choose to share a bulletin or download a PDF. Each week, our bulletins are responsibly recycled.

Being in the presence of Jesus: On the pulpit side of the altar rail is a small chapel set aside for quiet contemplation and prayer. An item called a "Tabernacle" is present. It reminds us of the portable tent in which the Hebrews worshiped during their time in the wilderness. This small, wooden cabinet contains the consecrated bread from holy communion, a sign of Christ's presence in our midst. A candle is lit whenever the bread is in place. Even when the church is dark, the light remains, reminding us of the church's role to be a light in the midst of darkness. Here, in Christ's presence, you may spend time in stillness and quiet prayer. On most Sundays during communion, a priest is present to offer prayers for healing for yourself or for someone else.

If you have questions about our worship experience, or to find out how you can be involved in worship, please consult our Ministry Directory or reach out to one of the clergy. To learn more about the guiding beliefs of the Episcopal Church, visit https://www.episcopalchurch.org/what-we-believe/

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we are committed to...

Racial Justice
St. Paul's is committed to naming and dismantling systemic racism. We foster community healing and support the work of reparative action through local, regional, and international dialogue and action.

Being a Spiritual Center for Downtown
St. Paul's extends a generous, affirming, and inclusive welcome. We are a place for serving, partnering, gathering, learning, growing, and worshiping.

Progressive Christian Thinking
St. Paul's embraces our commitment to nurture a curiosity of spirit and mind. We are a spiritual space in which a diversity of people and perspectives are supported and shaped.

Transformative and Relevant Worship
St. Paul's offers worship and liturgical experiences that are beautiful, thoughtful, grounded in the Episcopal tradition, and reflective of a God who is speaking into current conversations and contexts.

Embracing and Caring for All Ages
St. Paul's builds a multi-generational community. We engage and support people through all of life's journeys and transitions.

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