

ABBREVIATIONS: **BCP** Book of Common Prayer | **CG** A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist | **LEVAS II** Lift Every Voice and Sing II | **WLP** Wonder, Love and Praise

#### THE PRELUDE

Improvisation on a Basque Carol

Christian Schoen

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light this candle to share God's great love with the world.

*Silence is kept.*

Today, Isaiah promises a child named Immanuel: God with us. Matthew tells the story of Joseph, who listens to God's voice and receives the promise of this child. And Paul proclaims that through Christ we are called to belong to God.

*Silence is kept.*

Love can mean affection or warm feeling, but it is also a steadfast choice like Joseph's kind of love: courageous, faithful, and shaped by God's mercy for every generation.

*Silence is kept.*

What brings you love?

*Silence is kept.*

#### QUIET MOMENT OF CONTEMPLATION

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:  
265. The angel Gabriel

*Gabriel's Message*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

EOW

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**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.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE:  
Kyrie S85

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*Celebrant* Kyrie eleison.  
*People* **Christe eleison.**  
*Celebrant* Kyrie eleison.

## THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN:

72. Hark! The Glad Sound!

*Richmond*

**THE PAGEANT:**  
***THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS***

SCENE 1: The Annunciation

Luke 1:26–38

HYMN: 56. O come o come Emmanuel vss 3 & 4

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

4 O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.

SCENE 2: Joseph's Decision

Matthew 1:18–25

HYMN: 84. Love came down at Christmas vss 1 & 3

*Gartan*

1 Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine; love was born at Christmas: star and angels gave the sign.

3 Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine, love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

SCENE 3: The Journey to Bethlehem

Luke 1:39–45

HYMN: 79. O little town of Bethlehem vss 1 & 2

*St. Louis*

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

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

SCENE 4: The Birth in Bethlehem

Luke 2:6–7

HYMN: 101. Away in a manger vss 1 & 2

*Cradle Song*

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

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

SCENE 5: The Annunciation to the Shepherds

Luke 2:8–14

HYMN: 94. While shepherds watched their flocks vss 1 & 4

*Winchester Old*

1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

4 The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed, all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid.

SCENE 6: The Magi

Matthew 2:1–11

HYMN: 128. We three kings vss 1 & 5

*Kings of Orient*

1 We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

5 Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; heaven sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies.

EPILOGUE

ANTHEM

100. Joy to the World vs 1

*Antioch*

*(Sung by pageant participants.)*

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Grey Maggiano

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The congregation will read the bold text together.*

Brothers 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 all 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.*

## THE CONFESSION

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*People* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Annunciation Carol

Traditional Dutch Carol

1 A message came to a maiden young; The angel stood beside her In shining robes,  
and with golden tongue He told what should betide her: The maid was lost in  
wonder; Her world was rent asunder; Ah! how could she Christ's mother be By  
God's most high decree!

2 No greater news could a messenger bring; For 'twas from the young mother He  
came, who walked on the earth as a king, And yet to all a brother: His truth has  
spread like leaven; 'Twill marry earth to heaven, Till all agree In charity To dwell  
from sea to sea.

3 He came, God's Word to the world here below; And round him there did gather  
A band who found that this teacher to know Was e'en to know the Father: He

healed the sick who sought him, Forgave the foes who fought him; Beside the sea  
Of Galilee He set the nations free.

4 And sometimes trumpets from Sion ring out, And tramping comes, and  
drumming; "Thy kingdom come," so we cry; and they shout, "It comes!" and still 'tis  
coming. Far, far ahead, to win us, Yet with us, nay within us; Till all shall see That  
King is he, The Love from Galilee!

## STEWARDSHIP INGATHERING

### THE OFFERTORY HYMN:

56. O come, O come, Emmanuel - vss 7 & 8

*Veni, Veni Emmanuel*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

EOW

*Celebrant* The Lord 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* We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

## SANCTUS

S113 (Sanctus)

John Merbecke

*Celebrant* Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice

of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: TRADITIONAL VERSION

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THE FRACTION

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Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE COMMUNION HYMN:

73. The King shall come when morning dawns

*St. Stephen*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

EOW

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body,  
because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

### THE FINAL HYMN:

68. Rejoice! rejoice, believers

*Llangloffan*

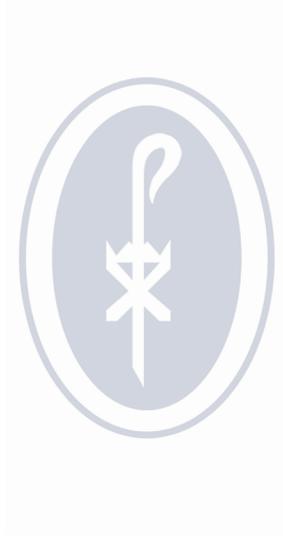
## THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond:*  
**Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE

Magnificat

Herbert Howells



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We lift up all who are suffering and in need, especially Alice, Betty, Bill, Chuck, Diane, Eva, Gregory, Jan, Jane, Liz, Lorrie, Margaret, Maxine, Nancy, Nancy, Remmy, and Scarlett. And for our friends and family including Austin, Andrea, Bill, Bob, Caitlyn, Caline, Cally, Charlie, Danielle, Denise, Doug, Evonne, Fitzroy, Gemma, Geralyn, Ginger, Allen, Caden, Crew, Hannah, Harper, Heather, James, Joe, Joelle, John, June, Kate, Keili, Kevin, Laura-Benton, Linda, Lois, Lori, Marci, Moira, Nadia, Rae, Renee, Robert, Rosalie, Roy, Roy, Sam, Sandy, Sandy, Sara, Sarah, Shannon, Shannon, Stephanie, Thom, and William.

Shine your light on those who have died; remember especially those we now name. Gloria Jean Verge, Finley June Eason, Mohan Pant, Maeley Roach, and Marilyn Kavulich; and bring comfort to all those who mourn.

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life; for those recently born, including Grace Marie Maloney, daughter of Kristen and Bailey, and granddaughter of Lucy and Kit Maloney; and for all those who preparing for marriage including George and Lindsey and for the other blessings we now name silently or aloud.



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2025

*Wardens* Sarah O'Connor (Senior) and Dave McKinnon (Junior)

*Members* David Dykes, Hannah Harris, Emily Jividen, Robert Joines, Susan Kelley, Yvette Smith, Lillis Ward, Sam Wesonga

*Officers* Matt Dutton (Treasurer), Bill Sena (Assistant Treasurer) and Hannah Harris (Registrar)





## QUICK LINKS

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*We thank the following people for their service today:*

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
PREACHER	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Christian Schoen and the Pageant Members
ADVENT CANDLES (8:30)	Steve Dearth and Sherry Hedrick
(10:30)	The Sanders Family
LECTORS (8:30)	Rene Garces, Viola Baldwin
(10:30)	Robin Rhaney, Lloyd Childers, Arrin Dutton
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (8:30)	Kate Mohan
(10:30)	Anne Sena, Harlan Hagge
BANNER (10:30)	Beatrice Tarry
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Alicia Lester--Bodford
TORCHES (10:30)	Hannah Parker, Vance Dutton
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Alfred Christensen
ALTAR GUILD	Robin Rhaney, Julia Cavalier, Mary Hillmer
ALTAR FLOWERS	Emily Phillips
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Emily Jividen

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### CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. Grey Maggiano	Rector
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Josh Anderson	Lay Associate for Communications and Administration
Kate Mohan	Diaconate Discernment Intern
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