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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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ST. MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mark's is an open community, welcoming people wherever they are on their faith journey. We celebrate the gifts of God that empower us to engage boldly in the struggles of life and to care for others with love, justice, and compassion.



Christmas Day

December 25, 2020

9:50 AM GATHER

10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Rector
The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Deacon
The Reverend Cindy Dopp

Director of Youth & Family Ministries
Caleb Nelson Amaker

Director of Music
Jeff Kempskie

Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church ✠ Capitol Hill

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To view the **parish calendar online**, go to our homepage www.stmarks.net and click "Calendar" at the top of the page.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

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Schedule of Christmas Services

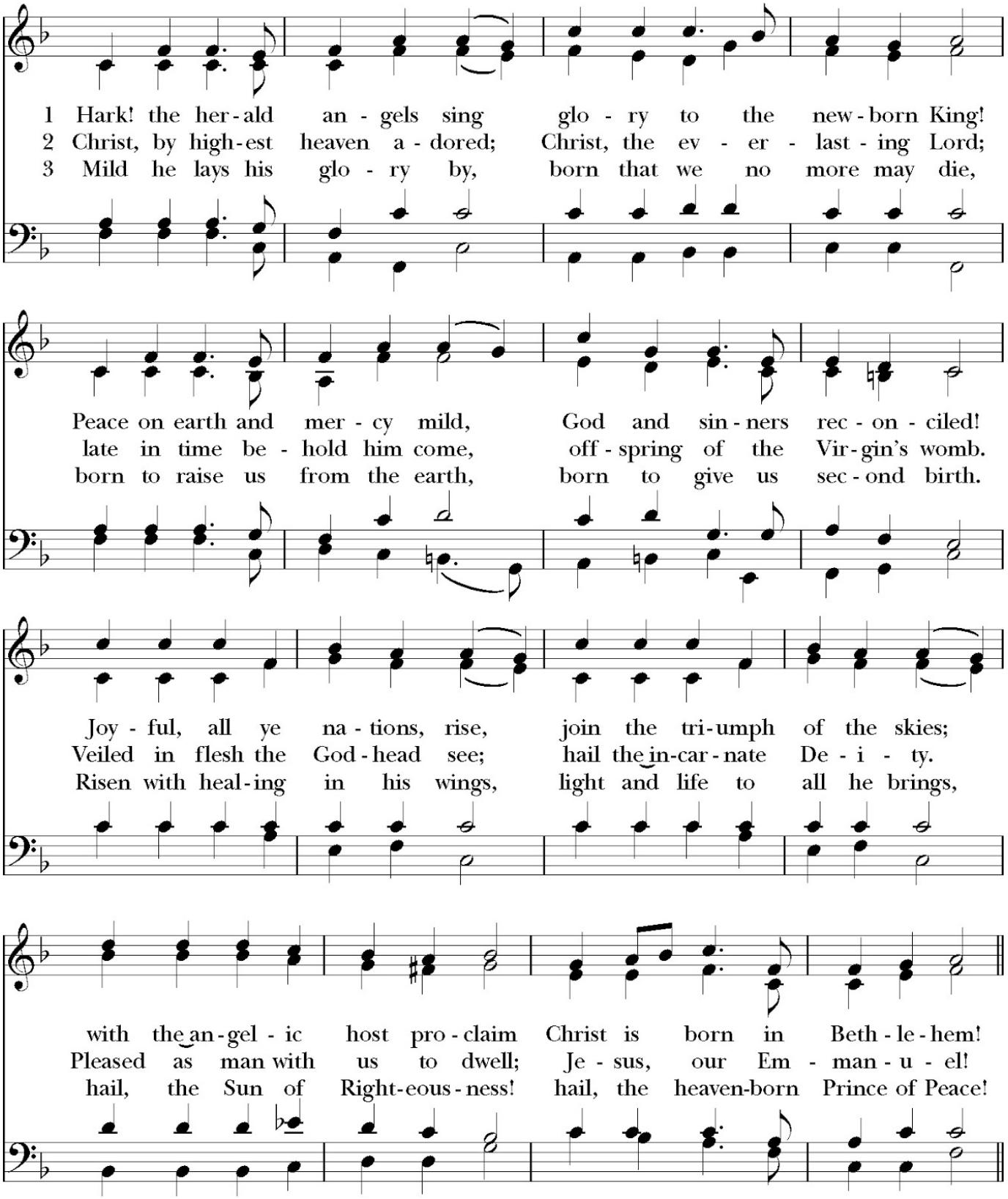
Saturday	Dec. 26	11 AM	Christmas Pageant redux *Zoom Meeting*
Sunday	Dec. 27	10 AM	Christmas Lessons & Carols *Live Stream*

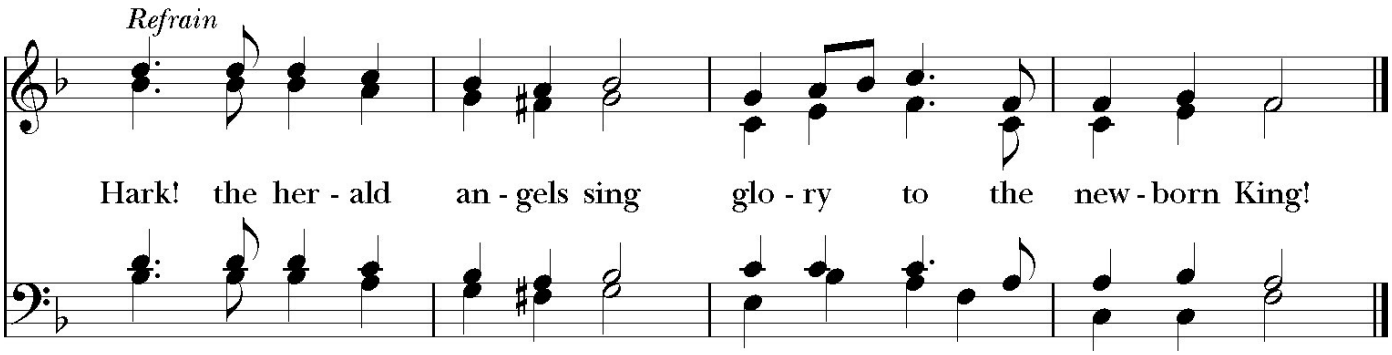


THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE Cantilena on *Mendelssohn* arr. James Biery (b. 1956)

OPENING HYMN 87 Hark! the herald angels sing *Mendelssohn*



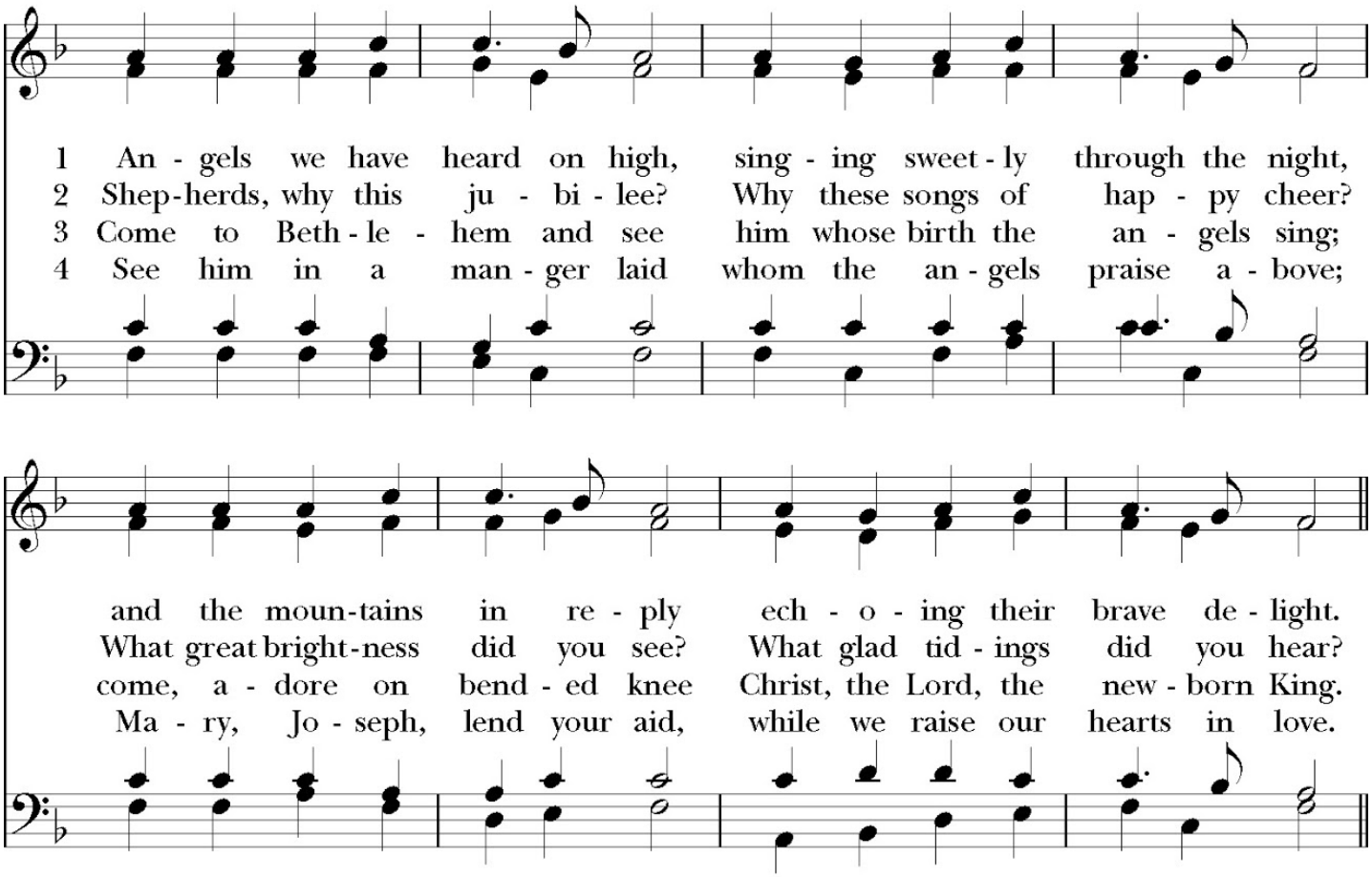


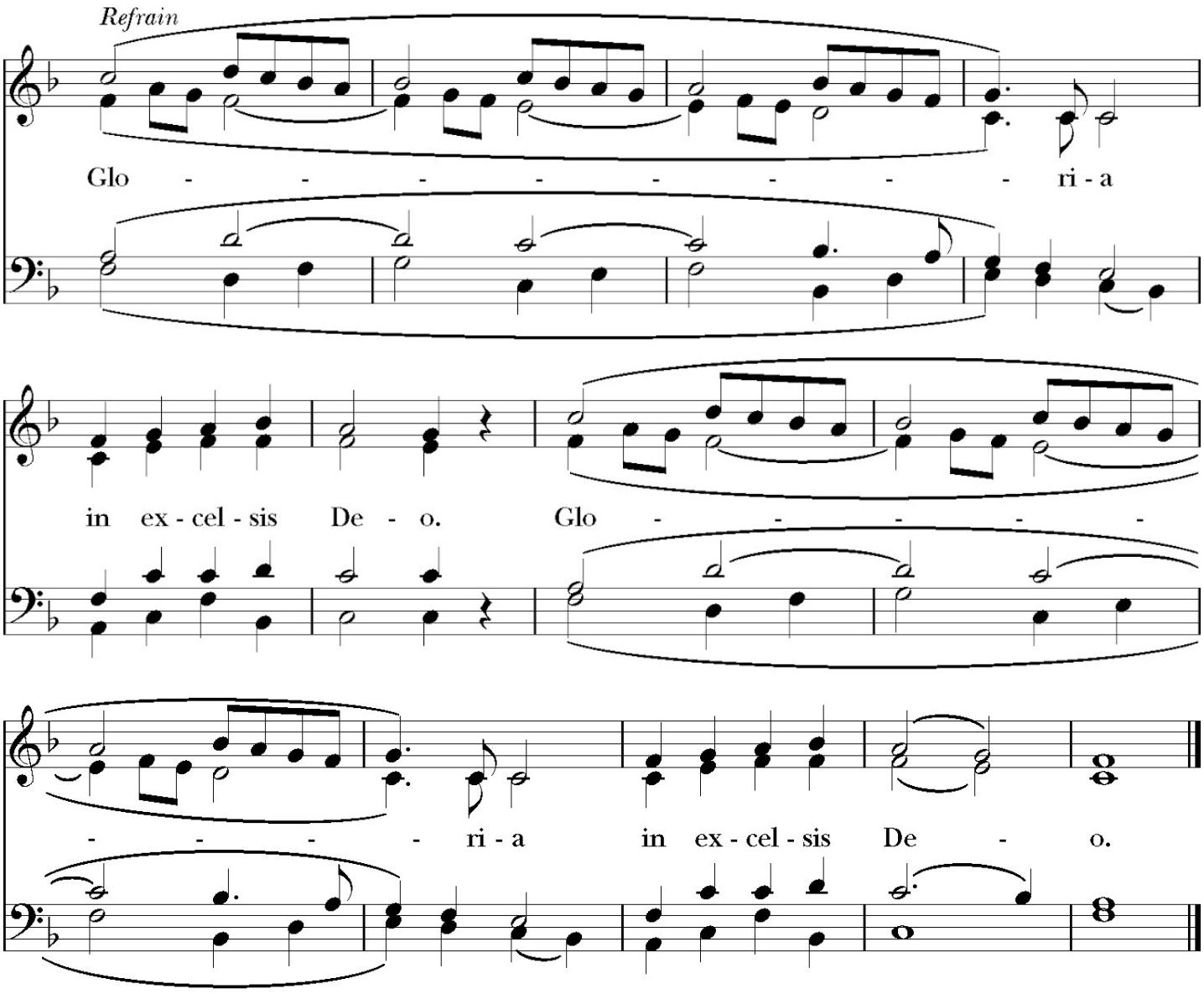
OPENING SENTENCES

I bring you good news of great joy!
A Savior has been born to you! Alleluia!

Unto us a child is born!
The child is a gift! Alleluia!

SONG OF PRAISE Hymn 96 Angels we have heard on high, vv. 1-3 *Gloria*





COLLECT

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray:
Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Savior and our eternal God. Amen.

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels;
all day and all night
they shall never be silent.

You who remind the Lord,
take no rest,
and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The Lord has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:
I will not again give your grain
to be food for your enemies,
and foreigners shall not drink the wine
for which you have labored;

but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the Lord,
and those who gather it shall drink it
in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.

The Lord has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:
Say to daughter Zion,
"See, your salvation comes;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him."

They shall be called, "The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the Lord";
and you shall be called, "Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL Luke 2: 1-20

The Gospel of Jesus according to Luke
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!"

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 Gospel of Jesus.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

AFFIRMATION

We believe that God has created us.
We believe that God is born among us.
We believe that God will always sustain us.
We believe that God calls us to bring peace, justice, and compassion into this world.
We believe that in the end of all things, God's love shall win.
Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray:
Christ, born in a stable, give courage to all who are homeless: Jesus, Savior,
Hear our prayer.

Christ, for whom the angels sang, give the song of the kingdom to all who weep:
Jesus, Savior,
Hear our prayer.

Christ, worshipped by the shepherds, give peace on earth to all who are oppressed:
Jesus, Savior,
Hear our prayer.

Jesus, becoming a healer, grant healing to a world in pandemic.
Jesus, Savior,
Hear our prayer.

Christ, before whom the wise men knelt, give humility and wisdom to all who govern:
Jesus, Savior,
Hear our prayer.

Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger, give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you: Jesus, Savior,
Hear our prayer.

The people are invited to offer prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings,
either silently or aloud, at this time.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, full of the Spirit, hear our prayer, receive our praises, fill our lives. Amen.

THE PEACE

May the peace of God, born among us, be with you!
And also with you.

VESTRY GREETING

CLERGY GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELECTRONIC OFFERING

To support the work of the church, make an online gift now or learn about the other ways to give.

Pledges to support the church in the future and online gifts can also be made through the St. Mark's website stmarks.net by choosing "Donate or Pledge" at the top.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY SOLO The First Noel Traditional English Carol, arr. Richard Walters

Charmian Crawford, soloist

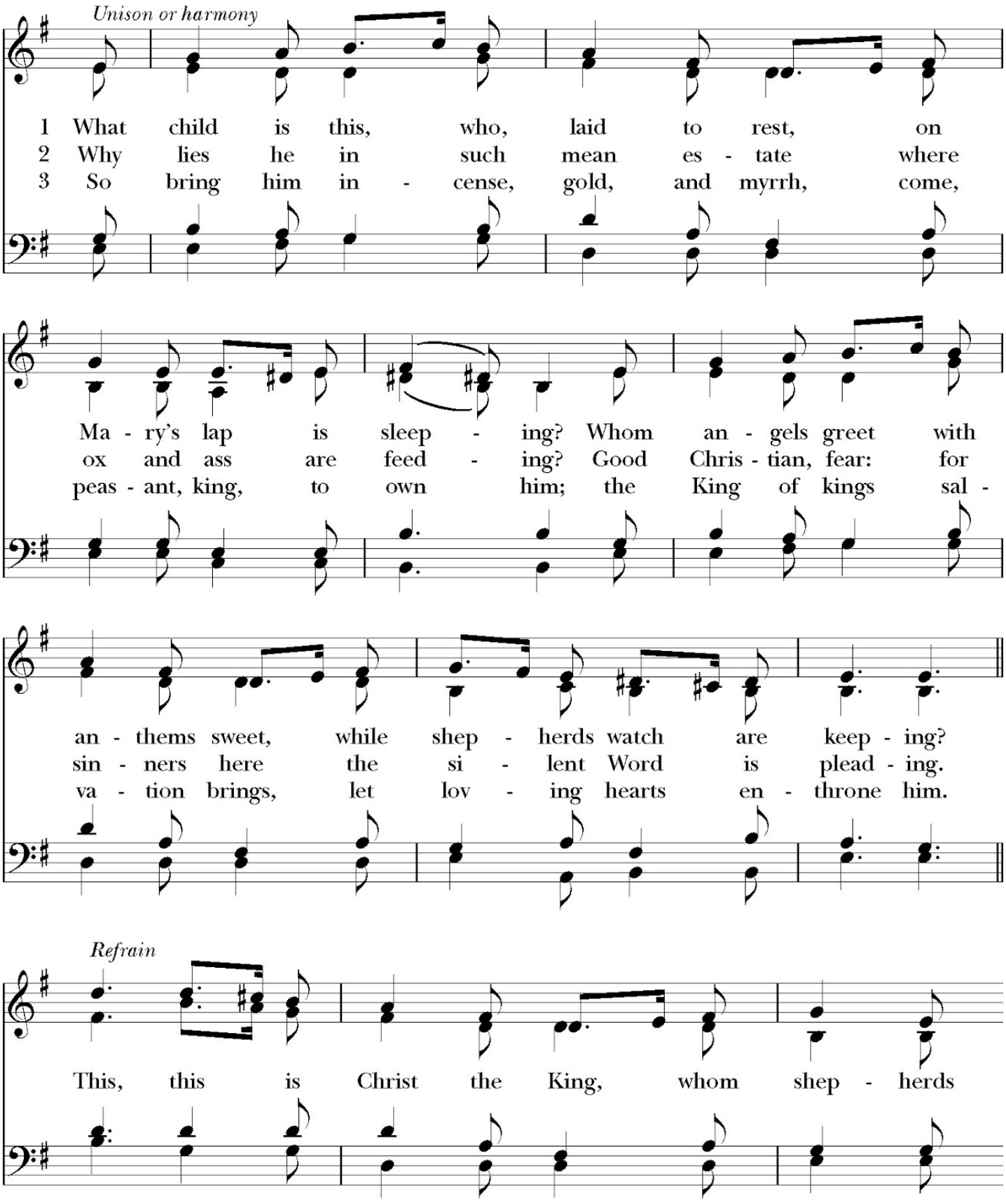
The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

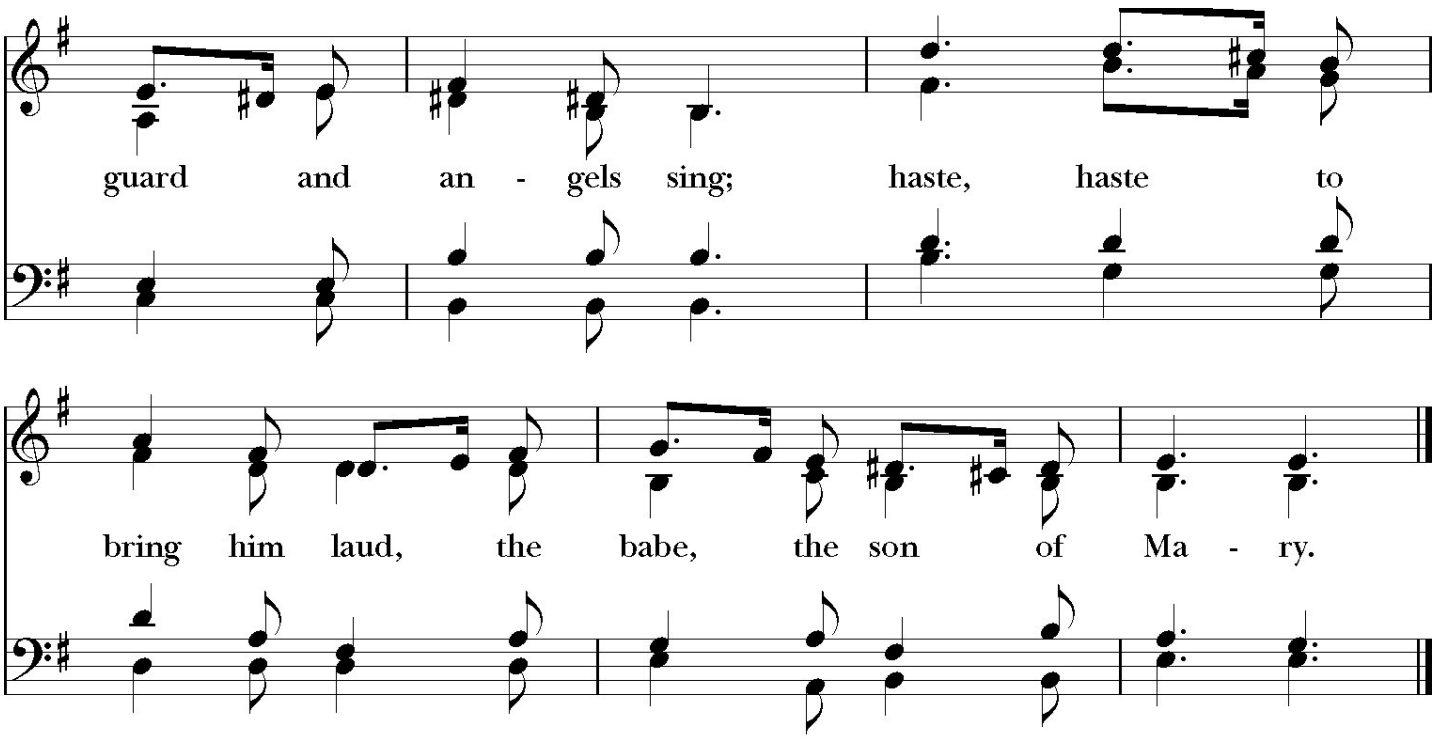
They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

This star drew nigh to the Northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
that hath made heav'n and earth of nought, and with his blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

PRESENTATION HYMN 115 What child is this, who, laid to rest *Greensleeves*





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

God is always with us.
God has been born among us!
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Incarnate One
Let us give thanks to God.
It is right and joyful to give our thankful praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. Glory to you for ever and ever.

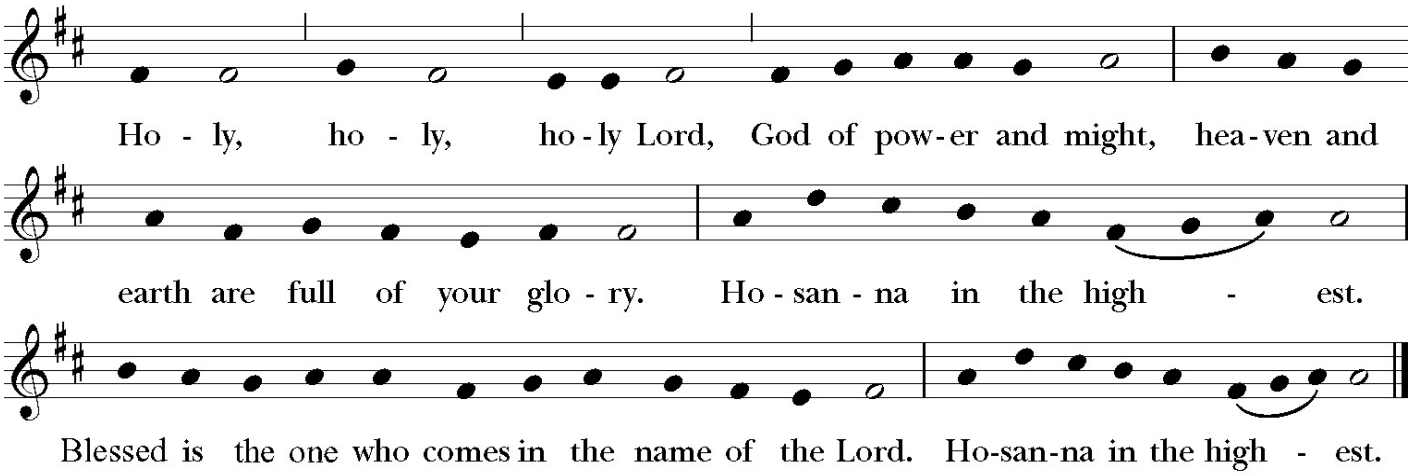
At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, God, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his love, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS S 124 From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd



And so, God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

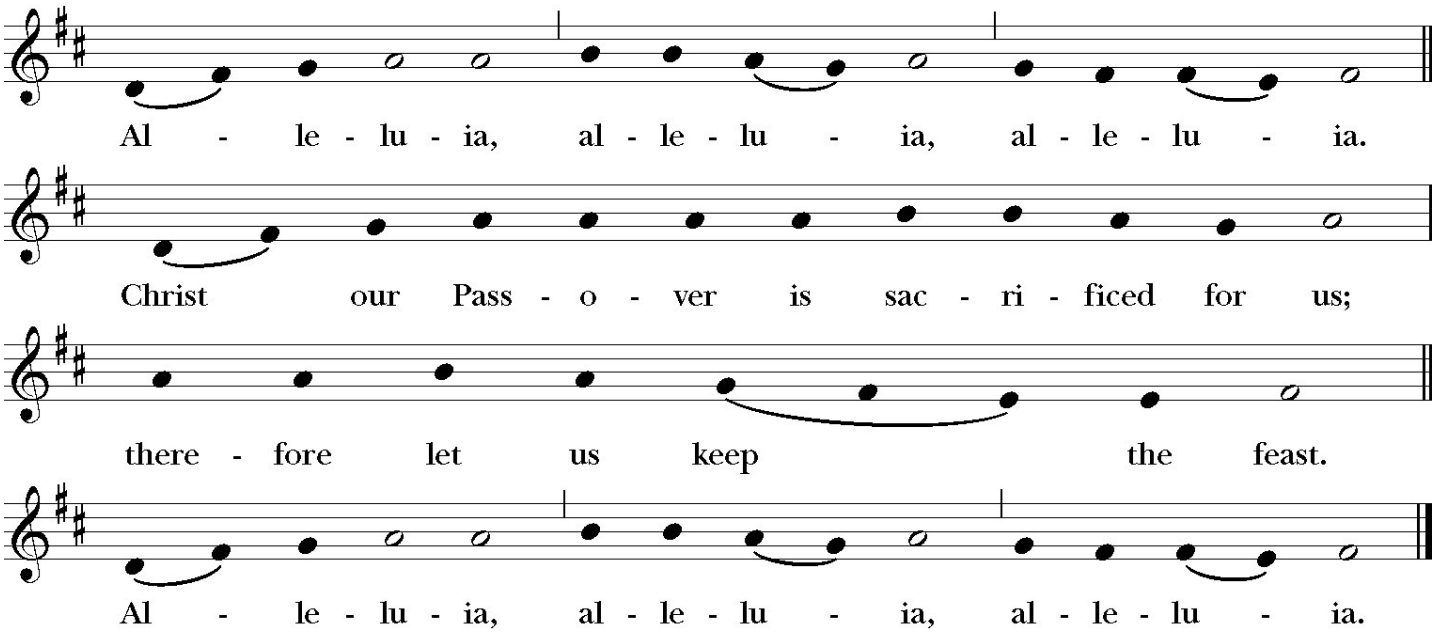
God of our Ancestors: Sarah, Rachel, Rebecca, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God who was born of Mary and who is present in our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
Amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER Video by Hayley Gray-Hoehn

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM S 154 From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd



THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We recognize this as God's table set before us and for all and this bread and wine as God's food for us and for all. Therefore whoever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe,
All are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!

THE COMMUNION

If you have bread and wine in your home you are welcome to consume it now. If you would like us to deliver a blessed communion wafer to you, please contact Michele@stmarks.net

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lullaby — Words & Music by John Ness Beck
Transcribed by Craig Courtney

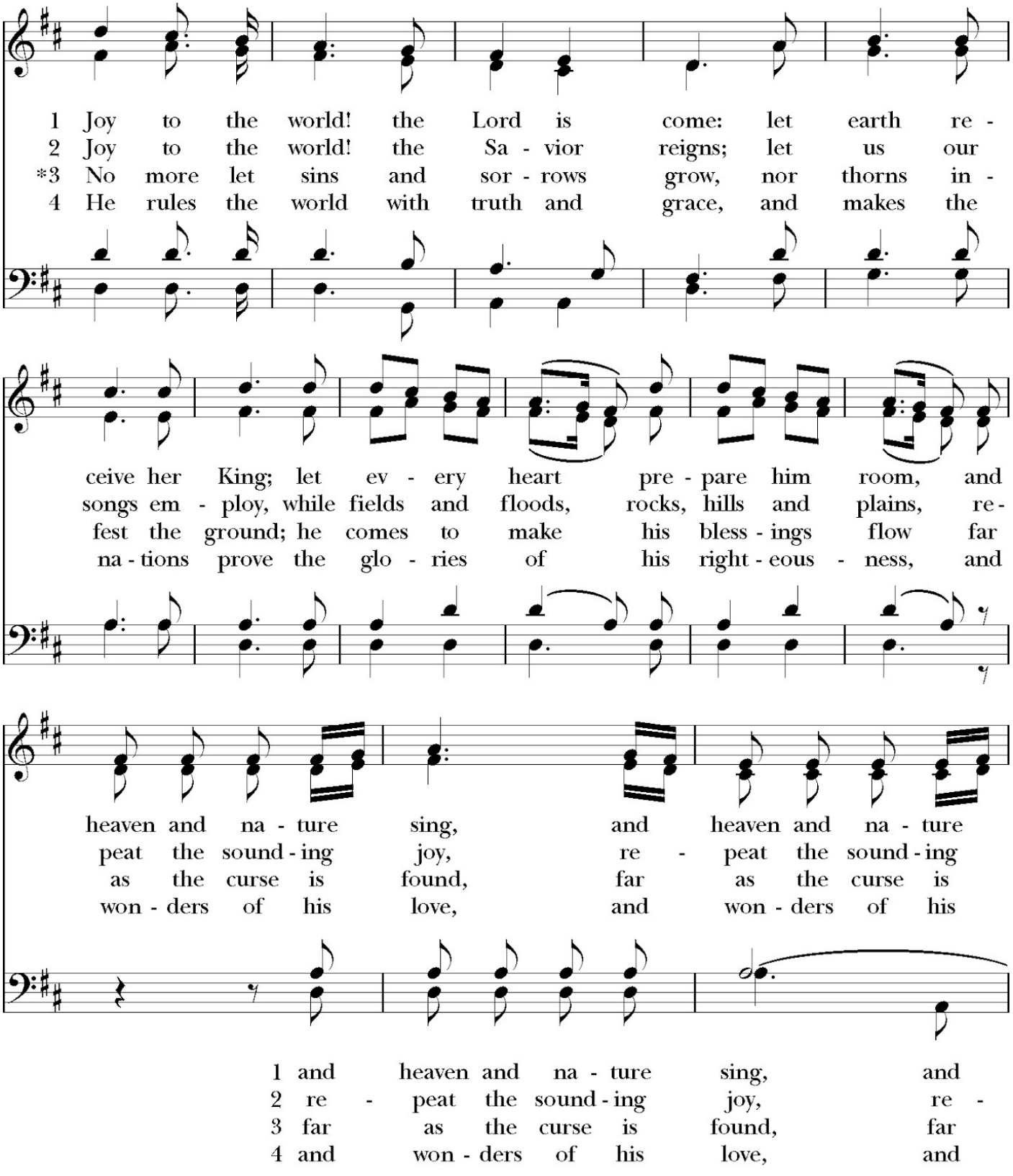
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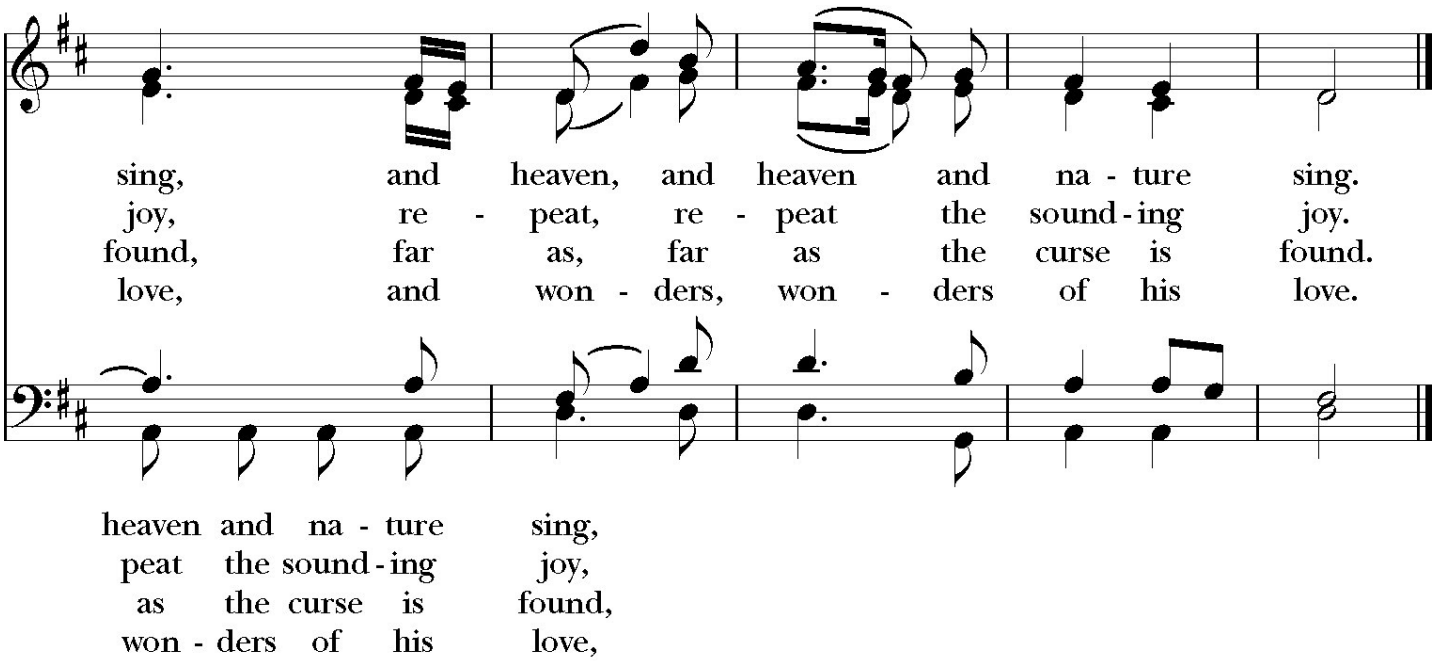
A child, a holy child, fast asleep beneath a winter sky,
Is warm at rest at his mother's breast as she sings her lullaby.
The lambs, the cattle too are sleeping in a bed of hay,
And all around there's no other sound than lullaby, lulay.
Lullaby, sleep well, sleep well, my precious one;
Lullaby, my love, my only son; New life has now begun.
So the story goes: once upon a winter morn a tiny boy
Bringing love and joy, the Prince of Peace was born.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN Hymn 100 Joy to the world! the Lord is come *Antioch*





THE BLESSING

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 flocks,**
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/שלום /سلام among the people, **to make music in the heart.**
And the Blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with us now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
Christ is born in us! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Sussex Carol Dale Wood (1934-2003)

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Welcome Newcomers!

We hope you feel a sense of connection as we share this time together online.
There are many other opportunities to get involved with St. Mark's, even remotely.

If you are a newcomer and want us to get to know you better, please fill out this form. If you have questions, you can also contact the staff listed on the last page.
We will be happy to help you in any way we can.

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Director of Music & Organist	Jeff Kempskie
Verger	Josie Jordan
Soloist	Charmian Crawford
Readers	Sandy Padgett, *Scripture Reader* The Reverend Michele H. Morgan, *Gospel* Randy Marks, *Prayers of the People*
Vestry Greeter	Ryan Baugh
Producer	Jeff Kempskie
Video Director	David Deutsch
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Liturgy Request

At St. Mark's, we plan the liturgy periodically. If you have a suggestion for the liturgy, please contact michele@stmarks.net.

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Epiphany Sermon Series

Adding Voices: Acts of Radical Love that change the world

The Reverends Michele Morgan, Cindy Dopp, Patricia Catalano, Justice Schunior and Joe Hubbard



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January 10	Introduction: What does Lending your voice mean?	Michele Morgan
January 17	Listening to the change.	Cindy Dopp
January 24	Seeing the world anew.	Justice Schunior
January 31	Teaching and learning	Joe Hubbard
February 7	In it for the long haul	Patricia Catalano
February 14	Of change and being changed	Michele Morgan

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Festival Giving 2020

Each year at St. Mark's we solicit donations to decorate our worship space, remember, honor, and/or express gratitude for people in our lives and to further the work of a designated non-profit. This year it will be Everyone Home DC, which supports the holistic needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

In Loving Memory of ...

Frank Lloyd by Betsy Athey
Rick Warfield & Mary Ellen Streupp by Jane Byrne
Bert Cooper & The Rev. William M. Baxter by Mary Cooper
Warren, Lillian, & William Price; Ollinger & Marjorie Crenshaw by Margaret & Al Crenshaw
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In Honor of ...

Our 4 1/2 year old granddaughter, Lilly Zimmerman by Bill & Linda Dickinson
In honor and thankfulness of my mother, Mollie Falk, and in memory of my father, Richard Falk by Karen Falk
My wife, Rosemary Harold by Michael Knipe
Jeff Kempskie and his gift of music that lifts us all up

In Thanksgiving for ...

In thanks for my children and grandchildren by Betsy Athey
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Cycle of Prayer

In the Diocese of Washington

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Christmas Day (December 25)

Anglican Communion

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and the People of Bethlehem

Parish Prayer List

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