

THE EUCHARIST OF  
CHRISTMAS WITH  
MUSICAL PRELUDE  
2021

St.MARY's



## WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S ! MERRY CHRISTMAS! ☩



*With safety concerns and out of respect for each other, (and, also, in following our diocesan guidelines), we ask you to remain masked while in the chapel. We encourage you to sing..... but masked. In addition, the Tower door and the door to St. Mary's Hall will remain open to create some ventilation.*

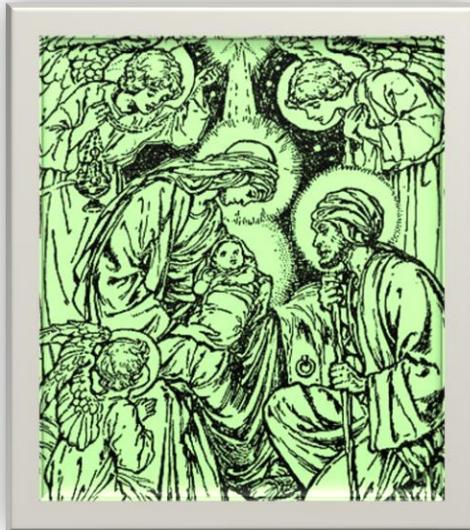
*There is a small restroom in the Tower entrance, behind the door, as well as one in the far end of the Hall, and two more down the stairs at the hall entrance.*



*At this special and sacred time of the year, all of us at St. Mary's wish to extend to you and your loved ones Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year. While we might recall difficult times and frustrations in 2021, we look forward with faith hope and love to 2022.*

*At "this most wonderful time of the year" may you and your loved ones find joy and fulfillment as surely did Joseph and Mary.*

*"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of goodwill."*



CHRISTMAS EVE – MUSICAL PRELUDE  
5:30 PM

**Organ:** "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" -  
Manz

**Congregation: sing-along** "It Came Upon  
the Midnight Clear"

**1** It came upon the midnight clear,  
    that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
    to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
    from heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
    to hear the angels sing.  
**2** Still through the cloven skies they come  
    with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats  
    o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains  
    they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds  
    the blessed angels sing.

**Oboe:** "Bring a Torch" Johnson

**Vocal Solo:** "Do You Hear What I hear"  
Sara Mundy-

**Oboe and Congregation:** "O Little Town  
of Bethlehem" sung by all

**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 everlasting 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.

**Organ:** "Noel" Bish



## THE CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

**In the following service, the “People’s Parts” are in Bold**

**Do to COVID restriction on the “passing of the Plate” we invite you before (or after) the Service to place your gifts for the service in the brass offertory basin at the “back” of the church**

**Any children present are welcome to gather now, at the start, by the Tower door to join in the procession with the “Baby Jesus” to the crib**

### Carol for the Procession to the Crib

**1 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,  
Christ the Lord.*

**2 God from God,  
Light from Light eternal,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin’s womb;  
only-begotten  
Son of God the Father;**

*Refrain*

**3 Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God,  
glory in the highest;**

*Refrain*

**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 Blessing of the Creche

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

V. The Word was made flesh  
**R. And dwelt among us.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, who in the Incarnation of your Son has revealed to us the holiness of creation, be pleased to bless and hallow this image of his sacred birth, so that those who gaze upon it may behold this mystery, whereby humanity shares in your very nature; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Hymn of Praise

**Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly swinging o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains**

**[Chorus]**  
**Gloria In Excelsis Deo**  
**Gloria In Excelsis Deo**

**[Verse 2]**  
**Shepherds why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song?**

**[Chorus]**  
**Gloria In Excelsis Deo**  
**Gloria In Excelsis Deo**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**  
Let us pray

### **The Collect**

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All Amen.**

### *In daytime Eucharists*

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. All **Amen.**

### **Old Testament**

#### **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.

### **The New Testament**

#### **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.

### **Carol Before the Gospel**

1      **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***

2 **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 Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with man to dwell;  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!**

***Refrain***

### **The Gospel**

#### **Luke 2:14(15-20)**

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.]

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,  
our Lord, who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, died, and was buried; he  
descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he  
ascended into heaven, he is seated at  
the right hand of the Father, and he will  
come again to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
catholic Church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting. Amen**

### **Prayers of the People**

**In peace let us pray to the Lord. saying:  
Hear our prayer**

**Father, [in this holy night] your Son our  
Saviour was born in human flesh. Renew  
your Church as the Body of Christ. Holy  
God**

**hear our prayer.**

[In this holy night] there was no room for your Son in the inn.

Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

[In this holy night] Mary, in the pain of labour, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all who we pray for in our hearts and all who are in pain or distress. Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

[In this holy night] your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness.

Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world.

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

[In this holy night] the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.'

Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world. Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

[In this holy night] shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy.

Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption.

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

[In this holy night] strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love.

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

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[In this holy night] heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand our loved ones and all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom. Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

[In this holy night] Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.

Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

*Lighting of the candle of Remembrance for all on the memorial list and all who are separated from us this Christmas night by life or by death*

Priest: Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life:  
hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this Christmas night, fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; Holy God

**hear our prayer.**

Priest: Father,[in this holy night] angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne.Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **The Confession**

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:  
'You shall call his name Jesus,  
for he will save his people from their sins.'  
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of  
God through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

***Please remain Standing***

God our Father, you sent your Son full of  
grace and truth: forgive our failure to receive  
him. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus our Saviour, you were born in poverty  
and laid in a manger: forgive our greed and  
rejection of your ways. Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of Love, your servant Mary responded  
joyfully to your call; forgive the hardness of  
our hearts. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw you to himself and cleanse you from  
all your sins, that you may behold the glory  
of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace** Unto us a child is born, unto  
us a son is given, and his name shall be  
called the Prince of Peace.

## **Carol For The Preparation of the Gifts and Table**

1 **Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!**

2 **Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss;  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest for evermore.  
Christ was born for this!**

3 **Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

**The Lord be with you**

**And also with you**

**Lift up your hearts**

**We lift them up to the Lord**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God**

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant  
proceeds All glory and honour be yours*

always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who for love of our fallen race humbled himself, was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us. In this mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused his light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**  
*The people stand or kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

All: **Our Father...**

*Priest:* O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **grant us your peace**

**Gifts of God.....**

*Act of Spiritual Communion for those at home:*

*In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive your presence sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen*

### **Musical Communion Meditation**

O Holy Night, Sung by Sara Mundy

### **Prayer after Communion**

**God our Father,**  
**in this night you have made known to**  
**us again**  
**the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:**  
**confirm our faith and fix our eyes on**  
**him**  
**until the day dawns**

**and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.**

**To him be glory both now and for ever.**

**Amen**

*All May share the Light from the Christ Candle for the singing of "Silent Night"*

- 1 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.**
- 2 Silent night, holy night,  
shepherds quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born!**
- 3 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.**

**Blessing From the Book of Occasional Services of the Episcopal Church**

God the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon you his children. **Amen.**

Christ who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit, by whose presence Mary became the God-bearer, give you grace to carry the good news of Christ. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

**All Glory, thanks and praise to God.**

**Closing Carol**

- 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.
- 2 **Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;**  
let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plaains,  
repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 **No more let sins and sorrows grow,**  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found.
- 4 **He rules the world with truth and grace,**  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love.



# ***CHRISTMAS***

## ***DEDICATIONS***

### *In Loving Memory of*

Ian G.M. Brownlie, *given by his family*

Our Parents Catherine K. & Milton T. Becker, Our Sister Carol Becker Lynch and Uncle & Aunt The Rev. Henry & Alice Kupsh, *given by Regina & Donald Becker*

Peter & Virginia Turgeon and Bobbi Harris, *given by Wendy Turgeon*

William & Rose Ferris, John & Joan Bacon and Peter MacLean, *given by William & Joan Ferris*

Our Parents, Peter Maclean and Daniel Harris, *given by Carolyn & Bob Fisher*

Richard Hundgen, *given by the Hundgen & Brunner Families*

### *In Thanksgiving of*

Our Children Will & Lindley and Their Families, *given by William & Joan Ferris*

Timo McClain, *given by Wendy Turgeon*

