# CHRISTMAS 2025

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Wellesley, Massachusetts



5PM & 10PM FESTIVAL HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

### **Musical Prelude**

#### 5pm WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Pastorale J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

#### 10pm WORSHIP SERVICE

**Prelude** "Christmas Concerto"

Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713) Concerto in G minor, Op. 6, No. 8

Vivace-Grave

Allegro

Adagio-Allegro-Adagio

Vivace

Allegro

Largo-Pastorale ad libitum

#### 5pm & 10pm WORSHIP SERVICE

Choral Anthem "O Holy Night"

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining:

It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.

Long lay the world in sin and error pining,

till He appeared and the Soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope; the weary world rejoices,

for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!

O night divine, the night when Christ was born;

O night, O holy night, O night divine! O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another;

His law is love and His gospel is peace.

Chains he shall break, for the slave is our brother,

and in his name all oppression shall cease.

Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;

with all our hearts, we praise His holy name.

Christ is the Lord! Then ever, ever praise we.

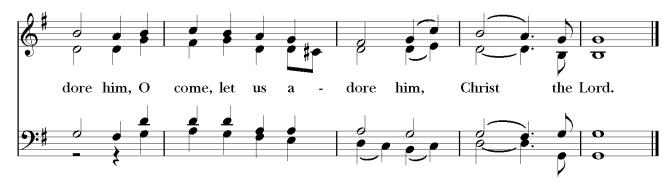
His power and glory ever more proclaim! His power and glory ever more proclaim!

### Welcome

Hymn 83 "O come all ye faithful" (5pm, verses 1, 2, 3, & 6; 10pm, all verses) Adeste fideles



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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

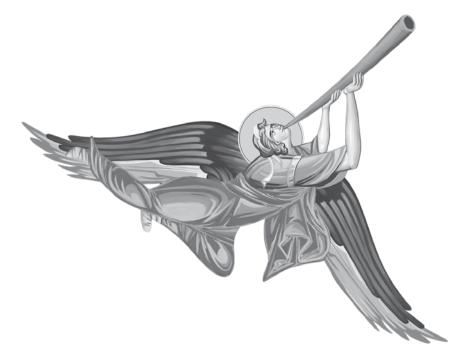
#### Dedication of the Crèche

Priest Welcome all wonders in one sight! Eternity shut in a span: Summer in winter, day in night, heaven in earth, and God in man. Great little one whose all-embracing birth brings earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth. *Amen*.

## The Word of God

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

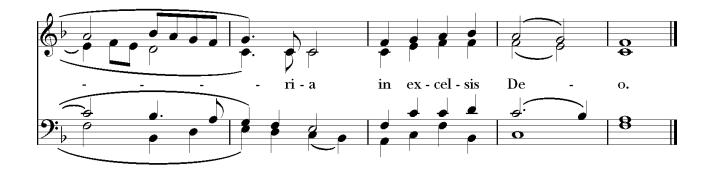
*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen*.



Hymn 96 " Angels we have heard on high" (verses 1 & 2)

Gloria





#### **Collect for Christmas Eve**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Together, let us pray.

People 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.

#### **First Lesson** 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 exalt 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 forever more. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

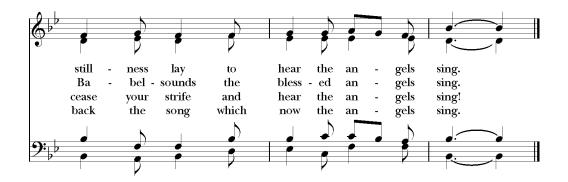
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Hymn 89 "It came upon a midnight clear"

Carol





#### Gospel Luke 2:1-14

*Priest* 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!"

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

#### Nicene Creed

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.

#### **Prayers of the People**

After each bidding the Reader will say, "Lord, in your mercy." Please reply, "Hear our prayer."

#### Peace

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### Announcements

# **The Holy Communion**

#### 5pm WORSHIP SERVICE

#### **Offertory Anthem** "I wonder as I wander"

*Traditional American carol* John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor ordinary people like you and like I; I wonder as I wander, out under the sky. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky, or a bird on the wing, or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing, he surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall with wise men and farmers and shepherd and all. but high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, and the promise of ages it did then recall.

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor ordinary people like you and like I; I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

#### 10pm WORSHIP SERVICE

#### **Offertory Anthem** "Infant holy, infant lowly"

Polish carol

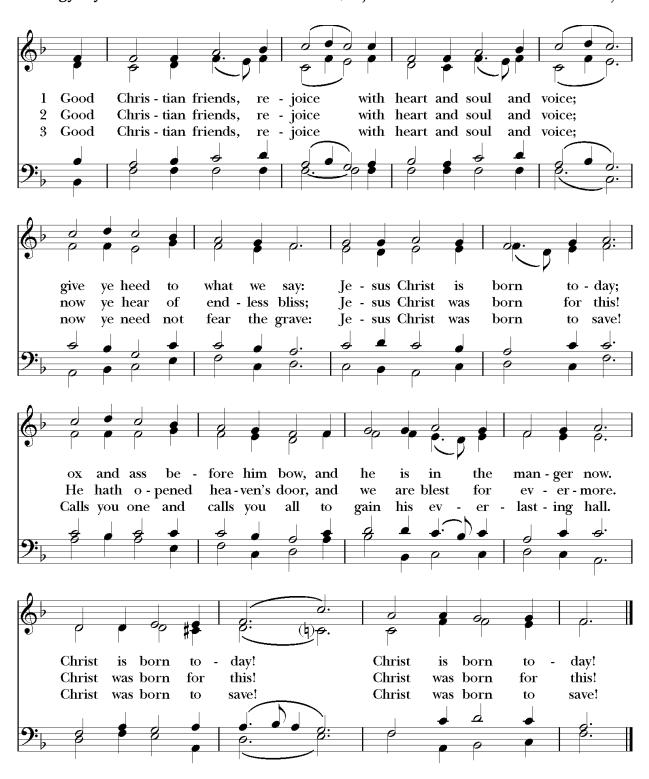
arranged by David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Infant holy, Infant lowly,
For His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, Little knowing
Christ, the Babe, is Lord of all.
Swift are winging Angels singing,
Nowels ringing, Tidings bringing:
Christ the Babe is Lord of all!
Christ the Babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new; Saw the glory, Heard the story, Tidings of the gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow, Praises voicing, Greet the morrow: Christ the Babe was born for you!

Christ the Babe was born for you!

Presentation of the Bread and Wine





#### **Great Thanksgiving** (Eucharistic Prayer B)

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest 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 S 130 Franz Peter Schubert

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full, 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.

Priest

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,

Together We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Priest

And we offer this 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 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*.

#### Lord's Prayer

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*.

Franz Peter Schubert

#### Fraction Anthem S 164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Ushers will direct the congregation to communion stations.

Gluten free wafers are available. All are welcome to receive communion.

During communion, the congregation is invited to sing the carols.

#### 10pm WORSHIP SERVICE

#### **Communion Anthem** "In the bleak midwinter"

Harold Darke (1888–1976) text by Christina Rossetti (1830–1894)

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.

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 Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day, Breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay; Enough for Him, whom angels fall before, The ox and ass and camel which adore.

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

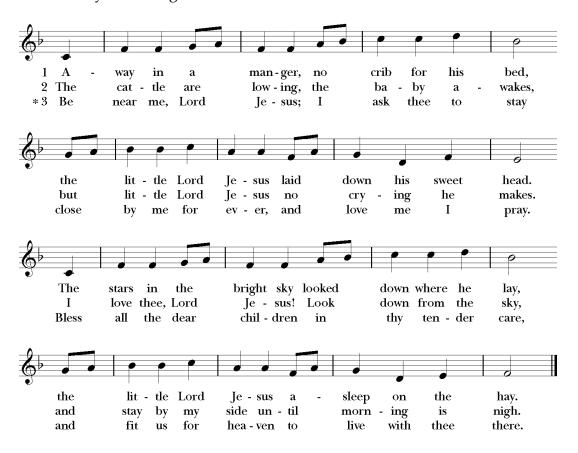




**Hymn 78** "O little town of Bethlehem" (verses 1, 2, 3, & 5)

Forest Green





Hymn 109 "The first Nowell"

The First Nowell





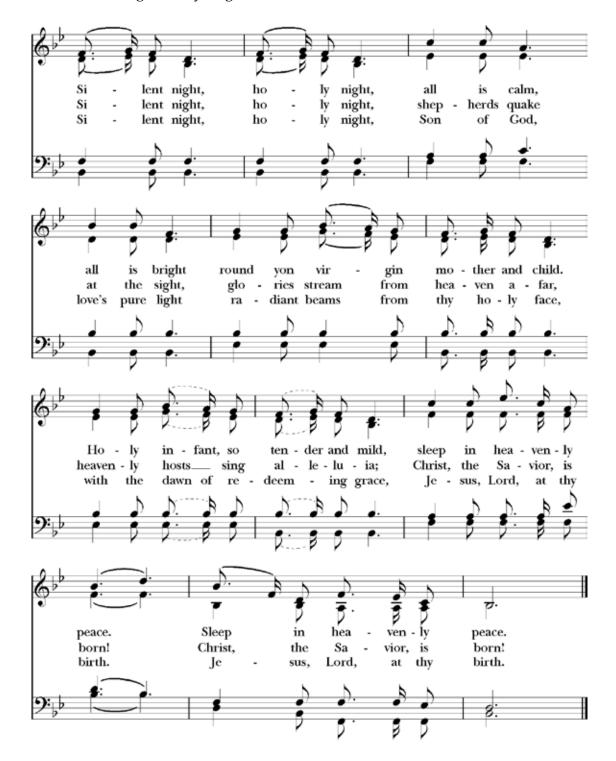
#### Thanksgiving After Communion

Together 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*.

Please light your candles as the church lights are dimmed.

**Hymn 111** "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Stille Nacht



# **Final Blessing**

**Hymn 100** "Joy to the world"

Antioch



#### **Dismissal**

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude "Noël"

Louis-Claude d'Aquin (1694-1772)

# Serving St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's Clergy The Reverend Adrian Robbins-Cole

The Reverend Margaret Schwarzer

The Reverend Doctor Sarah Robbins-Cole

Organist Helen Ward Mannix

Acolytes 5pm: Crucifer George Raeke; Torch, Emmy Svedlund; and

Torch, Katherine Svedlund; **10pm**: Crucifer Peter Mahoney;

Torch, Christina Lowe; and Torch, Jason Lowe

Broadcaster 5pm: Boston Light & Sound; 10pm: Rob Brandt

Flower guild DD Alexander, Frances Antonelli, Katie Barrack, Dell Beggs,

Anne Benning, Kim Francour, Linda Gallo, Blair Glennon, Elizabeth Guydan, Wendy Haering, Becky Hamlin, JoLynn Heuer, Angie Johnson, Debbie Lorenz, Susan Schaefer, Ann Schwarz, Lynda Sperry, Beth Thomas, Michael Vanin, Sandy

Vickers, Amy Wilson, and Laurie Witt

Greeters all the services Tom & Winnie Faust

Altar Guild,

Lay Eucharistic Ministers,

Readers, and Ushers Thank you all those who volunteered after this went to press.

### **Christmas Remembrances**

May the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

A Soul Unknown James Aliber Martha & George Allen Mary Ammann Bob Antonelli Mr. & Mrs. William E. Appleyard

Arturo Baguer Rosa Baguer Edward H. Bailey Bill Barrack Christopher "Kit" Barrows Vernon Barrows John Beggs Delphine V. & Dudley Bell Sally Benjamin Marguerite S. Bradford-Tarrio Donald P. Breneman Lawrence M. Breneman Marge Brenner Baerbel Broedner Dorothy, Roy, and Karen Brotherhood Francis & Marjorie Burling Carol Stockton Parsons Byron Richard Crawford Byron

Armenee Chorbajian
Brigid Marie Clark
Josepha Teresa & John Dennis Clark
Mr. & Mrs. G. Miller Clarke
Christina Wilson Clothier
Samuel Cochran
Hannalou & Samuel Coco
Byron, Dorothy, and Lewis Cook
Dr. Taylor Cook
Marnie Corderman

Faye Daniel
Bertha & John R. Danielson
John D. Danielson
Leroy E. Danielson
Mary Rae & John D'Anieri

Connor Darcey
Milton Dermer
Charles & Leslie Dickinson
Joyce H. Dickinson
Gayle & Timothy Doyle
Diana & Weaver Dunnan
Jessie Vickers Durkin

Philip Elia, M.D.

Betty & Tom Faust Claude Fenelon Hermosa Fenelon Millie Fillebrown Alison J. Flemer Helen S. Flemer John W. Flemer Curtis Flight Myrtle Ruth Flight Mark Froehlich Nan Fulton

Ida & Gio Gagliardi James Gallo Darren Douglas Gallup Lisa Ann Gallup Grada H. & Bruce M. Gelser Louisa J. & Leigh M. Gelser Brewster H. & Margaret C. Gere Judith C. Gere **Emily & Everett Goodnow** Lee Goodnow Caroline O. Grape Dudley H. Grape Emily P. Grape Matthew H. Grape Betty Ann & Eugene Marvin Graves Lawrence Greenberg Alice Guleserian **Jack Gurkin** Catherine & Peter Guydan

Arthur Hamlin

David M. & Jane-Arthur Hamlin

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William P. & Dewilda N. Harris Elizabeth & George A. Haynes

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Magdalena & Johann Hoeffler

Cora Hidalgo Holland Ken & Betty Holland

Myrtle & Anthony Gregory Hollis

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Walter Hunnewell (1917-1999)

Rev. Gerald W. Hussey

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#### In Thanksgiving for

All my colleagues at St. Andrew's

Paul T. Balamotis

Riley Elizabeth Barrack

William James Barrack

Dana Brennan

Will, Emily, and Ben Clarke

Margie & Dave DeFelice

Wilson Charles DeFelice

**Caroline Gregory** 

David Gregory

Tucker & Katie Hamlin

Julia and Alexa

Sandra Kotsifas

Alison Larsen

Eric Larsen

John Peter Pereira

Tony Powell

Heather Schaefer

Norma W. Sears

Lori, James, Karen, and their families



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