



# The Nativity of Our Lord

St. George's Church ☩ Glenn Dale, Maryland

The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

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Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this evening, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has everything you need to fully participate in tonight's worship service, including scripture readings as well as prayers and music.

## **Piano Prelude: *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing* arr. Michael Larkin (b. 1951)**

## **Prelude: *Cantate Domino* by Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612) Sung by St. George's Virtual Choir**

Latin text:

*Cantate Domino, canticum novum: cantate Domino omnis terra.*

*Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini eius, Annuntiate, annuntiate de die in diem salutare eius.*

*Annuntiate, inter gentes gloriam eius, in omnibus populis mirabilia eius.*

English translation:

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, and bless his name: announce his salvation from day to day.

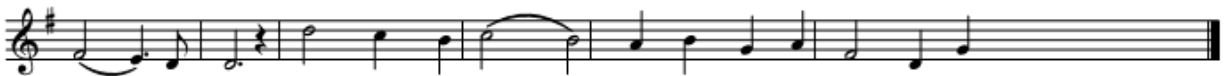
Announce among the nations his glory, and his wonders to all peoples.

## **Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 83 ~ *O Come, All Ye Faithful***

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O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to  
Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing, all ye ci ti - zens of  
Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, we would em - brace thee, with  
Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je - sus, to thee be



Beth - le - hem; come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels; O  
heaven a - bove; glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
love and awe; who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?  
glo - ry given; Word of the Fa ther, now in flesh a - ppear - ing;



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

**Celebrant:** Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People:** Glory to God forever and ever. *Amen.*

*All pray together:* **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.**

### **Gloria: Hymnal 1982 S280 Sung by St. George's Virtual Choir**

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-



- might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our



prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-y One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most



High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together the Collect of the day: **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.**

### **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. **People: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 96

O sing to the Lord a new song: **Sing to the Lord all the earth.**

Sing and give praise to God's name: **tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

Proclaim God's glory to the nations: **God's marvelous deeds to all the peoples.**

For you, O Lord, are great and highly to be praised: **more to be feared than all the gods.**

The gods of the nations are no more than idols:

**but you, O Lord, are the one who made the heavens.**

Glory and majesty attend you: **strength and beauty are in your sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the nations: **ascribe to the Lord honor and might.**

Ascribe due honor to God's holy name: **bring offerings, and enter the courts of the Lord.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: **let the whole earth stand in awe.**

Proclaim to the nations, "The Lord is King; the Lord has made the world so firm it cannot be moved: **And the Most High will judge the peoples with justice.**

Let the heavens rejoice, and the earth be glad: **let the sea roar and all the creatures in it.**

Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them:

**then all the trees of the forest will shout with joy before the Lord.**

For you, O Lord, are coming to judge the earth:

**with righteousness you will judge the world and the peoples with your truth.**

## Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #115 ~ *What Child is This*

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What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing? Whom  
Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing? Good  
So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, pea-sant, king, to own him; the



an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?  
Chris-tians, fear: for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.  
King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing; haste, haste to



bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma-ry.

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## Luke 2:1-20

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 the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon:      The Rev. Connie Reinhardt**

**The Prayers of the People**                      *Led by Maureen Groome-Lane*

This holy night, we pray to the God who comes among us in the birth of Jesus:

Gracious God, as a star rose and drew people from great distances to Bethlehem that they might greet the Christ child, draw us, your church, and all of your people to you, that we might be who you call us to be: **In the peace and joy of Christmas, we offer our prayers to you, Holy One of blessing.**

As your Holy Spirit came to Mary, who in grace and courage said yes to your call, may the Spirit also be with each one of us, challenging us, renewing our lives, and calling forth our own yes to you. **In the peace and joy of Christmas, we offer our prayers to you, Holy One of blessing.**

As angels sang praises to you and proclaimed peace on earth and goodwill among all peoples, may you bring our nation and all nations your peace, and bring an end to division and discord. **In the peace and joy of Christmas, we offer our prayers to you, Holy One of blessing.**

As Jesus was born in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn, may you and we act on behalf of those who have nowhere to lay their head, those who are hungry, those who are out of work, and those who are in need. **In the peace and joy of Christmas, we offer our prayers to you, Holy One of blessing.**

As all who came to the Christ child at his birth celebrated in joy, may you also be present with those who celebrate and give thanks to you for the gifts in our own lives. **In the peace and joy of Christmas, we offer our prayers to you, Holy One of blessing.**

We remember this night all those who have died, especially all who have died during the pandemic. We pray for all who mourn, that you may offer them comfort and peace. **In the peace and joy of Christmas, we offer our prayers to you, Holy One of blessing.**

*Celebrant:* Holy Lord, God of hosts, heaven and earth are indeed full of your glory, this night of all nights. We thank you for sending us your beloved Son, come to us in human form. Help us, we pray, to make room for this beloved child in our hearts, that we may truly know the joy of this Christmas season, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

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

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

## The Offertory

*The Celebrant says*

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

### Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #87 ~ *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

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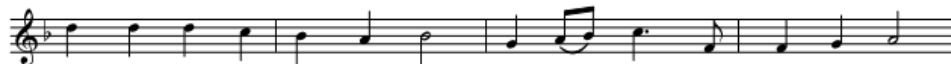
Hark the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!  
Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the vir - gin's womb.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us se - cond birth.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies:  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail thein - car - nate De - i - ty.  
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, Light and life to all he brings,



with thean - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
hail, the Sun of Right - cous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!



Hark the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

## 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 God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, our Source and Ending, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks to you! You have called all creation into being, setting the earth on its foundations. You have spread out the heavens like a tent, and set a boundary to the seas, you have filled the world with your creatures and called all things good. The heavenly beings are your messengers night and day, and with them we sing and give glory to you:

### *S 130 Holy, holy, holy Lord ~ Sanctus*

from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert; arr. Richard Prouls

The musical score is written on six staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first two staves are identical. The third staff continues the lyrics. The fourth and sixth staves are also identical. The fifth staff is unique, with a longer note value for the word 'Bless-ed'.

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:*

In these latter days, God leaned toward the earth and spoke to us by a Son, Jesus the Beloved. Born of our sister Mary and the Holy Spirit, guarded by our brother Joseph with fatherly care, Jesus came among us as a baby, humbly born, cradled beside the beasts and warmed by their breath, human as we are, in need of human love.

**Yet kings bowed down before him bringing gifts, and emperors were troubled by his reign – this Child in whom all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.**

This Word of God made flesh and full of grace was sent to deliver us from our sin, from the power of evil and the fear of death. As a servant, Jesus emptied himself of might upon the cross, and as the risen Anointed One is enthroned at God's right hand to bring mercy and justice to all the earth at the end of days.

And so we remember how Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take, eat, This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine and blessed and gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, rejoicing in all God has done for us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Holy God, as you visited us in the birth of Jesus, visit us now by the power of your Spirit in these creatures of bread and wine, making them for us the Body and Blood of Christ, the banquet of heaven here on earth.

**Blessed God, shed your grace brighter than starlight on us that we may bear your good tidings to all and renew the weary world in your name: the name of Emmanuel - God-With-Us, to whom we give honor and glory in joy, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant:* And now let us pray together in the words that Christ has taught us:

**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 Celebrant says*

Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

**Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The bread is broken and silence is kept*

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. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## The Communion

*Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.*

## Communion Anthem: *Lully, Lulla, Lullay* by Philip Stopford ~ Sung by St. George's Virtual Choir

*Refrain:*

Lully, lulla, lully, lulla, by, by, lully, lullay.

Lully, lulla, Thou little tiny Child, by, by, lully lullay.

O sisters too how may we do for to preserve this day?

This poor youngling for whom we sing by, by, lully lullay. *(Refrain)*

Herod, the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day.

His men of might in his own sight all young children to slay. *(Refrain)*

That woe is me, poor Child for Thee, and ever morn and day.

For Thy parting neither say nor sing, by, by lully, lullay. *(Refrain)*

## Post-Communion Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #111 ~ *Silent Night*

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Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,  
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 hea-ven 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 hea-ven-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.



## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*All pray together:* **Mysterious God, we thank you for feeding us with yourself; and for making yourself known to us in the holy child Jesus, the Christ. Let us carry within our hearts your Holy Spirit, that same Spirit which was in Jesus, so that that we may help bring your peace to all the earth in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

## The Blessing

May the God of the angels, who heralded Christ's birth, bring joy to your hearts this night and always. **Amen.**

May the God of love, whose only Son to was born for you, fill your life with love and peace. **Amen.**

May Emmanuel, God with us, be with you in all your doings and all your celebrations, until he brings you into his eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

And may God Almighty, God who created us, Christ Jesus who brings us new life, and the Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #100 ~ Joy to the World!

Words: Isaac Waatts. Music: *Antioch*, George Frederic Handel. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her King; let  
Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our songs em - ploy, while  
No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the ground; he  
He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove the



ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
comes to make his bless - ings flow far as the curse is found, far  
glor - ies of his right - eous - ness and won - ders of his love, and



heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing,  
- peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
won - ders of his love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

## Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Go forth in the spirit and power of Christ the Incarnate Word.

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude: Anthem ~ *A Merry Christmas* arr. Arthur Warrel

We wish you a merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas

And a happy New Year

*[Chorus]*

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin

We wish a merry Christmas and a happy New Year

Now bring us some figgy pudding

Now bring us some figgy pudding

Now bring us some figgy pudding

Now bring some out here. *[Chorus]*

For we all like our figgy pudding

For we all like our figgy pudding

For we all like our figgy pudding

With all this good cheer. *[Chorus]*

And we won't go until we get some

And we won't go until we get some

And we won't go until we get some

So bring some out here. *[Chorus]*

We wish you a merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas

And a happy New Year.