



The Nativity of Our Lord

St. George's Church ☩ Glenn Dale, Maryland

The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

December 24, 2021

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. Zoom participants are encouraged to leave your video camera on; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime, arr. Michael Larkin (b. 1951)

Unto Us a Boy Is Born! arr. Lani Smith (b. 1934)

On This Day Earth Shall Ring, arr. Michael Cox (b. 1948)

Joshua Fishbein, piano

Carol of the Bells by Mykola Leontovych (1877-1921), arr. Peter J. Wilhousky (1902-1978)

Jesus Christ The Apple Tree by Scott Bailey (b. 1980)

Gabriel's Message, arr. Tony Alonso (b. 1980)

Lo, How A Rose/The Rose, arr. Craig Hella Johnson (b. 1962)

Solo: Laurie Lemieux, soprano

Here Comes the Light by Joseph Graham

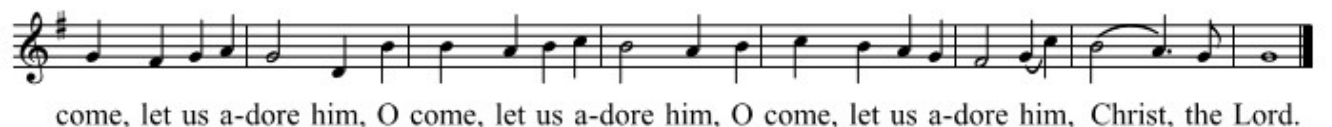
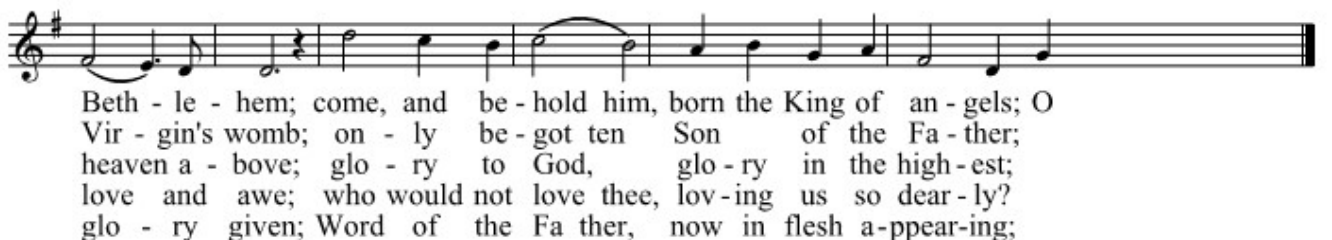
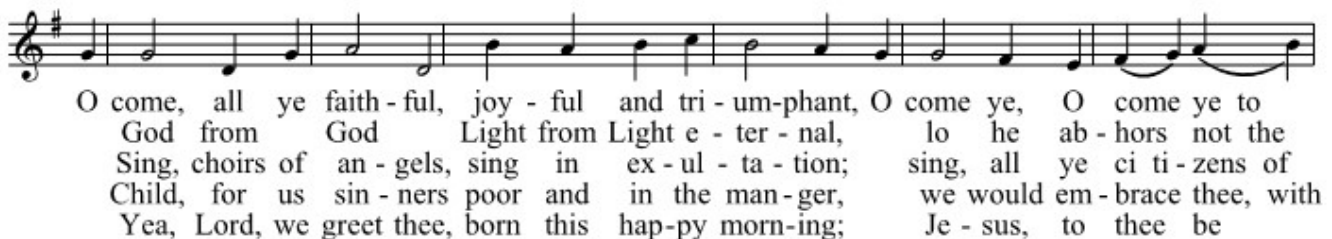
Welcome

Please stand as you are able at the sound of the bell

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

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1780); tr Frederick Oakley (1802-1880). Music: *Adeste Fideles* John Francis Wade (1711-1786)

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

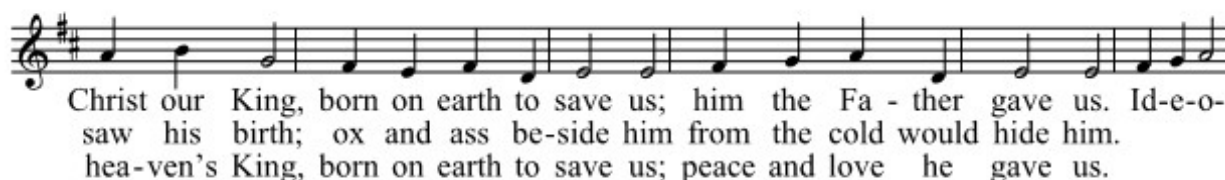
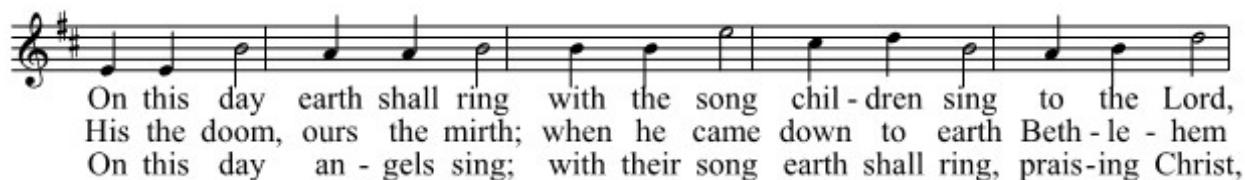
People: Glory to God forever and ever. *Amen.*

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 # 92 *On This Day, Earth Shall Ring*

Words: *Pia Cantiones*, 1582, tr. Jane M. Joseph (1894-1929). Music: *Personent hodie* from *Pia Cantiones*, 1582

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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 held in awe 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 # 87 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)
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The musical score is written on five staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has three lines of lyrics. The second staff has two lines. The third staff has two lines. The fourth staff has two lines. The fifth staff has one line.

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 - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

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

*Please turn your attention to the screen for the Christmas gospel, presented by
the children and youth of St. George's*

Luke 2:1-20

In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was with child.

While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified.

The angel said, "Do not be afraid! Look! I bring good news of great joy for all people. Your savior is born today in the city of David, who is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly host was with the angel praising God. They said, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors." When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let us go right now to Bethlehem and see what has happened. Let us confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child.

Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them. Mary treasured these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned home, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told to them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt



Sermon Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 96 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882). Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)
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An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright-ness did you see? What glad ti - dings did you hear?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.



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



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

The Prayers of the People

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 joy of Christmas, we offer our prayers to you, O Holy One.**

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 joy of Christmas, we offer our prayers to you, O Holy One.**

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 joy of Christmas, we offer our prayers to you, O Holy One.**

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 joy of Christmas, we offer our prayers to you, O Holy One.**

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 joy of Christmas, we offer our prayers to you, O Holy One.**

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

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.

Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible. You can use your phone to text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give. If your bank offers Zelle, you can use your banking app to send a donation via Zelle to donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net. There are also baskets at the entrance and exit doors of the Sanctuary for donations of checks or cash.

Offertory Anthem: A Christmas Round by Paul Ayres

A Christmas Round sets the words "Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth" in English, Latin, Koine Greek, French, Arabic and Hebrew.

*Peace to all People on Earth, Glory to God in the highest.
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus.
Doxa en hypsistis theo ke epi gis irini.
Gloire a Dieu au plus haut des cieux, et paix sur la tere.
Al majdou lil lahi fil *aa li wa *aalal ardis salaam.
Kavod lalohim bim'romim, uv'aretz shalom l'chol adam.
Peace to all People on Earth, Glory to God in the highest.*

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:

Sanctus: Gather # 144 *Holy, holy, holy*

Music: *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen (b. 1950) © 1964 G.I.A. Publications, Inc. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Blessed is the one 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:

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

If you would like to receive the Eucharist, you may choose to receive both the bread and wine or only one of them. If you receive the wine, please drop your empty cup into the recycling bin at the door. Note that hand sanitizer is available as you exit. Please follow the arrows to go through the narthex (hallway) and back into the Sanctuary and on to your seat.

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 Hymn 1: Hymnal 1982 # 112 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894). Music: *Cransham*, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

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In the bleak mid-win-ter, frost y wind made moan, earth stood hard as
Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain; heaven and earth shall
An - gels and arch-ang - els may have gath - ered there, cher - u - bim and
What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a
i - ron, wa - ter like a stone; snow had fall - en snow on snow,
flee a way when he comes to reign: in the bleak mid - win - ter a
ser - a - phim thron - ed the air; but his mo - ther on ly, in
shep - herd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man,
snow on snow, in the bleak mid-win-ter, long a - go.
sta ble place suf-ficed the Lord God in - car-nate, Je - sus Christ
her maid en bliss, wor shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
I would do my part; yet what I can I give him give my heart.

Hymn 2: Hymnal 1982 # 111 *Silent Night*

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848) tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885). Music: *Stille Nacht* Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863)

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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 # 100 *Joy to the World*

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)
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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: *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*, arr. Larry Shackley (b. 1956)

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Adapt with the list for the current year.

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In thanksgiving for Nell Sydavar and her
ministry to the parish



In Memory of Juan Williams



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by Judy Jones



In memory of Veronica and Raymond
Jones,
Albert, Katherine and Mary DePriest,
Ellsworth and Lucy Holley, George and
Dorothy Holley, Catherine and James
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Lee

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Bailey, Karen Hadley, Margaret Crelling
In Thanksgiving for Emma & Keelyn

by Connie Reinhardt



by Don Perkinson

In Thanksgiving for The Family of
Germaine Stodart, The Family of Rosa
Soliz, and Connie Reinhardt & Family
by Rosa Soliz & Germaine Stodart

