

CHRISTMAS EVE

SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

5:00 P.M.

EMMANUEL CHURCH
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WELCOME TO EMMANUEL CHURCH
IN WEST ROXBURY

Merry Christmas! We are glad that you joined us today for Christmas Eve. As we celebrate the Feast of the Incarnation together, we pray that you will know God's presence within this community. Wherever you are in your journey with God or toward God you are welcome here. Indeed, you are invited and welcome here in our pews and in all the things we do together as a community each week. We would also love to be in better touch throughout the year. Please reach out to our Bridge Priest, the Rev. Jonathan Eden at therev.jonteden@gmail.com or [617.798.0700](tel:617.798.0700) for more information.

We meet every Sunday for worship at 10:00 A.M. and you can also learn more about who we are and what we do together through our Web and Social Media pages:

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THE SANCTUARY AND
CHURCH ARE ADORNED TONIGHT
THROUGH GIFTS GIVEN

IN LOVING MEMORY:

REMEMBERED BY:

Marion & Edward Barrett, Dorothy & Anthony DePerrio
Jeanette & Louis Barrett, Anna Dalzell

Ed & Louise Barrett

Tanty Louise Toney

The Belfon Family

Theresa Kenney, Paula MacDonald, James Byrne

Peggy Byrne

Ida & Gus Castiglione, Anthony Castiglione, Ann Bulla Castiglione,
Ruby Pynn Castiglione, Marilyn Minter

Andy Castiglione

Our beloved Aunts: Andrea LaPointe & Ellen Harmon

Ed & Frank Fleming

Dorothy & Edward Gooley, Florence & Thomas Chong

John Gooley

Richard Broderick

Max Gooley

Christensen, Eisnor, Evans, Gardner, Gibbs, Haigh, Halpin, Jackson,
Karidoyanes, Kirk, Pugliese & Springer families

Gail Halpin & Jimmie Evans

Cynthia & Harold Segool, Michael David Segool, Michael Lee Gately

Terri Halliday

Louis Scrima, Charles & Betty Jean Jackson, Jean & Ralph Scrima
Norma Leary, Sean Folan

Anne Jackson

Charles & Margaret Basile, James McCarthy, Rudie & Bagel

Cathy McCarthy

Gladys, Diane, Richard Sr., Jerry, Peg, Dallas, Roger, Bruce

Rick Swasey

David L Ziska, Octavio Quinchia

The Thelen Family

WITH THANKSGIVING FOR:

HONORED BY

The Gately, Buckley, Jacobs & MacDonald families

Terri Halliday

Maeve Jackson Scrima, Gioia Jackson Scrima, Theresa Folan

Anne Jackson

The McIntire Family

Skip & Julie White

PRELUDES

WELCOME

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN

O come, all ye faithful

Unison O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - umph - ant, O
Parts God of God, Light of Light,
Unison Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
Unison Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be -
Lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb; Ve - ry
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to
Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given; Word of the

hold him born the King of An - gels: O come, let us a - dore him, O
God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted:
God in the high - est:
Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

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

Celebrant Alleluia! I bring you good news of great joy for all people. To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord
People **O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Angels we have heard on high

H82 #96

An - gels we have heard on high, Sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Glo - ri - a in ex - cels - is De - o.

Glo - ri - a in ex - cels - is De - o.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ 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.**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

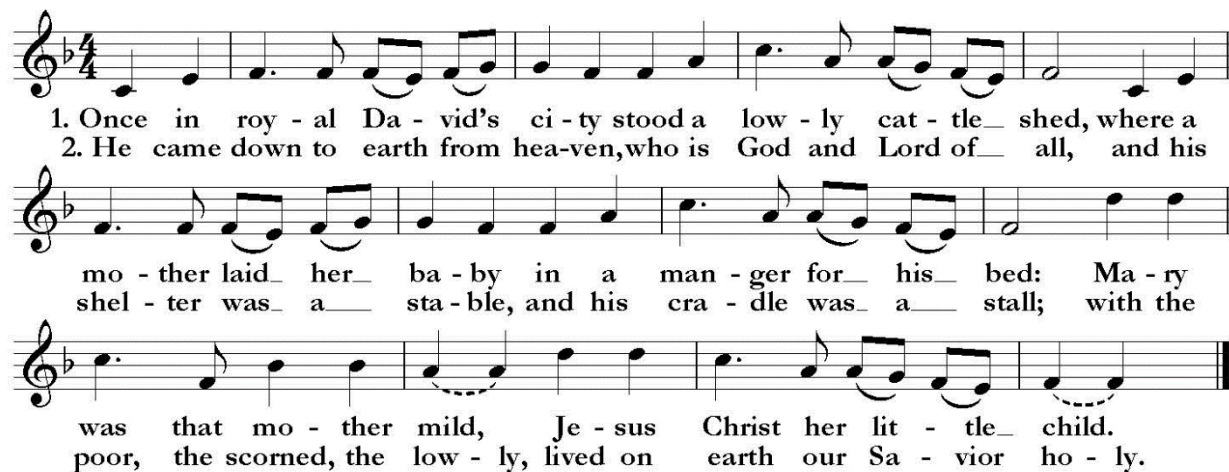
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

H82 #102



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle_ shed, where a
 2. He came down to earth from hea-ven, who is God and Lord of_ all, and his

mo - ther laid_ her_ ba - by in a man - ger for_ his_ bed: Ma - ry
 shel - ter was_ a_ sta - ble, and his cra - dle was_ a_ stall; with the

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.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke

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

(Please Remain Standing)

Narrator: 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.

Angel: Joseph 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.

HYMN

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed

H82 #101

A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
 Je - sus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked
 down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.

Narrator: 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.

HYMN

While shepherds watched their flocks by night

H82 #95

While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the
ground, the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.

Narrator: But the angel said to them,

Angel: “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

Narrator: 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 all people!”

HYMN

It came upon a midnight clear

H82 #89

It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old, from
an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold: “Peace
on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all - gra - cious King.” The
world in sol - emn still-ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.

Narrator: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

Shepherd: “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

Narrator: So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

HYMN What child is this, who, laid to rest H82 #115

What child is this, who laid to rest, on Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing? Whom
an-gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
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.

Shepherd: When we saw this, we made known what had been told us about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what we told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart and we returned, glorifying and praising God for all we had heard and seen.

HYMN Go tell it on the mountain H82 #99

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. Down
in a low-ly man-ger the hum-ble Christ was born, and
God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn. *D.C.*

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord!

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Standing or Kneeling, the Leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor In peace let us pray to the Lord. Father, in this holy night your Son our Savior was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. Holy God,

People **hear our prayer.**

In this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Welcoming God,
hear our prayer.

In this holy night the angels sang, “Peace to God’s people on earth.” Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world. Redeeming God,
hear our prayer.

In this holy night shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ’s redemption. Nurturing God,
hear our prayer.

In this holy night strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. Comforting God,
hear our prayer.

In this holy night Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress, including Christina, Donald, Carol, Julie, Stanley, Peter, Felix, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Barbara, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, and those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*). Eternal God,
hear our prayer.

In this holy night heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom, especially those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*).

Living God,
hear our prayer.

In this holy night Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. Holy God,
hear our prayer.

In this holy night angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph, and the saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Celebrant 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 PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

HYMN

In the bleak midwinter

H82 #112

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor — earth sus - tain;
3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
4 What — can I give him, poor — as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim thron - ed the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

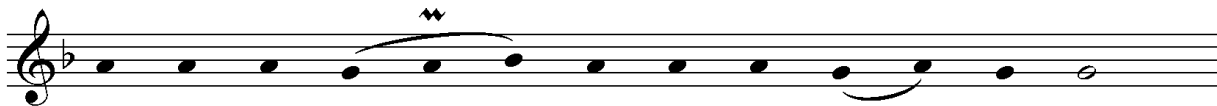
in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him - give my heart.



Celebrant: May God be with you. *All:* And also with you.



Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them up to God.



Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our eternal God.



All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

SANCTUS

H82 #S125



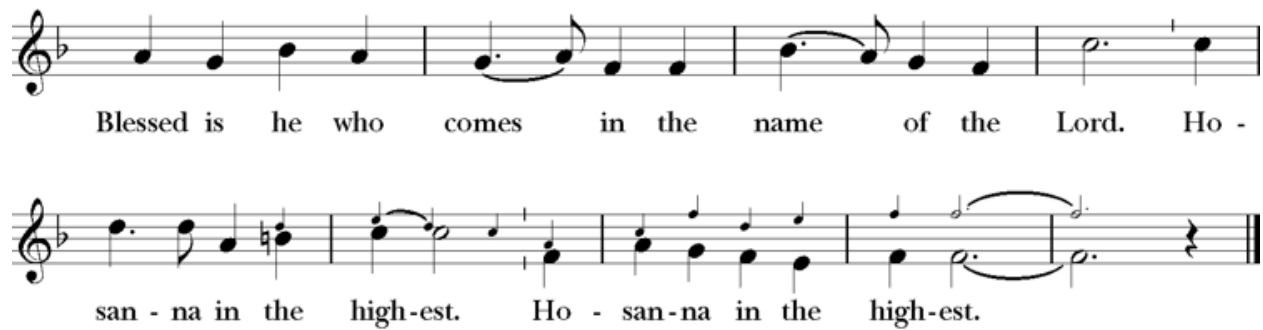
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and

ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People **We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember Michael, Alan, and Gayle, our bishops and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarch, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

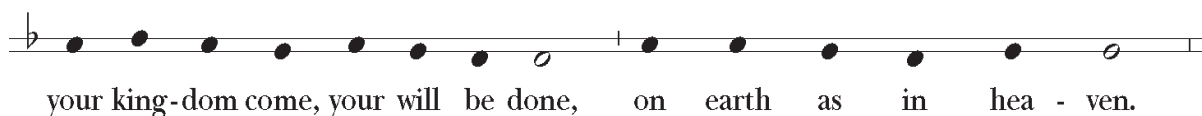
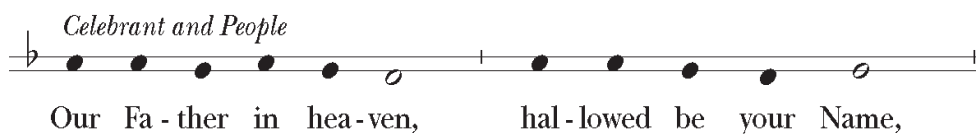
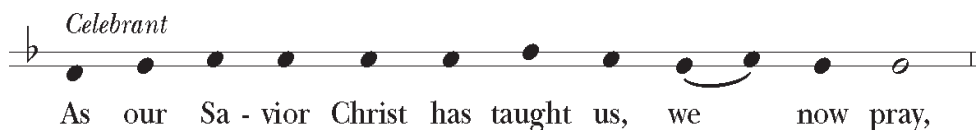
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

AMEN



THE LORD'S PRAYER

H82 #S148

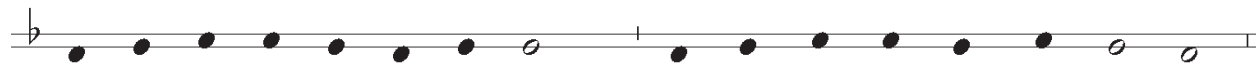




Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For-give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

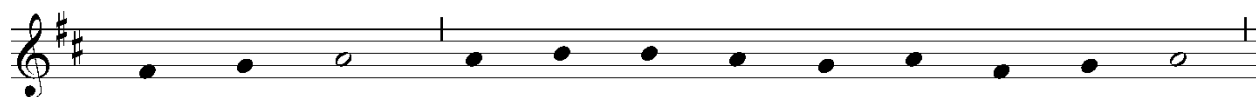
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

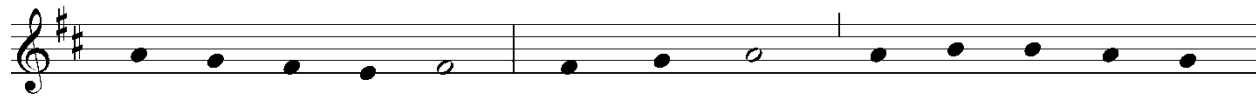
A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

H82 #S161



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at Emmanuel Church.

If you prefer not to receive the elements of Communion, consider coming forward for a blessing and simply cross your hands over your chest.

For any with mobility issues, the clergy will happily bring communion to you.

COMMUNION HYMN Joy to the world! The Lord is come

H82 100

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

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

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

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

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God,

People **by grace you accept us as living members of your
 Son Jesus Christ, and feed us with spiritual food
 in this sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace
 to do your work of reconciliation
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

**To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit
 may all creation sing hymns of thanks and praise. Amen.**

*Please light your candles from one of the aisle candles
 and kneel as you are able*

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 hea - ven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

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

BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose power our savior Jesus Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and free you from all sin. **Amen.**

May Jesus Christ, whose coming in power and great glory is announced by angels and attended by shepherds, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who was present at the dawning of creation and at the holy child's nativity, present us, holy and acceptable to God's kingdom, which is forever. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

HYMN

Hark! the herald angels sing

H82 #87

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 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 sec - ond birth.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

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

with the an-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!

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to proclaim God's Word made flesh. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

**WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR UPCOMING SERVICES IN
THE CHRISTMAS CYCLE AT EMMANUEL CHURCH**

Sunday, December 31 – *First Sunday after Christmas*
10:00 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer with Hymns

Sunday, January 7 – *The Baptism of Christ*
10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist with Baptism

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Jonathan Eden
Altar Server	Terri Halliday
Altar Guild	Terri Halliday, Gail Halpin Evans
Lectors	Ed Barrett Kafi Belfon Kellon Belfon KJ Belfon Seraiah Belfon
	Andy Castiglione Ed Fleming Frank Fleming John Gooley Thomas Gooley Anne Jackson
Gift Bearers	Natalie Thelen Grant Thelen
Organist	Esther Kwok

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Clerk	Anne Jackson
Treasurer	Kellon Belfon
Vestry	Ed Fleming, Gail Halpin Evans, Cathy McCarthy,
Social Media Leader	Seraiah Belfon

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife...

Matthew 1:22-23



THE NATIVITY

The image on the cover of the bulletin is Emmanuel's Nativity window, designed by the historic Connick Studio in Boston and given in memory of Marjorie Reese Knight. Facing away from the altar, the window can be seen on the right side of the Church.