



St. Francis
Episcopal Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
DECEMBER 18, 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
10:00 AM



Welcome to St. Francis Episcopal Church. We are glad to have you with us today as we worship and invite you to participate throughout the service. May God bless you this and every day.

St. Francis Sunday Schedule:

Nursery: Infants to 3 years - 9:00am in the Nursery

Sacred Earth; Sacred Soul: Adults - 9:10am in the Parish Hall

- Celtic Christian Wisdom & Spirituality for the Here & Now

Children's Chapel: Children - During the 10:00am Service in the Children's Chapel

Going Global: Adults - 11:15am in the Parish Hall

- Prep Class for our Adult Costa Rica Mission Experience

EYC: Youth - 11:15am in St. Mike's House

Jr. Choir: 3rd to 12th Graders - 4:30pm-5:30pm in the Choir Room

Please check the calendar for updated information.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOURTH CANDLE - THE CANDLE OF JOY

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

The Gallager Family

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Joy.

When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him.

From hope, peace, and love grows joy.

We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

The Fourth Advent Candle is lit.

Leader: Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Please stand, sung by all.

OPENING HYMN: *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

Hymnal 66

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmody Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesange*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

Please remain standing.

THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

Celebrant: 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.

TRISAGION

Hymnal S101

Ho-ly God, Ho-ly and Might-y, Ho-ly Im-mor-tal
One, Have mer-cy up-on us. Ho-ly God,
Ho-ly and Might-y, Ho-ly Im-mor-tal One, Have
mer-cy up-on us. Ho-ly God, Ho-ly and Might-y,
Ho-ly Im-mor-tal One, Have mer-cy up-on us.

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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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord.

People: Make a path for our God in the desert.

Leader: Every valley shall be lifted up.

People: Every mountain and hill be made low.

Leader: The uneven ground shall become level.

People: Rough places shall become a plain.

Leader: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

People: All the people shall see it together.

Leader: This is the promise of the Lord.

People: God's promise shall be fulfilled.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-16

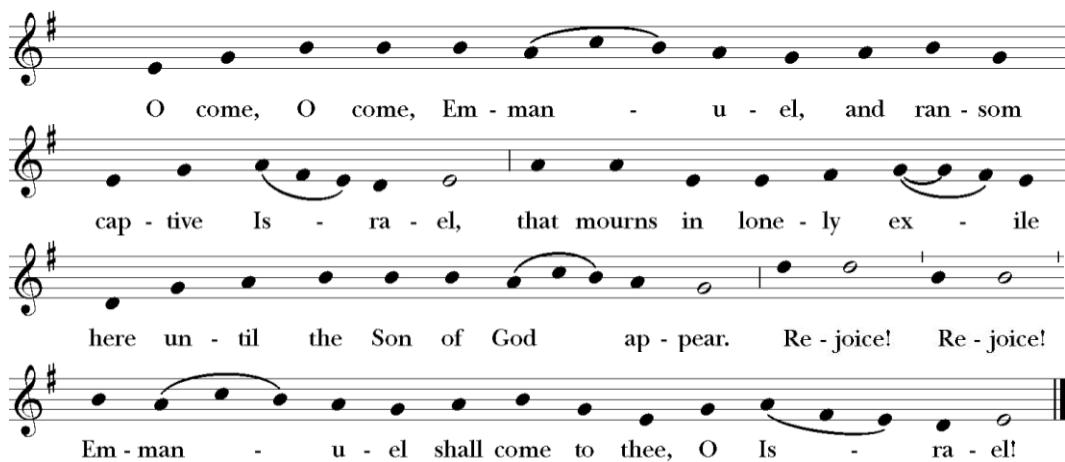
A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

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... 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.

Please remain seated, sung by all.

HYMN 56 VERSE 1

O Come, O Come Emmanuel



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is a setting of the hymn 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel'.

O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

SECOND READING

Luke 1:26-38

Angel Gabriel Enters During Reading

A reading from the Gospel of Luke:

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

MUSICAL OFFERING

The Angel Gabriel

Sung by Celia McDowell, Lexie Walters, Emerson Greiner and Elena Smith

THIRD READING

Luke 2:1-7

Mary and Joseph Enter During Reading

A reading from the Gospel of Luke:

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.

Please remain seated, sung by all.

HYMN 79 VERSE 1

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893) Music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

FOURTH READING

Luke 2:8-20

Shepherds, Angels Enter During Reading

A reading from the Gospel of Luke:

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.

Please remain seated, sung by all.

HYMN 96 VERSES (1 & 3)

Angels We Have Heard on High

An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o.

ri - a

FIFTH READING

Matthew 2:1-12

Three Kings Enter During Reading

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew:

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Please remain seated.

MUSICAL OFFERING: We Three Kings

Hopkins / Thompson
Youth Handbell Choir

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People:

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God saying, “Lord hear our prayer”

For all people in their daily life and work; for our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: For this community, the nation, and the world; for all who work for justice, freedom, and peace, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: For the just and proper use of your creation; for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; for those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: For the peace and unity of the Church of God; for all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our own Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers; for all who serve God in his Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
(silence)

Intercessor: We pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: Hear us, Lord; for your mercy is great, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
(silence)

Intercessor: We pray to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: We will exalt you, O God our King; and praise your Name for ever and ever, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Lord hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

(silence)

Intercessor: We pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Lord hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; who put their trust in you, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: *Lord hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: The altar flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frank L. Nash, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, forever in our hearts, given by his family- A. Rawiya Nash, Nila, Natae, Noel, Joi and eleven grandchildren.

(silence)

Intercessor: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Hear our prayer.*

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

He is born

Betty Bertaux
Junior Choir
Cam Spong, Bells
Peter Miller, Drum

Refrain: He is born the Divine Christ Child,
Play on the drum, play the flute and violin.
He is born the Divine Christ Child,
Christ our Savoir meek and mild.

We have waited four thousand years,
As the prophets long foretold it;
We have waited four thousand years,
Sing with joy for the Infant dear.

Refrain

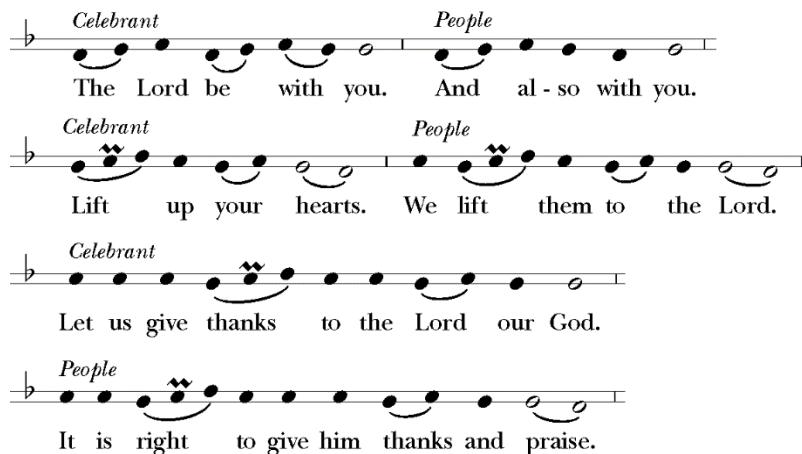
He is lovely, He has such charm!
Ah, so perfect is His grace,
He is lovely, He has such charm!
Sweetness glows from his holy face!

Refrain

Please stand.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP p367



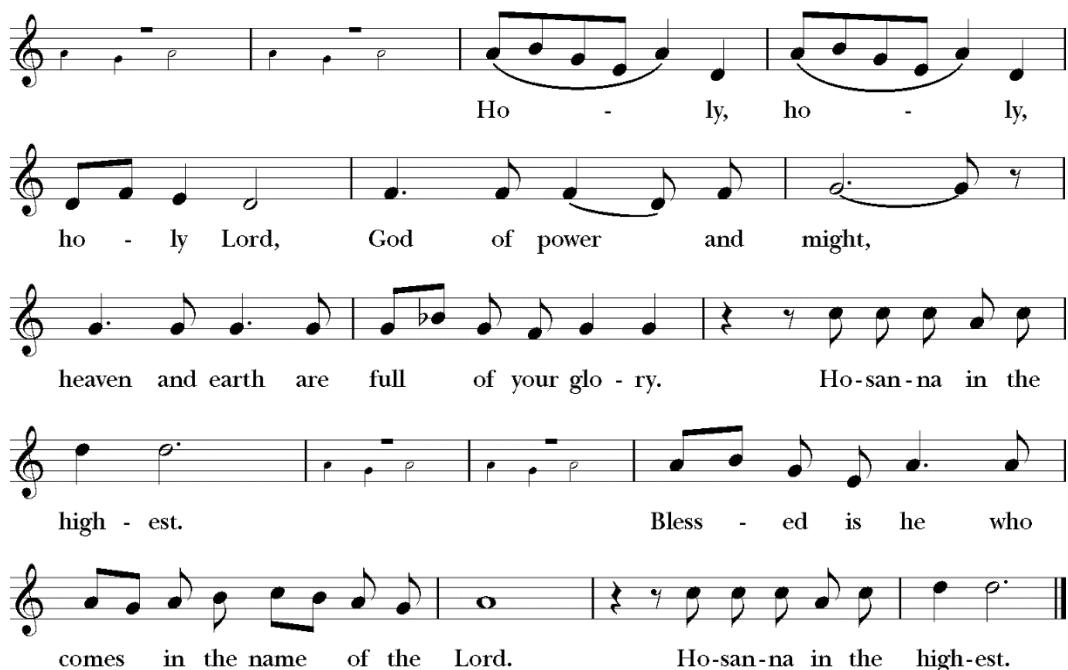
Music notation for Eucharistic Prayer B. The notation is in common time with a key signature of one flat. The voices are labeled 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. And also with you.
People: Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sung by all.

SANCTUS

Hymnal S128



Music notation for the Sanctus hymn. The notation is in common time with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Please kneel.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B CONTINUES

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Celebrant: ...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory...

Celebrant: ...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.

All: AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP p364

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

All: 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

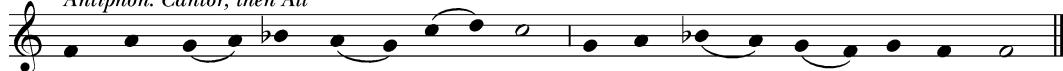
Sung by all.

FRACTION

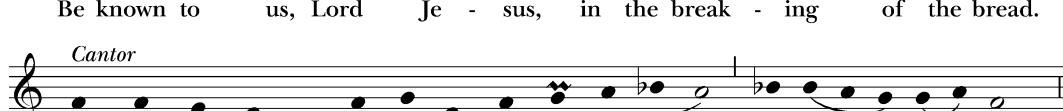
Hymnal S171

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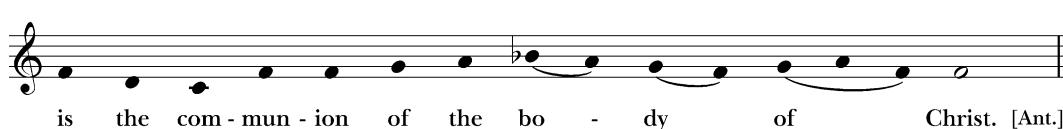
Antiphon: Cantor; then All



Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.



1. The bread which we break, al-le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,
for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

Music: Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

THE PEACE

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant: 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.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive bread only, place one palm of the hand in the other and the priest will offer the Body of Christ to you. If you would like to receive bread and wine keep your hands by your side, and the clergy will intinct the body into the wine and place the body and blood on your tongue. To receive a blessing in lieu of communion, cross your arms over your chest and the clergy will give you a blessing.

Please be seated.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION:

Away In a Manger

Spilman / Callahan
Youth Handbell Choir
Benita McFarland, organ

Please stand.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Please stand, sung by all.

CLOSING HYMN 68

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Benita McFarland, organ

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CAST

Mary:	Brek Cockman
Joseph:	James Gaunt
Angel Gabriel:	Lyla Woody
Readers:	William Gaunt Kyle Haslam Hayden Greiner Celia McDowell Luke Whitworth
Kings:	Liam Gallagher Alex Gallagher Nolan Sieck
Angels:	Nora Smith-Bramley Paisley Jackson Aza Villarreal Olivia Whitworth Evelyn Williams Joey Herndon Winnie Herndon
Shepherd:	Link Adams
Animals:	Callan Horton Sutton Scott Claire Haddy

JUNIOR CHOIR AND YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR

Celia McDowell	Lexie Walters
Emerson Greiner	Elena Smith
Charlie Smith	William Gaunt
Mac Cockman	Cam Spong
Peter Miller	

THE EPIPHANY PROJECT

January 8th

As we celebrate the Magi coming to offer Christ gifts during the season of Epiphany, we will be offering gifts as part of our Epiphany Project. Joyner Elementary School is just around the corner from St. Francis and the teachers have many needs. Please bring your gifts from the list below on January 8th where they will be blessed and shared with Joyner Elementary. If you are unable to attend on January 8th donations can be dropped off at the church the week before.

Items needed:

Glue sticks	Velcro dots
Pre-sharpened pencils	Headphones
Packing tape	Science fair display boards
Two pocket folders	Felt tip pens
Tissue	White and colored card stock
Pencil erasers	Individual erasers
Markers	Colored Pencils
Dry-erase markers - all colors	Crayons
Dry-erase markers - both fine point and regular black	



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