



Welcome to
St. John the Divine Episcopal Church
17740 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037



December 24, 2022

Christmas Eve

Holy Eucharist

St. John the Divine Episcopal Church in Morgan Hill is a welcoming, inclusive community, sharing the Love of God with one another through prayer, worship, fellowship, and pastoral care, and through our outreach ministries in the South Valley communities and the Diocese of El Camino Real.

Opening Music:

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming/What is This Lovely Fragrance (ER IS EIN ROSE/Trad. French Carol)

Sax/Piano

Ding, Dong, Merrily on High, arr. Anna Laura Page

Handbell Choir/Piano

Angels Medley, (Angels from the Realms of Glory/Angels We Have Heard on High)

Flute/Piano

Good Christian Friends

John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

H #107

IN DULCI JUBILO

14th cent. German carol

$\text{♩} = 60$

1. GoodChris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2. GoodChris - tian friend, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!

Ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for - e - ver - more.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Prayers at the Creche

At crèche: Hymn #102, *Once in Royal David's City*, vs. 1-2

Once in Royal David's City

H #102

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
2. He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
3. We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a

low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -

ba - by in a man - ger for his bed; Ma - ry
sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
- a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this

was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - o - ther.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who in the Incarnation of your Son has revealed to us the holiness of creation, 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 #102, *Once in Royal David's City*, v. 3



Opening Hymn:

O Come, All Ye Faithful

John Francis Wade (1711-1786)

H #83

ADESTE FIDELES

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O
2. God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal, lo! he ab -
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, sing, all ye
6. Yea, Lord we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing, Je - sus to

come ye to Beth - le - hem; come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
hors_ not the Vir - gin's womb' on - ly be - got - ten Son_ of the Fa - ther;
ci - ti - zens of hea - ven a - bove; glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
thee be_ glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O

come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

Advent Candle Lighting

Leader: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given!

All: **God has brought light into every darkness.**

(The four Advent candles are re-lighted)

Leader: The promises of God are fulfilled! Wonderful Counselor! Mighty God!
Everlasting Father! Prince of Peace!

All: We hear, even today, a chorus of angels bringing good news of great joy to all people.

Leader: We light the Candle of Christ – witness to the Savior who is Christ the Lord.

(The Candle of Christ is lighted)

Opening Sentences

Presider: Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a savior who is Christ the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Glory to God: Gloria in Excelsis – Hymn #96, Refrain

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

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

Collect for the Nativity of our Lord

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

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 Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 98

Antiphon: first time, cantor

Antiphon: second time, cantor and congregation

Antiphon

ADESTE FIDELES



- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Antiphon - all

- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Antiphon - all

- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Antiphon - all

Second Reading

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.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

The First Nowell

H #109

THE FIRST NOWELL
English Carol, 17th century

1. The first No - well the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they
2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the east be - yond them
3. And by the light of that same star three wise men came from coun - try

lay; in fields as they lay keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so
far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and
far; to seek for a king was their in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it

deep. No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the King of Is - ra - el.
night.
went.

Pageant

The gospel lesson today is reflected in our Christmas pageant. (Adapted from *Tabias' Story* by Carolyn Peters) Your participation is strongly encouraged!

Mary and Joseph

All who'd like to portray Mary and Joseph come forward.

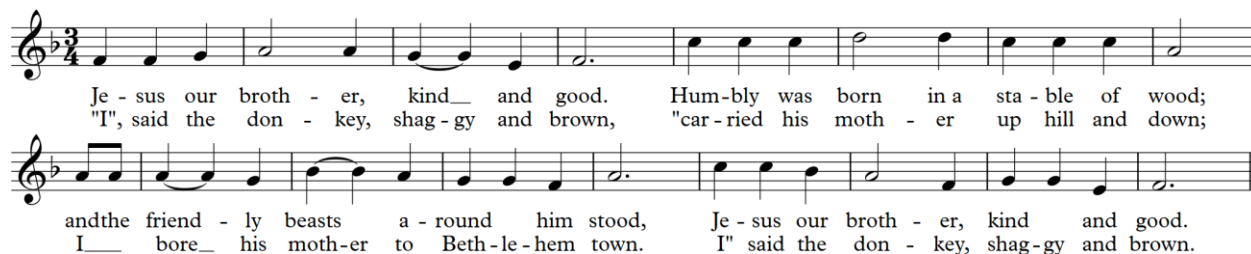


1. Ma - ry had a ba - by, my Lord; Ma - ry had a ba - by, my Lord.
4. Where was he born, my Lord? where was he born, my Lord?
5. Born in a man - ger, my Lord. Born in a man - ger, my Lord.

Ma - ry had a ba - by, Ma - ry had a ba - by, Ma - ry had a ba - by, my Lord.
Where was he born, where was he born, where was he born, my Lord?
Born in a man - ger, born in a man - ger, born in a man - ger, my Lord.

The Animals

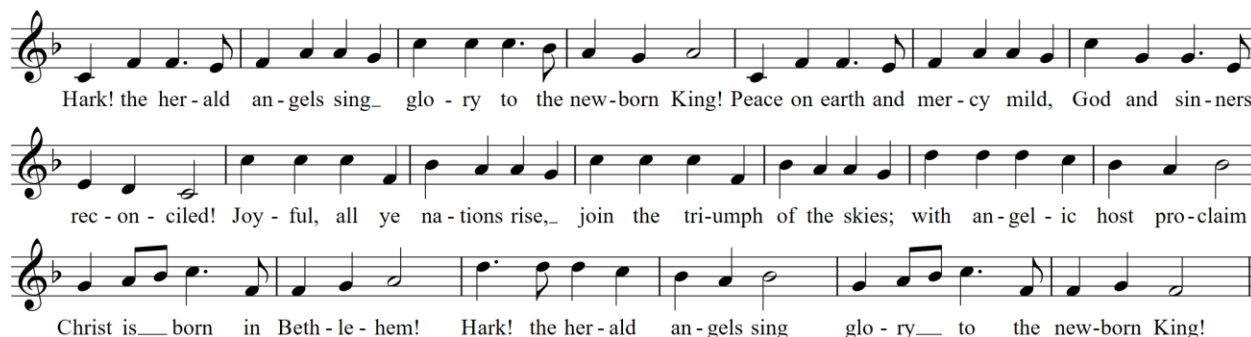
All who'd like to be goats, sheep, cows or donkeys are invited to come forward.



Je - sus our broth - er, kind and good. Hum-bly was born in a sta - ble of wood;
"I", said the don - key, shag - gy and brown, "car - ried his moth - er up hill and down;
and the friend - ly beasts a - round him stood, Je - sus our broth - er, kind and good.
I bore his moth - er to Beth - le - hem town. I" said the don - key, shag - gy and brown.

Angels

All who'd like to be angles are invited to come forward.



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King! Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners
rec - on - ciled! Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, join the tri - umph of the skies; with an - gel - ic host pro - claim
Christ is born in Beth - le - hem! Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

Shepherds

All who'd like to portray the shepherds are invited to come forward.

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where; go tell it on the
moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born! While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o -
er si - lent flocks by night, be - hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light. *Repeat refrain*

Wise Persons and Star

All who'd like to be Wise Persons are invited to come forward.

We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain, moor and
moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star. O star of won - der, star of night,
star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Homily

The Rev. Karen Cuffie

Prayers of the People

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests and ministers, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Lucinda, our Bishop, and for Karen, our rector

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

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Presider: 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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Exchange peace.

Offertory: Still, Still, Still, arr. Richard Shephard

Choir

Doxology (Old 100th)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *Sanctus*

S130

Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____

hea - ven and earth are full, full____ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

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 all 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.**

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

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music:

Away in a Manger, arr. Anna Laura Page

Bells/Piano

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876)

H #89

CAROL

Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900)

1. It came up - on a mid - night clear, that glo ri - ous song of old,____
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,____

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps with gold:____
and still their hea - ven - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;____

"Peace on the earth good will to men, from hea ven's all gra - cious King."____
a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - er - ing wing,____

The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.____
and ev - er o'er the Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.____

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God our Father.

**in this night you have made known to us again
the power and 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.**

The Blessing



Mission Song:

Joy to the World

H #100

ANTIOCH
Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759)
Wds: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
4. He rules the world in truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ry heart pre - pare him room and
prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and hea - ven, and hea - ven and na - ture sing.
love, and won - ders, and won - ders of his love.

Closing Music:

Silent Night

Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)

H #111

STILLE NACHT
Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863)

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herdsquake at the sight,
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of god, love's pure light

round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

sleep in heav - en - ly peace. Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sa - vior is born! Christ the Sa - vior is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth. Je - sus, Lord at thy birth.

After verse three, sing the first verse again, a capella.

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Participating in the Service

Presider:	The Reverend Karen Cuffie
Music Director:	Ginny Scott
Choir:	Michelle Francis Jenni Murrill Karen Cuffie Ginny Scott
Bell Choir:	Michelle Francis Jenni Murrill Karen Cuffie Andy Lief Kaylie Moniz Monica Moniz Trygve Thorsrud
Piano/Organ:	Andoni Bundros
Alto Sax:	James Blessing
Flute:	Mary Blessing
Trumpet:	Jordan Lief
Lectors:	Bethan Bath Tom Scott
Lay Eucharistic Minister:	Penny Parish
Pageant Coordinator:	Ashlee Fiorito

