



The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
of the
EPIPHANY

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
December 24, 2025
The Holy Eucharist at 8:00 PM

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We are so glad you are here to celebrate this moment with us at The Church of the Epiphany. Tonight, we are here for a very special reason. It is the night we celebrate the birth of baby Jesus in a manger in a stable on a hillside in Bethlehem some 2000 years ago. And yet, God is so near to us. Right here. Right now.

Please accept our very warm welcome from Epiphany to you to be fully engaged with us this night.

Be with us in this celebration. Let the musical offerings wash over you this night. Dip your finger in the font, whether you are already baptized, or just beginning to feel God's tug. Join us at God's table for Eucharist, or come for a blessing, or sit quietly in your seat. You are welcome. God is near.

Please let the clergy or staff know if there is anything we can do to support you on your journey.

Merry Christmas! From our Epiphany family, to yours.

WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Whether you just stopped in to visit, or you are looking for a place of belonging, we welcome you. In our worship, formation, fellowship, and community engagement work, we strive for justice and peace and to honor the dignity of every human being. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey, we are glad you are here. We believe God loves you—no exceptions!

Children of all ages are invited to participate fully in our liturgy. We welcome wiggles and giggles as signs of life and understand that sometimes children need to move about during worship. Children's bulletins and activity bags are available. Ask an usher to help you locate those near the entrance to the worship space.

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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, founded in 1898, is a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, The Right Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop.

Clergy: The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright, *Rector*; The Rev. Carmie McDonald, *Associate Rector*

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THE MUSIC AND DECORATIONS WHICH GRACE OUR WORSHIP
ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND...

In Thanksgiving for

this parish, by Carol Bartlett
Amy, Carmie, and the incredible staff of Epiphany, Nancy Chandler & Peggy Palmiter
The Parish Life Committee and Community of Hope, by David Draper
Laura Keys, by Virginia Harrison
Eileen Gleman, Nancy Thompson, Brittany Allen & Chris, Reid, and Ripley Prikkel,
by Johann Hinman & Lisa Carlson
The Epiphany Choirs, by Terri Lawrence
my sister & brother-in-law Gretchen & Bruce Maclachlan, by Sally McClintock
The Epiphany Community, by Rod & Michele MacLeod
lives of compassion, by Wallace & Jeff McGrath
The Rev. Jean McGraw, by Chris McGraw & Leslie Jo Tottenham
The Morning Prayer Group, by Polly Nodine
each other and Epiphany, by Bobbi & Joe Patterson
my family and my Epiphany family, by Barbara Ryder
The Epiphany Choir, The Epiphany Ringers, and The Hildegard Ensemble, by Julie Ryder
The Junior & Beginning Choristers, by Julie Ryder
The Epiphany Ringers, by Linda Ryder
Julie Ryder & the Epiphany Choir, and Polly Nodine & the Flower Guild, by Diane and Jackie Tate
Brandon & Tracey Laird, for all their loving support, by Anne Widiger
our children & grandchildren, by Susan & Loren Williams

In Memory of

Woody Bartlett, by Carol Bartlett
George Osborne, by the Boatright family
Dorothy Joan Councill, by the Councill & Bonner families
Martha Fernandez, by the Burns family
Foster & Bertha Toney, Anne Warner, and John Keys, by David Draper
Betty & Bob Born, by Beth Born Floyd
John Keys, by Virginia Harrison
our parents, Alex & Annie, and Audrey & Neil, by Rod & Michele MacLeod
my husband Ellery McClintock, by Sally E. McClintock
the Keys family, by Wallace & Jeff McGrath
The Rev. Stan McGraw, by Chris McGraw & Leslie Jo Tottenham
Eric Olson and Audrey & Neil Banfield, by Ruth Olson
our mothers Anne Stanton Bowling and Margaret Patterson, by Bobbi & Joe Patterson
Craig Ryder, John Keys, Eric Olson, Jane Moser, Shanna Jackson, and Anne Warner, by Barbara Ryder
John Anderson Quinn and Mary Nell Isbell, by Amy Shipp & Eric Schulz
Betty Gardner-Tuzzalino, by Susan & Loren Williams

CAROLS OF THE WORLD

Beginning at 7:30 PM

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

American carol
Richard Storrs Willis,
arr. Nicholas Palmer

I Wonder as I Wander

Appalachian carol
arr. Sidney King

What Child is This

traditional English folk song
arr. Jeremy Crosmer

O Holy Night

French Carol,
arr. Christopher Uehlein

FANTASIA ON CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Patrick Bryant, baritone

This is the Truth Sent from Above

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 will relate is that God did man create, the next thing which to you I'll tell woman was made with man to dwell. Then after this was 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 and so a promise soon did run that he would redeem us by his son.

Come All You Worthy Gentlemen

Come all you worthy gentlemen that may be standing by Christ our Blessed Saviour was born on Christmas day. The blessed Virgin Mary unto the Lord did pray oh we wish you the comfort and tidings of joy. Christ our Blessed Saviour now in the manger lay, he's lying in the manger while oxen feed on hay. The blessed Virgin Mary unto the Lord did pray oh we wish you the comfort and tidings of joy.

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

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 thy grace then life and health come in its place. Angels and men with joy may sing all for to see the newborn King.

God Bless the Ruler of this House

God bless the ruler of this house and long on may he reign (From out of darkness we have light which makes the angels sing this night) many happy Christmases he live to see again (From out of darkness we have light which makes the angels sing this night). God bless our generation who live both far and near (Glory to God and peace to men) and we wish them a happy, a happy New Year (Both now and evermore. Amen). Oh we wish you a happy, a happy New Year (Both now and evermore. Amen).

Gesù bambino

Italian Carol
Pietro A Yon, arr. Glen T. Poehlmann

Epiphany Choir

Jewel Allen, Susan Ashmore, Edie Brush, Patrick Bryant, Shelle Bryant, Lane Burnett, George Council, Caitlin Cox, Sara Cushing, Freyja DePew, Paul DeSandre, Cliff Edge, Sheila Ferrell, Beth Floyd, Joe Follman, Rebecca Follman, Laura Gary, Bill Graves, Wally Hare, Brent Henderson, Paige Howell, Ron Hutcheson, Alix Janke, Brenda Lloyd, Dan Mundy, Keith Poole, Rosie Reily, Andrés Rojas, Mary Ann Schneider, Johanna Smith, Nick Theyerl, Marjorie Timmer, Kate Wierwille, Loren Williams, John Yntema

Instrumentalists

Alvin Blount, *organ* • Riley Davis, *trumpet* • Jennifer Derringer, *violin*
Natallia Malyshava Isabel, *cello* • Katherine Jenkins, *viola* • Lauren Jenkins, *violin*

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Processional Hymn—O come, all ye faithful

Adeste Fideles

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,
 *4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 *5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

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;
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

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;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

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.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesu, 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.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one holy and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

Hymn of Praise—Joy to the world! the Lord is come

Antioch

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

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

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

The Collect for The Nativity of Our Lord

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Together, 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 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Response Hymn—From heaven above to earth I come

Vom Himmel hoch



1 From heaven a - bove to earth I come to bring good
2 to you this night is born a child of Ma - ry,
3 This is the Christ, God's Son most high, who hears your
4 The bless - ing which the Fa - ther planned the Son holds



news to ev - ery - one! Glad tid - ings of great
chos - en vir - gin mild; this new - born child of
sad and bit - ter cry; he will him - self your
in his in - fant hand, that in his king - dom



joy I bring to all the world, and glad - ly sing:
low - ly birth shall be the joy of all the earth.
Sa - vior be and from all sin will set you free.
bright and fair, you may with us his glo - ry share.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Break forth, O beau - teous heaven - ly light, and ush - er in the

morn - ing; O shep - herds, greet that glo - rious sight, our

Lord a crib a - dorn - ing. This child, this lit - tle

help - less boy, shall be our con - fi - dence and joy, the

power of Sa - tan break - ing, our peace e - ter - nal mak - ing.

The Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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 he 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.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Amy Dills-Wright

A period of silence is kept

The Prayers of the People for Christmas—*The People stand*

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who in coming to dwell among us has revealed the radiance of God’s glory and brought us into marvelous light. Christ born for us, Son of God given for us: help us to know you, to worship and to serve you. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Wonderful counsellor, you order all things with your wisdom: help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love, and fill it with the Spirit of truth. Guide and inspire your faithful people throughout the world: especially Sean our Presiding Bishop and Rob our bishop. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Mighty God, the government is on your shoulders: guide the leaders of the nations and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness. We pray especially for Joseph our President, Brian our Governor, and Andre our Mayor. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Everlasting father, eternal mother, you call us to live together in unity: protect by your mercy all your children, bless our families and renew our communities. Be the strength among the people of this parish as we seek to live our core values of faith, integrity, inclusiveness, compassion, social justice, and stewardship. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Prince of peace, you bring reconciliation through the cross: by your healing power give to those who suffer your gift of wholeness and peace. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant’s concluding Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, life of the world; hear our prayer. May we, who like the shepherds have seen in your birth a new kind of love, witness to that love in our lives. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Welcome

Offertory Anthem—This endris night

Sarah Quartal

Epiphany Choir

This endris night I saw a sight, a star as bright as day, and ever among, a maiden sung, 'Lully, bye bye, lullay.' This lovely lady sat and sang, and to her child did say: 'My son, my brother, father dear, why liest thou thus in hay? My sweetest bird, 'tis thus required, though thou be king veray, but nevertheless I will not cease To sing "bye bye, lullay.'" The child then spake whilst she did sing, and to his mothr did say, 'Yea, I am known as Heaven-King in crib though I be laid. For angels bright down on me light; thou knowest 'tis no nay. And for that sight thou may delight to sing, "Bye bye, lullay.'" 'Now, sweet son, since it is so, that all is at thy will, I pray thee grant to me a boon, if it be right and skill, that child or man, who will or can be merry on my day, to bliss them bring and I shall sing, "Lully, bye bye, lullay'"

Presentation Hymn—Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

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 - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B, Expansive Language

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

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 perfect Man 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 the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord S 125

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel

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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant

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 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. *AMEN.*

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

The Lord's Prayer—*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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

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

The Communion of the People

All God's people are welcome to share in the Holy Eucharist. Communion is received either kneeling or standing at the altar rail or at the standing station on the floor level. At the altar rail you have the option to drink from the chalice, to hand your wafer to the Lay Eucharistic Minister to intinct for you, or to cross your arms after you receive the bread to indicate that you do not wish to receive the chalice. At the floor station, communion is received by intinction by the Priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest; the priest will bless you. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Motet—Before the marvel of this night
 Epiphany Choir

Carl Schalk

Before the marvel of this night, adoring, fold your wings and bow; then tear the sky apart with light and with your news the world endow. Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace, that fear and death and sorrow cease: sing peace; sing peace; sing gift of peace; sing peace; sing gift of peace! Awake the sleeping world with song: this is the day the Lord has made. Assemble here, celestial throng, in royal splendor come arrayed. Give earth a glimpse of heavenly bliss, a teasing taste of what they miss: sing bliss; sing bliss; sing endless bliss; sing bliss; sing endless bliss! The love that we have always known, our constant joy and endless light, now to the loveless world be shown, now break upon its deathly night. Into one song compress the love that rules our universe above: sing love; sing love; sing God is love; sing love; sing God is love!

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor— earth sus - tain;
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
 4 What— can I give him, poor— as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim thron - ed the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow— on— snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a wise— man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord— God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Postcommunion Prayer—*Celebrant and People*

Let us pray

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Candles will be lit from the center aisle, then individuals light their neighbor's candle.

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
 heaven - 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.

The Christmas Blessing

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 Holy and undivided Trinity be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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 Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary—God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

John Carter