# St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Christmas Eve 2023

Welcome to St. Patrick's. If you are new to our parish or visiting with us, we are so glad you are here. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. Thank you for worshipping alongside us.

Children are a welcome part of the community. Children's Worship aids are located in the Narthex on the children's table. For younger children, ages 0 to 3 years old, we have nursery available staffed with 2 professional caregivers during the 5:00 p.m. service. Please see the ushers if you need directions to the nursery.

**HEARING/VISION IMPAIRED:** Wireless hearing devices and large print materials are available. Please check with an usher for assistance in locating these if needed.

## **Holiday Service Schedule:**

# Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

New Year's Eve: Sunday, December 31st

9:00 a.m. service only

### **Regular Weekly Services:**

Sunday:

(resuming January 7th)

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Wigglers

Adult Forum at noon

4:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

5:300 p.m. Youth Group (6th-12th grade)

Wednesday:

(resuming January 3rd)

12:00 noon

#### Prelude

5:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. Noel Etranger

Louis-Claude Daquin

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Carol Lynn Mizell, arr.

Puer nobis nascitur, Piae Cantiones/Angels We Have Heard on High

Mendelssohn, adapt. William H. Cummings Thomas Quigley, arr. Deborah Friou, arr.

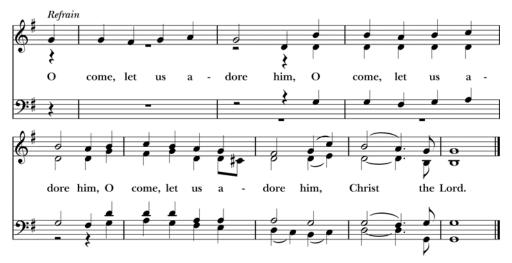
Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming Soalin'/God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen Christmas Joy Medley In the Bleak Midwinter I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In Breath of Heaven

Gary Lanier, arr.
Thomas Quigley, arr.
Deborah Friou, arr.
Amy Grant, Craig Courtney, arr.

## Welcome and Greeting

Processional Hymn 83 (vs.1-3, 6) "O come, all ye faithful"





6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

#### The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

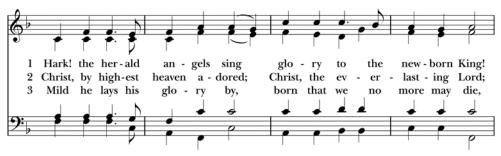
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

# The Celebrant may say

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 87 "Hark! the herald angels sing"





### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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 Lessons (The people sit.)

## A reading from the book of the prophet 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. People Thanks be to God.

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#### Psalm 96

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*

- sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \* proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \* and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \* he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \* but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*
  Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \* ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \* bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \* let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*
  he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
  he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \* let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, \* when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \* and the peoples with his truth.

## A reading from the letter to 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Music** 

**5:00 p.m.** God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

8:00 p.m. O Holy Night Adolphe Adam

#### The Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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 he favors!"

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon

The Nicene Creed (All stand.)

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.

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.

## The Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; *That we all may be one.* 

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.* 

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for those who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.* 

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.* 

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; *That they may be delivered from their distress.* 

Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. (Silence. People may add their own petitions.)

The Celebrant says the following:

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### The Peace

(All stand.) The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

## The Offertory

## **Offertory Music**

**5:00 p.m.** "Away in a Manger"

St. Patrick's Wigglers Handbell Ensemble

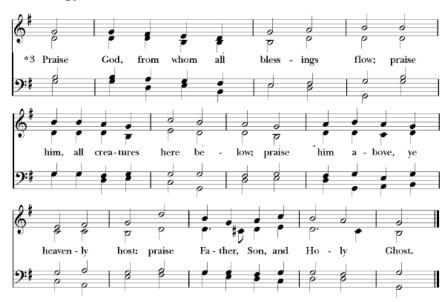
Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. the stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

8:00 p.m. All is Well

Michael Smith & Wayne Kirkpatrick arr. Lloyd Larson

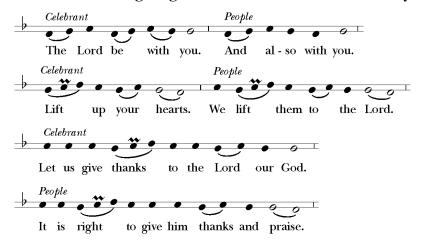
The people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, are presented and placed on the Altar. Please stand during the presentation.

## Doxology



## The Great Thanksgiving

## **Eucharistic Prayer B**



## The Celebrant proceeds

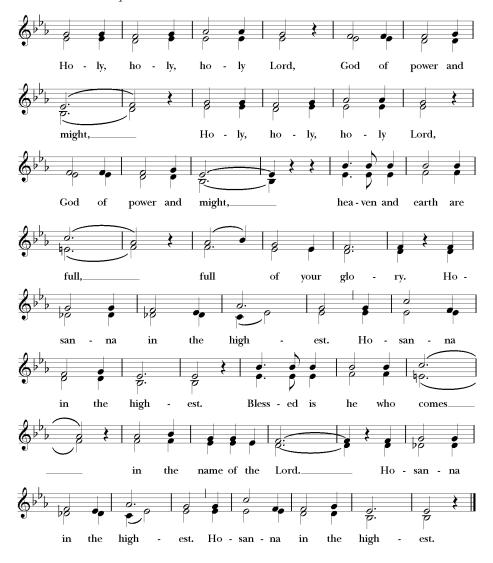
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

### Celebrant and People



The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant 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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 Lord 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 he 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 Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 St. Patrick and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

### Fraction Anthem "The First Nowell" (v. 6)



#### **Invitation to Communion**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All persons are invited to the Altar. If you choose to receive communion, you may do so in one of the following ways:

- Consume the bread first and then sip from the cup.
- Intinction is strongly discouraged however if you choose to intinct, please simply leave the wafer in your hands. The chalice bearer will dip the wafer for you then hand it back to you.
- Communion in one kind, or both, is acceptable. If you prefer to not receive the wine, you may proceed to your seat after receiving the bread.
- If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your hands over your chest as a signal to the ministers.
- If you want a gluten free wafer, please place your palms down when you approach the ministers.

## **Communion Hymns**

Please join in on the first verse of each of the following hymns.

Hymn 81	"Lo, how a rose e'er blooming"
Hymn 112	"In the bleak midwinter"
Hymn 99	"Go tell it on the mountain"
Hymn 79	"O little town of Bethlehem"
Hymn 101	"Away in a manger"
Hymn 107	"Good Christian friends, rejoice"
Hymn 89	"It came upon the midnight clear"
Hymn 115	"What child is this"
Hymn 96	"Angels we have heard on high"
Hymn 105	"God rest you merry, gentlemen"

## Post Communion Lighting of candles

Hymn 111 "Silent Night"

The church lights are turned down.



The Celebrant says Let us pray.

#### Celebrant and People

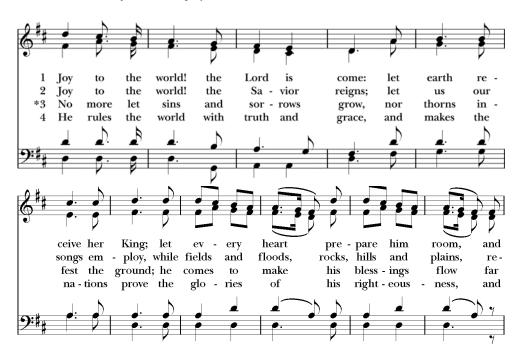
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

### The Blessing

Celebrant

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.* 

Recessional Hymn 100 "Joy to the world! the Lord is come"





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

#### **Dismissal**

Celebrant or Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of the Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Postlude** All My I

All My Heart this Night Rejoices

Helmut Walcha

Special thanks to the musicians performing tonight at our Christmas Eve Services.

**5:00** Evelyn Emerson, Ben Fox, The Wonderful Wigglers Bell Ensemble, Jessica Randolph Co-Director

8:00 St. Patrick's Handbell Ensemble, St. Patrick's Adult Choir, Catherine Bratton, Alex Carter, Emily DeAngelo, Evelyn Emerson, Jason Emerson, Ben Fox, Claire Haney, Denise Haney, Kevin Haney, Nancy Haney, Vincent Haney, Zach Haney, Alex Shields, Mike Studebaker.

#### The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

#### **Christmas Eve News**

**Epiphany Pageant:** Join us for the annual Epiphany Pageant on Sunday, January 7th at 4:00 p.m. Join us for this magical finale of the Christmas season.

**Christmas Offering:** Envelopes can be found in the narthex and in the pew racks if you would like to make a Christmas offering this year. Proceeds from this offering will go towards the Rector's Discretionary fund to support local needs and to Habitat for Humanity.

The church office will be closed the week of December 25th through January 1st. It will reopen on January 2nd at 9:00 a.m.

There will be no Wednesday noon Service on December 27th. Join us again on January 3rd for Chicken Soup of the Soul (soup luncheon after the noon service.)

The Adult Forum will **resume on January 14, 2024**, after a break for Christmas, New Year's Day, and the Epiphany pageant. Our Session 4 (Epiphany) will be on Genesis.

**Youth Group:** We will break for Christmas and New Year's and come back on January 7th for the Epiphany Pageant. After the Pageant, we will have our annual Twelfth Night Party and white elephant gift exchange! Questions, contact Tawnya Lewis, Angel Cinco, or Annika Russo.

#### St. Pat's Parish Retreat at Procter Center

Friday, January 12 at 5pm Sunday, January 14 at 8:30am

Cost: \$100/night for a room for up to 4 people and \$58/person for meals Mark your calendars now to spend the first half of Martin Luther King Weekend with us at Procter Center in an Intergenerational Retreat focused on MLK Jr.'s book *A Gift of Love*.

Register on Realm or grab a registration form in the narthex.

#### THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD . . .

In memory of Alice & Owen Carty and John & Mary Siemer. Tim & Molly Carty

In memory of Richard L. Loveland. Catherine R. Loveland

In memory of Maureen M. Kennedy, mother, wife, coach. Patrick Kennedy, Amanda Flaute & Family

In memory of John S. Stains. Becky, Betsy, & John Stains and families

In loving memory of Harry & Sue Yuhas and Peter, Mary, & Mary Lyn Borsellino. Ed & Jo Yuhas

In memory of loved ones. Julie Myers

In loving memory of Bruce F. Haney. Nancy G. Haney

In memory of Dick Walker and family & friends who are no longer with us. *Rose, Rick & Robyn* In loving memory of our parents, Marlene & Bill Kidwell and Roscoe & Fabiola Doan. *Tom & Cindy Doan* 

In memory of Melvin, Frieda, & Corita Bauldoff. Gerene Bauldoff

In memory of Kathy Mambourg and in thanksgiving for John, Amanda, Luke, Zachary, & Nicholas. *Gregg Mambourg* 

In memory of Martha, Chuck, & Rob Switzer. Jane Switzer

In memory of Bud & Vivian Meyers, Roger & Dottie Souders, Doris Kreigoff, and Sam Dyer. In thanksgiving for Victoria's ordination to the deaconate and our family. *Tawnya & Matt Lewis* In thanksgiving for our family and in loving memory of Richard, Clara, & Carl Barker and

Duncan & Marie Dawson. Roy & Lissa Barker

In thanksgiving for our family. Ann & Tom Semans

In memory that you were very, very loved. Manny

In thanksgiving for the great doctors at The James. Charlie & Mary Horton

In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren. Jeffrey & Susan Jack

In thanksgiving for Matt, Zach, Michelle, Maddison, & Michael. *Val & Doug Pittsenbarger* In loving memory of Frederick & Mary Coury, Anton & Tasia Coury, and Robert L. Sicker, Sr. *Rick & Tasia Sicker* 

In honor of our parents-love you! John & Ann Wells

For blessings too numerous to count. Kate Brennan

In memory of those we are missing at Christmas and all year long: Sue Chambers, David & Jean Godfrey, Charles & Marjorie Clifford, and Matthew (Mooch) Randolph. *The Randolph Family* In memory of Robert Elliott and our parents. *Anne Elliott* 

In memory of our parents Richard, Nancy, John Robert, and Margaret Ellen. Steve & Dianne Clay

In loving memory of Ron Shubert and in thanksgiving for my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. *Carolyn Shubert* 

In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren and in loving memory of Ron Shubert and Tom & Carol Carney. *Tom & Karen Carney* 

In thanksgiving for Jim's successful heart procedure and our supportive family and friends. *Jim & Bernadette Westman* 

In loving memory of the deceased members of the Vickers and Miller family. *Lon & Marke Vickers* 

In thanksgiving for our caring, thoughtful St. Pat's family. John & Louise Rucker