



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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**Our Nursery for children newborn – age 4 is in the Preschool and Sunday School Building.*

Christmas Eve ❖ December 24, 2016
Children's Service of Lessons and Carols ❖ 4:00 p.m.*

Welcome to St. Mary's! Since our 19th century beginnings as a mission church to local coal mining and farming families, we have taken a special interest in welcoming all who come through our doors. Whether we are worshipping in Little St. Mary's, the original church that was consecrated in 1878, or New St. Mary's, which was built in 1992 to meet the present and future needs of our continually growing congregation, we are glad that you are here.

If this is your first time at St. Mary's or one of many, please let us know what we can do to enrich your time here. Your presence enriches us, and we hope to see you often.

The Rev. Louise Browner Blanchard, Rector

Prelude

Hymn 83 O come, all ye faithful,

Sung by all, standing.

Adeste Fidelis

1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to
Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the King of angels;

2 God from God,
Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only begotten Son of the Father;
Refrain

Refrain:

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest;
Refrain

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh
appearing; *Refrain*

Opening Sentences *Please remain standing.*

Narrator Our Kind and Savior draweth nigh, O come let us adore him.

The Bidding Prayer

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The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant and People

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.

Please be seated.

Narrative

From Isaiah 9

Hymn 56 O come, o come Emmanuel

Sung by all, standing.

Veni, veni Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on
high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice!

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O
Israel.*

Refrain

3 O come, o come, thou Lord of might
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Refrain

Narrative

Luke 1:26-35

Hymn 79 O little town of Bethlehem

Sung by all, standing.

St. Louis

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless
sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary;
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels
keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth!
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

3 How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive
him,
still the dear Christ enters in.

5 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

Narrative

Luke 2:1-5

Hymn 96 Angels, we have heard on high

Sung by all, seated.

Gloria

1 Angels we have heard on high
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn
king. *Refrain*

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?
Refrain

4 See Him in a manger laid,
whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while we raise our hearts in
love. *Refrain*

Narrative

Luke 2:6-7

Children's Anthem Still, still, still

Hymn 109 The First Nowell the angel did say

Sung by all, seated.

The First Nowell

1 The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in
Fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their
sheep,

on a cold winter's night that was
so deep.

Refrain:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel*

- 2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and
night. *Refrain*

- 6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of
nought,
and with his blood our life hath
bought. *Refrain.*

Narrative

Luke 2:8-12

Hymn 101

Away in a manger

Cradle Song

vs. 1 Sung by the children. vs. 2 & 3 sung by all, standing.

Children:

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet
head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down
where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep
on the hay.

All:

- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he
makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from
the sky, and stay by my side until
morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee
to stay close by me for ever, and love
me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender
care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee
there.

Narrative

Luke 2:15

Narrative

Matthew 2:1, 9-11

Hymn 128

We three kings

The Three Kings of Orient

- 1 We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!*

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never
over us all to reign. *Refrain*

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing,
bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain*

3 Frankincense to offer have I:
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising,
gladly raising,
worship him, God Most High. *Refrain*

Narrative

Prayer at Christmastide

Offertory Sentence

Children's Anthem Ding, Dong, Ding, Dong

Michael Bedford

Narrative

Prayer at Christmastide

Hymn 111 Silent night, holy night *Sung by all, seated.*

Stille Nacht

1 Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.
sleep in heavenly peace.

heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

2 Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,

3 Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Hymn 99 Go tell it on the mountain *Sung by all, seated.* *Afro-American Spiritual*

Refrain:

*Go tell it on the mountain
over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.*

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Saviour's birth. *Refrain*

1 While Shepherds kept their watching
over wandering flocks by night,
behold through-out the heavens there
shone a holy light. *Refrain*

3 Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Narrative

Benediction

Hymn 100 Joy to the world *Sung by all, standing.*

Antioch

1 Joy to the world the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow,
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks,
hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

The Blessing

Postlude

Participants in this evening's service

Officiant: Louise Browner Blanchard

Musicians: St. Mary's Children's Choir, Adam Bailey, *Children's Choir Director*, and Dwight Graham, *Organist*

Lessons and Carols Participants: the Children of St. Mary's Church; **Narrators:** Brady Cox, Brandon Cox, Jackson Harvey, Grace Inge, and Joseph Weinstein; **Mary:** Kylie Ward; **Joseph:** Jack Snow; **Gabriel:** Emmie Davis; **The Three Kings:** Sam Flippin, Delaney Staab, Margaret Weinstein; **Children's Lesson and Carols Leaders:** Kelly Cox, Tracy Harvey, and Anne McCoy

December Altar Guild: Eva Bryson, Valerie Deep Cary, Connie Martenstein, Scottie Slater, and Charmaine Trice

The Parish Prayer List

Ted Allen, Maggie Bassett, Justin Bennett, Cindy Blanton, Jack Blanton, Ann Lee Saunders Brown, Charles Bryan, Kendall Cray, Kay Gates, Gordon Graham, Linda Hendricks, Elizabeth Hazelton, Lolly Hetherington, Taylor Johnson, Cathy Keiger, Ann Kidd, Anne Lesko, Carol McGee, Barbara Meador, Daniel Moore, Polly Pace, Elizabeth Pope, John Presley, Susan Reynolds, Lori Rowland, Sue Schroeder, Bill Thornton, Elaine Taylor, Callen Tyson, John Wheeler, William Wilson, and Wilton Zaiser. **For all the blessings of this life. For those expecting children. For those who have died, especially Antony DeVilbiss.** In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *the Diocese of Kita Kanto, Japan, and the Rt. Rev. Zerubbabel Katsuichi Hirota.* **For those serving in the military or diplomatic service:** Alec Mackenzie, Timothy Rose. *Names in italics were added to the prayer list this week.*

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist Rite One, 10 a.m.,

New St. Mary's

Monday, December 26

Office Closed

Friday, December 30

Office Closed

Saturday, December 31

A.A., 10 a.m., *Education Building Classroom*

Sunday, January 1, First Sunday after Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*

No Sunday School, Confirmation or Adult Forum

Monday, January 2

Office Closed

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