

CHRISTMAS EVE

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

DECEMBER 24, 2024 10:00PM

WELCOME TO ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to worship as we express praise and thanks to God for the gift of Christ.

We know that following the beautiful and ancient worship of the Episcopal Church is not always easy for those unfamiliar with the Anglican tradition. Please do not feel obligated to do anything but to enjoy the service reverently and expectantly.

At the time of Holy Communion, *all baptized Christians* are welcome to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Ushers will direct you.

We invite newcomers to fill out a Connect card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to a member of the clergy. You may also scan the QR code on the back of this bulletin.

We are grateful for your presence.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Following our annual tradition to support our neighbors at Christmastime, St. George's Vestry has approved the disbursement of this year's Christmas offering for two initiatives responding to critical needs in our community: **The Cookery** and **B.E. Academy for Girls.** Each organization supports the dignity of others with generosity and care. The Cookery, a division of Lambscroft Ministries, is a café, caterer, and event space that employs, houses, and trains men in culinary arts with the hopes of breaking the cycle of addiction and poverty. B.E. Academy is an educational initiative through Olive Branch Church in southeast Nashville that provides safe and high-quality education to girls in grades six through eight, with a plan to add ninth grade in the fall of 2025.

To make a contribution to the Christmas Offering, please use the offering envelopes in the pews or include "Christmas Offering" in the memo line. You may also give online at stgeorgesnashville.org or by texting "George Christmas" to 73256. *Message and data rates may apply.*

Thank you in advance for your generous participation in this offering, and may God bless you in this Christmas season.

A NOTE ON THE USE OF INCENSE

"Another angel with a golden censer came and stood at the altar; he was given a great quantity of incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that is before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel." Revelation 8:3-4

Incense has a long history in the Christian tradition. It was widely used in Judaism and other cultures of the ancient world as a means of sacrifice, purification, and veneration. Frankincense, or pure incense, was among the gifts brought by the magi to the young Christ child.

Incense comes from aromatic gums and spices which are burned to produce a fragrant smoke. It is used to symbolize prayer rising to God. In this service incense will be carried in the procession and used to cense the gospel book and the altar.

On the cover:

The Adoration

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CHORAL PRELUDE

Hymn to the Virgin

Soloists: Katie DuTemple, Mareike Sattler, Ben Petty, and Joshua Alan Lindsay

Of one that is so fair and bright, Velut maris stella [Like a star of the sea], Brighter than the day is light, Parens et puella [Both mother and maiden]: I cry to thee, thou see to me, Lady pray thy Son for me, tam pia [so pure]: That I may come to thee, Maria!

All this world was forlorn

Eva peccatrice [Because of Eve, a sinner],

Till our Lord was y-born

De te genetrice [Through you, his mother].

With "Ave," it went away

Darkest night, and comes the day, salutis [salvation];

The well springeth out of thee virtutis [of virtue].

Lady, flower of everything,

Rosa sine spina, [Rose without thorn]

Thou bear Jesu, Heaven's King,

Gratia divina [By divine grace]:

Of all thou bear'st the prize,

Lady, queen of paradise electa [chosen],

Maid mild, mother es effecta [you are made].

O magnum mysterium

Morten Lauridsen

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, iacentem in praesepio: Beata Virgo, cuius viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum. Alleluia! O great mystery and wondrous sacrament, that the animals watched the Lord's birth, lying in a manger:
Blessed Virgin, whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Christ. Alleluia!

Hosianna dem Sohne David

Heinrich Grimm Soloists: Katie Arata and Mareike Sattler

Hosianna dem Sohne David! Gelobet sei der da kommt im Namen des Herren. Hosianna in der Höhe! Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

This Is the Truth

This is the truth sent from above, the truth of God, the God of love; Therefore don't turn me from your door, but hearken all, both rich and poor.

The first thing, which I do relate, that God at first did man create The next thing, which to you I tell, woman was made with him to dwell.

Then after this, 'twas God's own choice to place them both in Paradise, There to remain from evil free except they ate of such a tree.

And they did eat, which was a sin, and thus their ruin did begin; Ruined themselves, both you and me, and all of their posterity.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes, till God the Lord did interpose For so a promise soon did run that He'd redeem us with a Son.

Somerset Carol

Come all you worthy gentlemen that may be standing by. Christ our blessed Savior was born on Christmas Day. The blessed virgin Mary unto the Lord did say, O we wish you the comfort and tidings of joy!

Christ our blessed Savior now in the manger lay; He's lying in the manger, while the oxen feed on hay. The blessed Virgin Mary unto the Lord did pray. O we wish you the comfort and tidings of joy!

God bless the ruler of this house, and long on may he reign; Many happy Christmases he live to see again! God bless our generation who live both far and near; O we wish you the comfort and tidings of joy!

Sussex Carol

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring; On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring: News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place; When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place; Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.

From out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night; All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: "Glory to God and peace to men, now and forevermore. Amen."

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand, as you are able.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 161

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 102 Once in royal David's city

Irby

Soloist: Renee Lancaster

The soloist sings

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her Baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

The choir sings

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all, And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall; With the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

The congregation sings

We, like Mary, rest confounded that a stable should display Heaven's Word, the world's Creator cradled there on Christmas Day, Yet this Child, our Lord and brother, brought us love for one another.

For he is our lifelong pattern; daily, when on earth he grew, He was tempted, scorned, rejected, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love; For that Child who seemed so helpless is our Lord in heaven above; And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing round, We shall see him; but in heaven, where his saints his throne surround: Christ, revealed to faithful eye, set at God's right hand on high.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, p. 323

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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

SONG OF PRAISE • 96 vv. 1, 3 Angels we have heard on high

GLORIA

- 1. 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.
- 3. Come to Bethlehem and see
 Him whose birth the angels sing;
 Come, adore on bended knee
 Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 161

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

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

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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

PSALM 98 Sung by the choir.

Sing to the Lord a new song,

for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm

has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory;

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp,

with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,

the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands,

and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,

when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world

and the peoples with equity.

NEW TESTAMENT Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire."

But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN • 83 vv. 1-3, 6 O come, all ye faithful

Adeste fideles

- O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
 Come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
 O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.
- God from God, Light from Light eternal,
 Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
 Only begotten Son of the Father;
 O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.
- 3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; Glory to God, glory in the highest; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.
- 6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 1:1-14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



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.

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam

Please stand, as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED BCP, p. 326

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in thy mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. Lord, in thy mercy:

Hear our prayer.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Lord, in thy mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in thy mercy:

Hear our prayer.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Saint George and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Silence is kept.

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

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PEACE BCP, p. 332

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERTORY

Sussex Carol arr. D. Willcocks

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring. On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad? Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad, When from our sin He set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place. When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place. Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night. All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: "Glory to God and peace to men, now and for evermore. Amen."

Please stand, as you are able.

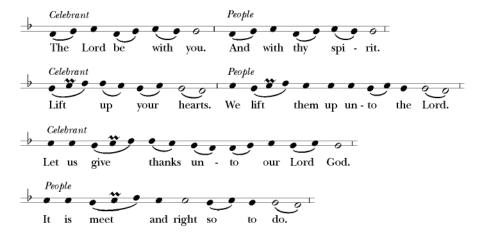
AT THE PRESENTATION Joy to the world! the Lord is come

(*Hymn 100 v.1*) *ANTIOCH*

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare him room, And heaven and nature sing.

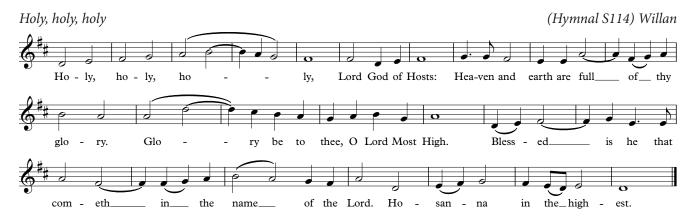
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP, p. 340



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; because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

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



Please kneel, as you are able.

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

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

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

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

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

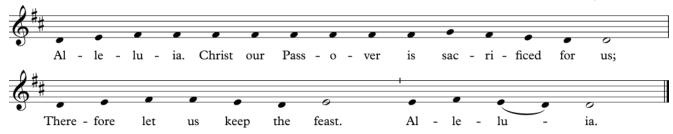
And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN**.

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

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.

Christ our Passover (Hymnal S152)



The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Notes on Receiving Communion All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. If desired, you may intinct (dip) your wafer at the altar rail or have the LEM intinct it for you. Gluten-free wafers are available at the side station.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

My Lord has come Will Todd

Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels: No place for them but a stable. My Lord has come.

Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven; No place for them but a stable. 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 me but a stable. My Lord has come.

In the bleak midwinter Gustav Holst

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heav'n cannot hold him nor earth sustain; Heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign: In the bleak midwinter a stable-place sufficed The Lord God Almighty—Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day, A breastful of milk and a mangerful of hay; Enough for him, whom angels fall down before, The ox and ass and camel which adore.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there, Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air; But only his mother in her maiden bliss Worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb, If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give him—give my heart.

HYMN • 115 What child is this, who laid to rest

Greensleeves

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.

Why lies he in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king, to own him; The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him.

HYMN • 101 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed

CRADLE SONG

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.

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.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay Close by me for ever, and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Please kneel, as you are able.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

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

HYMN • 111 Silent night, holy night

STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

THE BLESSING

The Book of Occasional Services, p. 11

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

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

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

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

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN • 87 Hark! the herald angels sing

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled! Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem! Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity. Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel! Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings, Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King! THE DISMISSAL BCP, p. 339

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729

J.S. Bach

WORSHIP NOTES

Clergy The Rev. Colin Ambrose, celebrant; the Rev. J. Malone Gilliam, preacher; the Rev. Jason Terhune; and the Rev. Roger Senechal *Verger* John Lewis

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The flowers in the Jane Tompkins Weeks Chapel today are given to the Glory of God.

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Essentials: The Gospel of Luke Join us as we go deep into the structure, theology, and practical significance of Luke's gospel. Luke's portrayal of Jesus is remarkable in that it reveals the parabolic teachings of Jesus and his unyielding attention to the sick, the poor, and the brokenhearted. We discover the rich compassion Jesus has on our human condition of fragility and brokenness. Sign up now for this exciting new study coming in January. Small groups will gather for 10 sessions—in person or online. Details at stgeorgesnashville.org/essentials.

Demystifying the Trinity Do you ever feel like our affirmation of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is hard to grasp? Confusing? Maybe not even necessary? St. George's former Senior Associate Rector and author Tim Jones has explored such questions for decades. He has made some exciting discoveries about how much difference this ancient Christian belief can make, bringing to our praying a new vitality and bringing answers to our deepest questions about being loved. Please join us for this special 3-part class on Sundays, January 5-19 at 10:05am in Johnson Hall.

Prayer and Presence: A Service of Healing and Restoration Join us for a relaxed and restful time together in the presence of God. We will begin with a short time of singing, Scripture reading, and reflection, followed by an extended time to receive prayer from prayer ministers or to remain in quiet contemplation. We typically gather the first Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:00pm in Chapel. Please note that our next service will be Wednesday, January 8.

Church in the Yard We're always looking for volunteers for our ongoing partnership with Church in the Yard on the second Sunday of the month. Volunteers are needed to prepare food Saturday mornings and/or to set up worship and serve the meal on Sunday afternoon at Church of the Holy Trinity (615 6th Ave. S). In January, we'll have to opportunities to serve our neighbors: January 11 and 12, and again on January 25 and 26. Sign up online at stgeorgesnashville.org/outreach.

Pray Like a Saint: Women's Overnight Retreat After our meaningful Advent retreat together, the women of the church look forward to another gathering in the new year on January 10 and 11. Come as Hildegard of Bingen (1098) and Julian of Norwich (1342) welcome us into ways of prayer that enliven our imagination, offer hope for life in 2025, and confirm that we are deeply loved. This restful overnight retreat will include opportunity for delightful conversation and fellowship at beautifully

renovated Montgomery Bell State Park. Learn more about our guest speaker, Sharon Cottingham, and reserve your place at stgeorgesnashville.org/women. Space is limited.

Choral Evensong The service of Choral Evensong is a conversation already in progress—an intimate moment between God and his people. In it, we are invited to reflect on texts from the Bible as our souls are stirred up in musical worship with praise and thanksgiving. Our next service is Sunday, January 12 at 5:00pm in the Nave, and we hope you will join us for this special time of music and prayer.

Bradford Gallery Art Exhibit: Made Flesh At the center of our story is God who became flesh to give his life for the life of the world. Our new exhibit opening in January explores how that act invites us to cherish our sensory experience. Guest Curator Jered Sprecher has assembled five visual artists whose work focuses on the significance of our embodied encounter with the world around us. The work is varied and beautiful, and it opens our eyes to the preciousness of what we might take for granted or overlook altogether. You are invited to view this exciting new exhibit at our Opening Reception on Friday, January 17 at 5:30pm.

Newcomer Gathering Interested in learning more about St. George's? You are invited to our next Newcomer Gathering on Sunday, January 19. Newcomers will have the opportunity to meet clergy, parishioners, and other newcomers during an informal gathering at 10:05am in the church library.

Compline Stemming from monastic practice, compline is the last service of the day before bedtime. From the same root as the word "complete," compline marks the beginning of a time of silence—from the end of the service lasting until morning. This brief and beautiful service on Sunday, January 19 at 6:00pm is set in a darkened church and sung by a small men's choir. We invite you to remain in this quiet, holy space as long as you wish after the service, departing in silence.

Mozart Birthday Concert Mozart has delighted the world with his music for generations, and we are pleased to host Nashville's Roger Wiesmeyer and friends for an annual celebration of the prolific composer's birthday on Friday, January 24 at 12:00pm. This year's program will also feature Dr. Woosug Kang performing *Fantasia in F minor*, K. 608, an unusual work originally written for a musical clock. This program is free, but any donations collected will be donated to a local nonprofit agency serving the Nashville community.

The Spirituality of Habit: An Evening with Justin Whitmel Earley Justin Whitmel Earley, author of The Common Rule and Habits of the Household, will be joining us for a special evening event. These books framed two of our fall Sunday school classes at St. George's, and we are thrilled to welcome him for this follow-up event to continue the conversations about healthy habits and meaningful connection. RSVP online for this free evening of connection and conversation on Thursday, January 30, from 5:30 to 7:00pm in Legacy Hall. Learn more at stgeorgesnashville.org/news.

Journey of Hope Anyone who has experienced a deep loss of any kind is invited to participate in this 6-week series led by a licensed professional counselor specializing in grief and trauma. Our next series will take place Thursdays, February 6-March 13 at 9:30am. Attendees will develop tools to process grief in a safe and loving Christian environment. Please contact Robin Puryear at robin.puryear@stgeorgesnashville.org or 615-385-2150 x 247 to learn more or join the class.

Music from Andrew Peterson The Rabbit Room's Andrew Peterson returns to guide us in a creative reflection of "Made Flesh," the curated visual art exhibit in the Bradford Gallery coming in January. Save the date for this exciting evening on Wednesday, February 19. Come at 5:30pm to view the exhibit in the gallery, then move into Legacy Hall at 6:00pm for an evening of story and song from our guest presenter. RSVP details coming soon.

Walk the Camino: The Portuguese Way Becoming a pilgrim in this ancient tradition frames the days outdoors—rain or shine—at an unhurried pace. Led by the Revs. Jason and Rebecca Terhune, this pilgrimage from Porto, Portugal, to Santiago, Spain, will provide extended time and space for reflection and conversation. It is also a marvelous cultural experience featuring delicious local food and wine, and an opportunity to get to know other pilgrims traveling The Way together. Once again, our fabulous team from Insider Travel have arranged wonderful dinners and accommodation. Pilgrims are expected to walk about 9.5 miles each day for seven consecutive days. Our pilgrimage will take place Monday, September 15-Thursday, September 25, and registration details can be found online at stgeorgesnashville.org/camino. Questions? Contact the Rev. Jason Terhune at jason.terhune@stgeorgesnashville. org or 615-385-2150 x 215.

Prime Time Speakers Series This popular speaker series is created for seniors but open to all. We're delighted to welcome our own Malone Gilliam as the guest speaker



"Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (1 Peter 5:5)

This week's reflection is from Bob Schwartz: Peter's words address humility and its archenemy: pride. Seeing too much pride and too little humility, Peter reminded young Christians to embrace humility in order to harmonize with God.

Invitation: What specific ways can you show more humility toward others on a daily basis? Can you develop one habit of humility toward others this season?

Read the full reflection online at stgeorgesnashville.org/ friendship.

Travelogue of the Trans-Pecos & Big Bend." Join us Thursday, January 16 at 11:30am in Hampton Hall. Please register and pay online for the \$12 lunch at stgeorgesnashville.org/seniors or call 615-385-2150 x 262.

Wellness As our bodies age, we can proactively engage in practices that build strength, flexibility, balance, cognition, and overall wellness. Mary Gilliam leads several classes for all ages and abilities. Each week, she offers tai chi, gentle yoga, yoga flow, and seated exercise. Classes are free or for a \$5 donation. Details at stgeorgesnashville.org/wellness.



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SUNDAY SERVICES
7:30, 8:45, and 11:00am | Holy Eucharist
9:00am | The Table
5:00pm | Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist

WEEKDAY SERVICES (CHAPEL) 7:00am Monday - Saturday | Daily Worship 10:00am Wednesday | Healing Prayer

