



Christmas Eve 2017
8:00 & 11:00 p.m.
Christ Church
Winnetka, Illinois

Welcome to Christ Church

We're delighted you're here!

Everything you need for full participation in the service is in this bulletin.

If you are new, we invite you to fill out a pew card
so we might get to know you better.

Carols before the Service

Remaining seated, please join with the choir in singing the carols.

Hymn: What Child is This?

Greensleeves

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

- 2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain*

- 3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*

Hymn: Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Es ist ein Ros

1

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

2

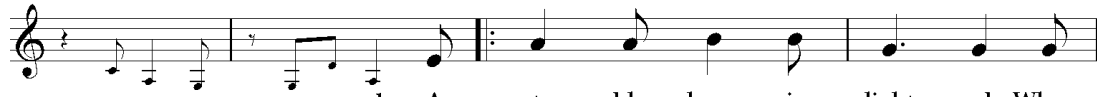
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.

3

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere;
true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

Hymn: A Stable Lamp is Lighted

Andújar



1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed Whose
 2 (This) child through Da - vid's ci - ty Shall
 3 (Yet) he shall be for - sak - en, And
 4 (But) now, as at the end - ing, The



glow shall wake the sky; The stars shall bend their voic - es,
 ride in tri - umph by; The palm shall strew its branch - es,
 yield - ed up to die; The sky shall groan and dark - en,
 low is lift - ed high; The stars shall bend their voic - es,



And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,



And straw like gold shall shine; A barn shall har - bor hea - ven,
 Though hea - vy, dull, and dumb, And lie with - in the road - way
 For ston - y hearts of men: God's blood up - on the spear - head,
 In prais - es of the Child By whose de - scent a - mong us



A stall be - come a shrine. _____ 2 This
 To pave his king - dom come. _____ 3 Yet
 God's love re - fused a - gain. _____ 4 But
 The worlds are rec - on - ciled. _____



Hymn: The First Nowell

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*

3

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*

Hymn: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Carol

1

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all-gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

2

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o’er its Babel-sounds the blessed angels sing.

3

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Hymn: O little town of Bethlehem

Forest Green

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

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.

3

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!



The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Voluntary

La Nativité

Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

We offer this organ voluntary to open your mind for meditation and your heart for prayer.

Ringing of the Tower Bell (*stand*)

Hymn: Once in Royal David's City

Irby

1 Solo

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

2 Choir

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

3 All

We, like Mary, rest confounded
That a stable should display
Heaven's Word, the world's creator,
Cradled there on Christmas Day,
Yet this child, our Lord and brother,
Brought us love for one another.

4 All

For he is our life-long pattern,
Daily when on earth he grew,
He was tempted, scorned, rejected,
Tears and smiles like us he knew.
Thus he feels for all our sadness,
And he shares in all our gladness.

5 All

And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

6 All

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God, who has come among us to dwell.

People Blessed be God, Emmanuel.

The Collect for Purity

Presider 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.

People Amen.

Hymn: Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

1

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!

2

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing...

3

Hail, the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing...

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. 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.

People Amen.

The First Reading (*sit*)

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96:1-4, 11-12 (*sung by the choir*)

- 1 Sing to God a new song; *
sing to God all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing and bless God's holy Name; *
proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare God's glory among the nations, *
God's wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For God is great and greatly to be praised, *
more to be feared than all gods.
- 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 God, who will come, *
who will come to judge the earth.

The Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful (*stand*)

Adeste fideles

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;
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

2
God from God,
Light from Light eternal,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Only-begotten
Son of the Father;
O come, let us adore Him...

Sing, choirs of angels,
 Sing in exultation,
 Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
 Glory to God,
 Glory in the highest;
 O come, let us adore Him...

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

Gospeler 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!"

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste fideles

4

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n.
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing;
O come let us adore Him...

The Sermon

The Rev. Christopher Powell

The Nicene Creed (*stand*)

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 *(standing)*

Leader Brothers and sisters, on this most holy night of our Lord's birth, that we may find peace, joy, and contentment in this holy season, let us pray for ourselves and all those in need of our prayers, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the church of Christ, that it may faithfully proclaim the good news of salvation and may care for the needs of God's people in all corners of the world, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For peace in our troubled world, that the darkness of war and injustice may be replaced by the light of peace and love, and especially for our armed forces at home and abroad, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all those in need of our prayers: the homeless; the unemployed; the hungry; those who are hospitalized; those who are imprisoned in body or soul; those on our parish prayer list, and those we remember now, silently or aloud:

Pause. (The people may add their own petitions.)

Leader For all those for whom this season is one not of joy but of trial and sadness, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For the sick, that their illnesses may be turned into health and their sorrow into rejoicing, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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Leader For those who labor this night on behalf of others, and all those whose work prevents them from sharing this evening with those they love, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader In thanksgiving we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith. That we, like them, may remain faithful to the end and live forever in the light of your eternal glory, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider Almighty God, mercifully hear the prayers of the people you have chosen as your own. Give us zeal in our ministries and joy in our work, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Presider We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider 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.

People Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Sans Day Carol

John Rutter

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk,
And Mary bore Jesus who was wrapped up in silk.

Refrain:

And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass,
And Mary bore Jesus who died on the cross.

Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal,
And Mary bore Jesus who died for us all.

Now the holly bears a berry, as blood is it red,
Then trust we our Savior who rose from the dead.

traditional Cornish

Hymn: Joy to the World

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.

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.

3

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

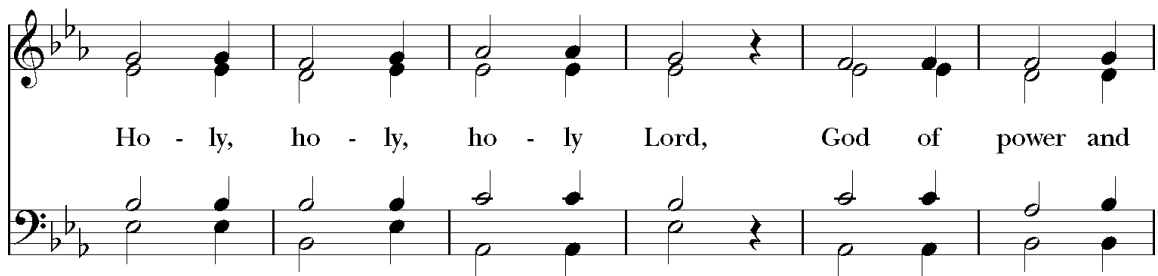
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

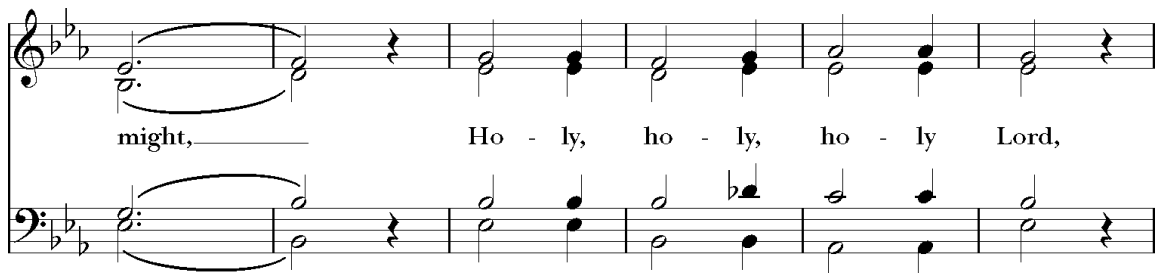
Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

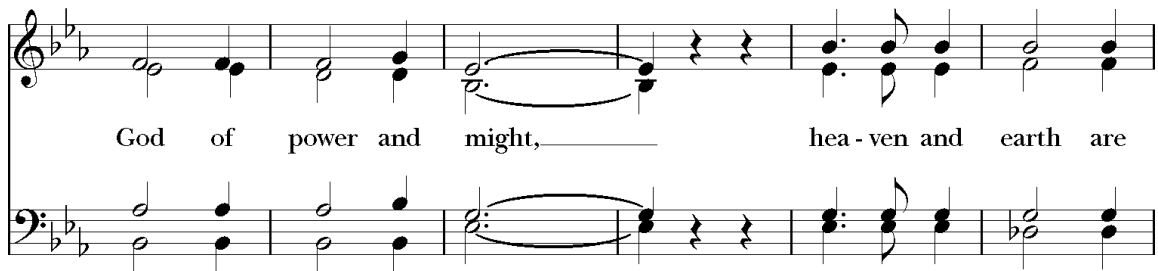
Sanctus & Benedictus



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.

All are invited either to remain standing or to kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

All Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

This block contains the first line of musical notation for 'The Breaking of the Bread'. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.' The music consists of eight measures, ending with a fermata over the final chord.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

This block contains the second line of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. The lyrics are 'Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.' The music consists of eight measures, ending with a fermata over the final chord.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

This block contains the third line of musical notation. The melody continues with a key signature change to two sharps (F# and C#) in the final measure. The lyrics are 'Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:'. The music consists of eight measures, ending with a fermata over the final chord.

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All are welcome to receive the sacraments of our Lord. Those not wishing to receive communion are invited to the altar for a blessing: simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference. Please tell the priest if you require gluten-free bread and chalice. Please tell an usher if the clergy should bring the sacraments to someone in your pew.

Music for Harp (8:00 only)
played by Nora Cahill

Silent Night

arr. Frank Voltz

Hymn: In the Bleak Midwinter

Cranham

1 *All*

In the bleak midwinter,
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter,
Long ago.

3 *All*

Angels and archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air;
But his mother only,
In her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved
With a kiss.

2 *All*

Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When he comes to reign:
In the bleak midwinter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God incarnate,
Jesus Christ.

4 *Solo*

What can I give him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him
Give my heart.

Anthem

Who Will Go to Bethlehem?

Simon Andrews

Who will go the Bethlehem where shone the Magi's star?
The glow above the manger, a vision now afar.

Caroler point the way, sing Noel today.
Born long ago and far away,
the Christ is here this Christmas Day.

The path that led to Bethlehem where shepherds watched by night,
who stood in awe, transfigured by a glorifying sight.

And yet that light, still burning, brings back the faint refrain
of that small band rejoicing. The peace of Christmas reigns.

Donald Goldstrom

Hymn after Communion: Silent night, holy night

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.

2

Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born!

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.

The Postcommunion Prayer (*seated or kneeling*)

All Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Christmas Blessing

Presider May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon
him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and
brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

People Amen.

Presider May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the
Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the
Gospel.

People Amen.

Presider May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and
earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

People Amen.

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

Hymn: Angels we have heard on high (*stand*)

Gloria

1

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

3

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria...

4

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

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth into the world,
 rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Voluntary

Gloria - Finale, Opus 18, No. 15

Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)



Gifts for the Christmas flowers are given to the Glory of God:

In memory of Richard Culbertson from Carol Culbertson.

In loving memory of Robert E. & Harriet T. English from their loving son, Averill A. English.

In loving memory of Ward Farnsworth from his wife, Jean, and his children Mary, Lucy and Ward, Jr..

In loving memory of my wife Joan and our daughter Julia Hinman Honnold from the Jim Hinman family.

In thanksgiving for Elizabeth and Peter from Richard T. Jones.

In thanksgiving for our families from Mary Judd & Jim Wallgren.

In memory of Robert S. Julian from Marj Julian and family.

In memory of Dr. Robert Zuege, Mary Zuege, Ray Kuhns, Florence Kuhns, David Kuhns, and Robert Kuhns from Tom & Amy Kuhns.

In loving memory of Adelaide and John Griffith and Pearl and Roger Lumppp from Susan & Roger Lumppp.

In thanksgiving for Robert and Carol Rasmus from Withrow Meeker.

In memory of Anne Brown Modisett and John DeBoos Modisett II from Barbara & John Modisett.

In memory of Michael Pyle from Candy Pyle.

In thanksgiving for family and friends from Debbie Ross.

In loving memory of Brad, and in thanksgiving for the lives of Brad and Brian from Bob & Barbara Spencer.

In thanksgiving for the ministry of Rev. Christopher Powell and the Lord's numerous blessings on our family from Samuel & Naghma Suleman.

In memory of Marjorie Parks Valentine from the Valentine and Pope families.

In honor of our grandparents, Josiane and Wilfried Ver Eecke, and Dan and Mary Boone, and our great grandmother, Winnie Klein, from Charlie, Emily, Preston and Virginia Ver Eecke.

In thanksgiving for our family from Jane & Lawson Whitesides.

In thanksgiving from Nancy & John Challenger.

In loving memory of Sam from Gill, Jeremy, Edward, Tom & Megan.

Gifts for the Christmas music are given to the Glory of God:

In thanksgiving for the life of Sylvia Adams, and for Elizabeth Atkinson, Nicholas Adams, Joshua Adams and their families from Phil Adams.

In thanksgiving for Katie, CJ and Danielle, and the Bar family from Mary Anderson.

In memory of Raymond Seymour Heuser, Elisabeth Bauer Heuser, Eleanor Heuser Anstaett and James Walter Howse from Kurt, Robin, Ross and Blair Anstaett.

In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren from Esther & Loren Berry.

In thanksgiving for my family from Carol Culbertson.

In memory of Walter and Frieda Zegers and Bob and Mary K. Dooley from Willie Dooley.

For the many blessings of this life from the Durbin family.

In loving memory of Ward Farnsworth from his wife, Jean, and his children Mary, Lucy and Ward, Jr.

In thanksgiving for our grandparents, Roger and Susan Lumppp and Mike and Joan Horvath, from Drew and Austin Horvath.

In thanksgiving for the music ministry of the Clemmitt family from Richard T. Jones.

In thanksgiving for our families from Mary Judd & Jim Wallgren.

In memory of Dr. Robert Zuege, Mary Zuege, Ray Kuhns, Florence Kuhns, David Kuhns and Robert Kuhns from Tom & Amy Kuhns.

In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren from Roger & Susan Lumppp.

In thanksgiving for Robert and Carol Rasmus from Withrow Meeker.

In memory of Michael Pyle from Candy Pyle.

To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives of Blair and Garrett Rasmus from Carol & Robert Rasmus.

In gratitude for the Christ Church community and staff from Debbie Ross.

In thanksgiving for the ministry of Richard and Elizabeth Clemmitt and our grandchildren, Allysa and Kalgen Shye, David and Levy Peddapanga and Hanna Grace Suleman from Samuel & Naghma Suleman.

In memory of Marjorie Parks Valentine from Andrew J. Valentine.

In honor of our grandparents, Josiane and Wilfried Ver Eecke and Dan and Marty Boone, and our great grandmother Winnie Klein, from Charlie, Emily, Preston and Virginia Ver Eecke.

In thanksgiving for the wonderful music ministry of Richard and Elizabeth Clemmitt from Jane & Lawson Whitesides.

In thanksgiving from Nancy & John Challenger.

In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren, Caroline & Michael Hedenberg, Luda, Kai and Clair and Nathaniel & Kristin Gray and Andrew & Stacey Gray.

In thanksgiving for wonderful friends and loving family from Kathleen Hufton.

With deep gratitude for the lives of Alex and Lauren, and in loving memory of Alex, from their parents, Jill Fischer & Michael McGuiggan.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- » **Anglican Cycle of Prayer – Yola - (Jos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Markus Ibrahim.**
- » Diocesan Cycle of Prayer – At this time of general rejoicing, the congregation is called upon to pray for those who, in the words of the Prayers of the People, Form VI (BCP p. 392) “are the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression or are in danger, sorrow or any kind of trouble and for those who minister to the sick, the friendless and the needy.”
- » Those serving in our armed forces, especially: James Kowalski, Derek McGee, Nick Powell, James Bird, Matt, Chris Wypyski, Zachery Taylor.
- » The sick and those in any need or trouble, especially: Dan, Jerry, Todd Nielsen, Tricia Cramer, Elliston Morris, David Benedict, The Maskal Family, Brett Lowry, Ansel Rogers, Laurie, Bob Fox, Max Rempel, Richard Libles, Beth, Barbara Lore Mayo, Isidiro Ruiz, Carolyn Sanders, Bret, Lisa Linn, Beth, Larry, Noah, Kristie, Myra Fuguet, Loren, Troy, Jim, Marty, Betty, Walter Porter.

Lifting Up Our Prayers

We keep an ongoing parish prayer list in the church office. Please stop by or call the church office to enter your prayer requests. Unless you indicate otherwise, names will be kept for one month's time. Friends in Faith, as well as our lay chaplains and our clergy, will be lifting up these names in prayer. Private prayer needs may be shared with the clergy at any time. Each prayer is an opening to God's healing grace at work in our lives.

PARISH EVENTS

Calling All Grand Receipts – Deadline for 2017 is Dec. 27

The Grand has donated over \$2,250 so far in 2017 to our Youth Ministry from your submitted receipts and the efforts of Volunteer Extraordinaire Willie Dooley. The Grand has a strict deadline that no 2017 receipts can be submitted after January 5. Therefore, we ask you to turn in all receipts by December 27 for processing. Receptacles for receipts are located in the Prevost Cloister and the Parish Office. Thank you!

The Christ Church Legacy Society Dinner – Feb. 7 – 6:00pm

"A Gift that Endures Creates a Church that Endures". Have you remembered Christ Church in your will or estate plan? Over 20 parishioners have informed us they have. Will you consider joining them? A gift from your estate is a gift that continues to benefit the mission of Christ Church beyond your lifetime. We all want the parish to grow and thrive beyond our lifetimes; an enduring gift helps fulfill that hope. Please join us at Our Inaugural Dinner, Wed., Feb. 7, 6:00pm at Skokie Country Club, 500 Washington Ave. in Glencoe. Please RSVP to Office Manager, Charlotte McGee, 847-446-2850 or charlotte@christchurchwinnetka.org.

Pledge Updates for 2018

We currently have 215 families who have made their pledge increasing our total to \$1,074,000. We are 94% of the way towards our goal of \$1.14 million for 2018. Pledge cards and envelopes are available in the back of the Church. You may fill one out and place in the Alms Basin any Sunday at the Offertory. You may also pledge online on our website or simply call our Finance Manager, Cindy Lyman, at 847.446.2850 ex. 23 or via email: cindylyman@christchurchwinnetka.org.

ON-GOING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

A Just Harvest

Christ Church serves twice a month at A Just Harvest, a community kitchen, in Rogers Park, serving dinner 365 days a year to anyone in need. This is a great family opportunity to “reach out.” We need cooks (done in your home), servers (age 12+), and people to provide milk, fruit, and salad each time we are “on deck.” To learn more go to: <http://www.christchurchwinnetka.org/a-just-harvest>.

Serve on the Altar: Acolyte

Carry the cross and gospel book, light the way for the word of God by bearing the torches, and help prepare the communion table for the Eucharist. Young people of all ages are encouraged to join! The only requirements are that an acolyte must be able to participate in an entire church service and handle fire responsibly. In addition to helping serve on the altar, acolytes earn increasing levels of achievement, displayed in their crosses and ribbons. We also have parties and celebrate together! If you are interested, please contact Jim McGee at jvm@mostlymcgee.com.

Come Sing with Us

Christ Church offers excellent and fun choirs for both youth and adults. Details about our Music Program can be found on our website. Please contact Richard Clemmitt at rclemmitt@christchurchwinnetka.org for more information. We'd love to have you with us!

ON-GOING GROUPS

Friends in Faith – Mondays 10:00-11:00am - Resumes Jan. 8

The Friends in Faith are always eager to welcome new friends. Please join us on Monday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00am in the Lea Room at the Church House. Our time together consists of ten minutes of silent meditation followed by lively conversation of a spiritual nature based on a different topic each week. We end the hour by praying for the people on the parish prayer list. Contact Elizabeth Clemmitt with any questions at eclemmitt@sbcglobal.net.

Book Group – Mondays 11:00am-12:00pm – Resumes Jan. 8

We are reading The Rebirthing of God: Christianity's Struggle for New Beginnings, by spiritual leader, peacemaker and scholar John Philip Newell. We are really enjoying this exciting and timely read about the future of the Church. Book Group meets every Monday morning 11:00-12:00 in the McClain Room. Contact Melissa Durbin with any questions at melissa@christchurchwinnetka.org.

Exploring Grief Support Group Monday – Jan. 8

Kenilworth Union, Samaritan Counseling Center, and Winnetka Congregational Church join with Christ Church to provide a free, confidential, supportive, and educational environment to grieve the loss of a friend or loved one. Register for Exploring Grief Group Winter Session: The group meets every other Monday from 7:00-8:30pm at the Congregational Church through March 19. All community residents are welcome to participate. For more information and to register for the fall 6-week sessions, contact Joellen Hosler: 847-446-6955, ext.19.

Centering Prayer – Tuesdays - 2:00-3:00pm

The Centering Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays from 2:00-3:00pm in the Lea Room of the Church House. Centering Prayer is a Christian form of silent meditation which alleviates stress, focuses the mind, and deepens our experience of God's presence within us. Please join us for twenty minutes of peaceful meditation followed by discussion and readings about Centering Prayer. Feel free to come occasionally or come every week. Contact Elizabeth Clemmitt with any questions at eclemmitt@sbcglobal.net or 312-618-1238.

Men's Lunch Group – Wednesday, Jan. 17 - 12:30pm

Once a month, some of the men of Christ Church meet for lunch. It's an informal opportunity for fellowship with no agenda and no fixed membership. Conversation ranges from updates on children and grandchildren to debates on economics, politics, technology, and theology. If you can make lunch in Winnetka at Little Ricky's on the third Wednesday of the month and categorize yourself among the men of Christ Church, please join us. Contact Jim McGee at jim@mostlymcgee.com for more information.

Eucharist at The Mather –Wednesday, Jan. 10- 10:30am

We offer a monthly Communion Service (second Wednesday of every month) for the families and residents of The Mather, 425 Davis Street, Evanston. Led at 10:30am by Rod Quainton. Contact Rod at fatherq@christchurchwinnetka.org.

Women's Bible Study – Thursdays. - 9:30-11:00am – Resumes Jan. 4

The weekly Women's Bible Study Group meets Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00am in the Parish House Library. Visitors and newcomers are warmly welcome. Questions? Email Nadia Stefko at nadia@christchurchwinnetka.org.

'Sunrise' Eucharist – Thursday, Jan. 11 – 11:15am

We offer a monthly Communion Service (second Thursday of every month) for the families and residents of Sunrise Memory Care in Wilmette. Led at 11:15am by Rod Quainton with support from choir members. Contact Rod at fatherq@christchurchwinnetka.org.

Holy Caffeine – Fridays - 8:30-9:30am – Resumes Jan. 5

This discussion group meets Friday mornings from 8:30-9:30am in the Lea Room. Christopher Powell leads the group in the study and discussion of scripture. All are welcome! For more information, contact Christopher at 847-868-5611 or christopher@christchurchwinnetka.org.

SAVE THE DATES

Jan. 7 – Epiphany Celebration & Visit of Three Kings – 9:30am

Jan. 14 – Service of Taizé – 5:30pm

Jan. 28 – Annual Meeting & Brunch

PASTORAL CARE

If you are facing illness, a life transition or challenging circumstances, please contact one of our clergy. We are available when you need us for a hospital, home, or office visit. Christ Church also has many lay volunteers who provide meals and rides as needed. Please reach out to the clergy through the office by calling (847) 446-2850, or:

Christopher Powell, Rector - (847) 868-5611 christopher@christchurchwinnetka.org

Nadia Stefko, Associate Rector - (773) 387-9128 nadia@christchurchwinnetka.org

Rod Quainton, Assisting Priest - (248) 225-9682 fatherq@christchurchwinnetka.org

Lay Chaplains: Bringing the Warmth of Christ Church to You

Trained parishioners visit those who are homebound, ill, or facing a time of grief or crisis. Lay Chaplains provide companionship and support, and may pray with you, or share communion (from the reserved sacrament) if desired. The chaplains serve under the training and leadership of our clergy. To request a visit, just call the office or contact Nadia Stefko 773-387-9128, nadia@christchurchwinnetka.org.

AED Life Saving Device Available in Prevost Cloister

There is a permanent AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) available in the Prevost Cloister. Most of our clergy and many parishioners have been trained in its use in case of a cardiac incident. In addition, the step by step instructions are very simple to follow. Hopefully this AED will never be used, but it is there in case of an emergency. There is also an AED in the foyer of the Parish House, 470 Maple.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Peer Ministry Training for Grades 7-12

Our next class will be Sun., Jan. 14 following the 9:30 service. It is not too late to join the program! Please contact Jennifer Baker, Diane Krieman, Laura Sniader or Emily Baillos with any questions.

CCD: Coffee, Christ, and Donuts

Calling all high schoolers. The next CCD is Wed. Jan. 10, 7:15am at Walker Brothers in Wilmette. Your host is Frances DeBlasio and maybe a surprise guest too! Breakfast is on us and rides to school are available.

ACOLYTES

8:00 p.m.

Lula Macey,
Lucas Christopoulos, Daphne Christopoulos

11:00 p.m.

Charlie Ware, George Ware

LECTORS & INTERCESSORS

8:00 p.m.

Dan MacDonald (L), Catherine Flood (L),
Susie Sprowl (I)

11:00 p.m.

Chris Cahill (L), Addy Hillerbrand (L),
Brooks Crankshaw (I)

CHALICE BEARERS

8:00 p.m.

Doug Hambleton, Duncan Healy, Tom Gorman,
Ted Buenger, Lawson Whitesides, Carrie Healy,
Elizabeth Clemmitt, Catherine Flood

11:00 p.m.

Duncan Healy, Dan MacDonald, Lawson Whitesides,
Brooks Crankshaw, Bill MacAdam, Carrie Healy,
Elizabeth Clemmitt, Mary Jo McMillin

USHERS

8:00 p.m.

Laura Sniader, Max Rempel, Julie Flood,
Diane Krieman, Steve Hudson, Peter Macey (Vestry)

11:00 p.m.

Bob Lind, Francis DeBlasio (Vestry)

ALTAR GUILD

Candy Pyle, Donna Voges, Betsy Balyeat
Mary Jo LaViolette, Barbara Jones

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Designed and arranged by the Christ Church Flower Guild



The Rev. Christopher Powell	Rector
The Rev. Nadia Stefko	Associate Rector
The Rev. Rod Quainton	Assisting Priest
Richard Clemmitt	Organist and Choirmaster
Jay Peterson	Organ Associate
Elizabeth Clemmitt	Primary Choir Director
Melissa Durbin	Director of Children's Ministries
Mario Ruiz, Steve Tracy	Sextons

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A large-print copy of *The Book of Common Prayer*
is available from an usher.