



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



**December 24, 2024**

**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:**

# 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.

# Good Christian Friends

John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

H #107

IN DULCI JUBILO  
14th cent. German carol

♩ = 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!

# Deck the Halls

♩ = 120

Old Welsh carol

*mf* 1. Deck the halls with boughs of hol - ly,  
2. See the blaz - ing yule be - fore us, Fa - la - la - la - la - la - la - la - la,  
3. Fast a - way the old year pass - es,

'Tis the sea - son to be jol - ly,  
Strike the harp and join the chor - us, Fa - la - la - la - la - la - la - la - la.  
Hail the new! ye lads and lass - es.

Don we now our gay ap - par - el,  
Fol - low me in mer - ry meas - ure, Fa - la - la - la - la - la - la - la - la - la.  
Sing we joy - ous all to - geth - er,

Troll the an - cent Christ mas ca - rol,  
While I tell of Christ mas trea - sure, Fa - la - la - la - la - la - la - la - la - la.  
Heed - less of the wind and weath - er.

## 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

H #83

John Francis Wade (1711-1786)

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'swomb'      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

**Celebrant:** 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 have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **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

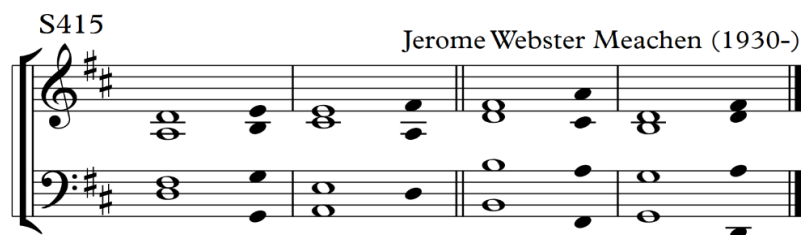
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm:*

*Psalm 96*



- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

***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  
2. They look - ed up and saw a star shining in the  
3. And by the light of that same star three wise men

shep herds in fields as they lay; in fields as they lay  
east be - yond them far; and to the earth it  
came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was

keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
their in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.

No - well, No - well, No - well, No -

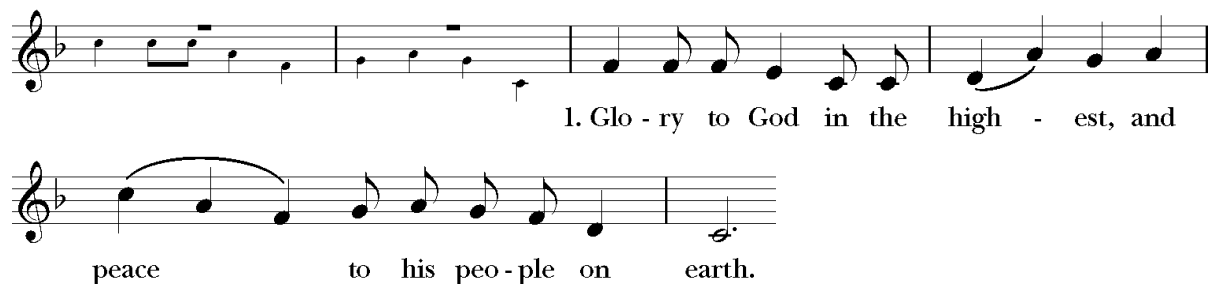
well, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

## *Pageant (Gospel Luke 2:1-20)*

The gospel lesson today is reflected in the Christmas pageant.

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 singing,



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.

***Prayers of the People***

*Leader:* With angel song bursting through the heavens, shattering the stillness of this night, you have our attention, God! We praise your name, your gift of yourself, with joyful noise.

With those who have lived before us and those who come after us, we praise you. As your Church, we are amazed at your goodness. Give your church a sense of awe and wonder as we open our hearts to receive the gift of your very self among us.

***People:* May our lives reflect  
the joy of your good news.**

*Leader:* We pray for our leaders, who pass laws and make decisions that impact lives around the world. May their decisions reflect wisdom and justice and peace.

***People:* May our relationships reflect  
the peace of your good news.**

*Leader:* With people around the world, we rejoice at your presence in our world. With people around the world, we weep with those who are oppressed, hungry, living in fear of violence.

***People:* May our hearts reflect  
the generosity of your good news.**

*Leader:* We pray for those who live and work in our neighborhoods, who rush to our sides when we are in crisis. For those who are crying this night from pain, from broken relationships, from loneliness; with those struggling to be born and with those who are dying, we ask your healing and wholeness.

***People:* May our prayer reflect  
the healing power of your good news.**

*Leader:* For those who have died and entered the larger presence of your love, we pray.

***People:* May our lives reflect  
the hope and comfort of your good news.**

*Celebrant:* Loving God, the joyful message of the angels fills us with gladness as we celebrate the coming of the Christ child to live among us in vulnerable humility: Let your divine light so dwell within us, that we may treasure your words, ponder them in our hearts, and continue the work of Christ's incarnation in our day, through Jesus our Savior, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

### ***The Peace***

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Exchange peace.*

### ***Offertory:***

**Sing We Now of Christmas – God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen**, arr. by Brent Adams  
*Jim Blessing (saxophone) & Doni Bundros (piano)*



## 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. Amen.

### ***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 sing,

*People and Celebrant*

## The Lord's Prayer

The Hymnal 1940 #722

Traditional, very ancient

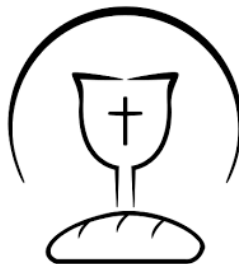
Our Fa-ther, who art in heav en, Hal low - ed be thy Name. Thy king-dom come.  
Thy will be done. On earth as it is in heav en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.  
And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.  
And lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, But de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er and the glo ry, for ev-er and ev- er. A men.

## *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:

## Lo, How a Rose

St. 1-2 German, 15th century  
St. 3 Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859)

H #81

ES IST EIN ROS

fr. *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1599

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,  
3. O Flower, whose fragrance ten - der with sweetness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.  
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.  
dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark ness ev - ery where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the cold of win - ter,  
To show God's love a - right, she bore to us a Sav - ior,  
true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and death now save us,

when half spent was the night.  
when half spent was the night.  
and share our ev - ery load.

# While Shepherds Watched their Flocks

Nahum Tate (1625-1715)

H #94

WINCHESTER OLD  
fr. *The Whole Book of Psalms*, 1592

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,  
2. "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled mind;  
3. "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's line  
4. "The heaven - ly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,  
5. "Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth-with ap - peared a shi - ning throng  
6. "All glo - ry be to God on high and on the earth be peace;

the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.  
"Glad ti - dings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind."  
the Sa - vior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:  
all mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."  
of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:  
good will hence-forth from heaven to all be - gin and nev - er cease."

## *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

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

## 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 - therand child. Ho - ly in - fant,so ten - derand mild,  
glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heaven - 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 hea - ven - 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*

Celebrant:	The Rev. Canon Martha Korienek
Music Director:	Ginny Scott
Piano/Organ:	Doni Bundros
Saxiphone:	Jim Blessing
Lectors:	Bethan Bath
	Wanda Bryan
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Pageant Coordinator:	Jessica Goodman Dickson

