



## ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to St. Mary's! Since our 19<sup>th</sup> 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 here often.

The Rev. Louise Browner Blanchard, *Rector*

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### Christmas Eve ❖ December 24, 2016

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#### Holy Eucharist: Rite Two ❖ 7:00 p.m.\*

*Before the service, speak to God.  
During the service, let God speak to you.  
After the service, speak to one another.  
from Salisbury Cathedral, Salisbury, England*

#### Prelude

#### THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn 109**    The first Nowell the angel did say (**verses 1-3**)    *Sung by all, standing*    *The First Nowell*

**Opening Sentences**    *Please remain standing.*    Book of Common Prayer, page 355

*Celebrant*    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*    **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Collect for Purity**    Prayer Book, page 355

*Celebrant*    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.**

**Glory to God** *Gloria in excelsis*    *Sung by all.*    **The Hymnal, S-280**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**  
**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,**  
**we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**  
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,**  
**you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**  
**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**  
**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**  
**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**  
**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Please remain standing.*

*Silence is kept.*

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 First Lesson** Isaiah 9:2-7

*Please sit.*

*Leader* A reading from the Book of 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 onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Leader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence is kept.*

**Psalm 96**

*Said responsively by whole verse*

Prayer Book, page 725

- 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.

**Hymn 79** O little town of Bethlehem (*verses 1-3 or verses 1-3 and 5*) *Sung by all, standing* *St. Louis*

**The Gospel** Luke 2:1-20 *Please remain standing.*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

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.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**    The Rev. Louise Browner Blanchard    *Please sit.*

**The Nicene Creed**

*Said by all, standing.*

Prayer Book, page 358

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is  
worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People—Form III**

Prayer Book, page 387

*Please kneel. The Leader and the People pray responsively.*

*Leader*    Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People*    **That we all may be one.**

*Leader*    Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People*    **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader*    We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People*    **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader*    We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People*    **That there may be justice and peace on earth.**

*Leader*    Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People*    **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader*    Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People*    **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader*    Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*People*    **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader*    We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People*    **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader*    Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions, either silently or aloud.*

**Concluding Collect**

## Confession of Sin

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## The Peace

*Please stand.*

Prayer Book, page 360

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.  
After exchanging the Peace, please be seated.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Offertory

**Offertory Anthem** Mary had a baby

William Dawson

**The Presentation** *At this time, the fruits of our labor are presented to God.*

*All* **All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.** *or sing something???*

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Prayer Book, page 367

*The people remain standing.*

*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 him 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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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*

The Hymnal, S-125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel, as the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 say,

**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 Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **At the Communion of the People**

*All are welcome to receive the Sacrament. When you come forward to the altar rail you may kneel or stand. When you are given the consecrated bread, you may consume it and then drink the wine from the first or larger chalice. Or, if you wish, you may "intinct" or touch the tip of your bread to the wine from the smaller cup. You may also choose to receive Communion in only one kind. Either the bread or the wine alone is a full Communion. **Please indicate if you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer.***

### **Anthems at Communion**

Dormi, Jesu

Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing?

John Rutter

French Carol/arr. David Willcocks

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayer Book, page 366

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Please kneel.*

*All* **Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Blessing

Hymn 111    Silent night, holy night                      *Sung by all, standing*                                      *Stille Nacht*

*Please leave in silence. Merry Christmas!*

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.*

### Participants in this evening's services

**Celebrant:** Robert G. Hetherington; **Preacher and Deacon:** Louise Browner Blanchard; **Lay Reader:** Al Rider; **Chalice Bearers:** Linda Hendricks and Sue Thompson; **Acolytes:** Jasmine Harper; **Musicians:** St. Mary's Choir and Dwight Graham, *Organist and Choirmaster*; **Oblation Bearers:** the Stephens Family; **Ushers:** Bill Gooch, Nith and Ben Harper, and Al Rider

**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 Massey 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. Names which have appeared on the prayer list for three months will be removed unless otherwise requested. You are most welcome and encouraged to contact the parish office to request earlier removal or extended prayer.*