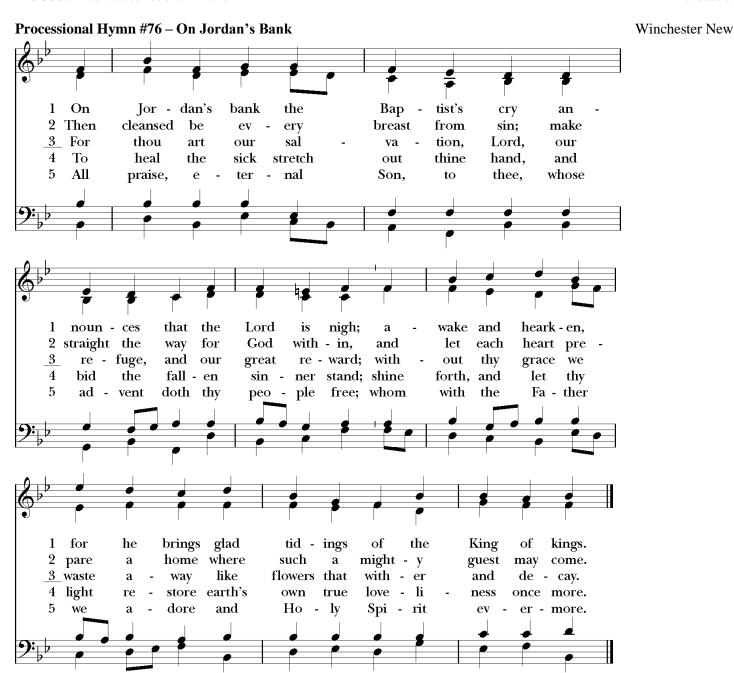
MANAKIN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday Of Advent December 17, 2023 10 AM - Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist

Before the service, speak to the Lord. (BCP Page 833)
During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

Prelude: Noel: Josef et bien Marie

Balbastre



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The Word Of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

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*.

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Christmas Pageant

Narrator: Addie Karluk

Scene I: The Prophecy

Prophet: Libby Hott

Scene II: The Annunciation

Gabriel: Martha Grace Harrison

Mary: Marji Rawlings

Joseph: Cameron Goodwyn



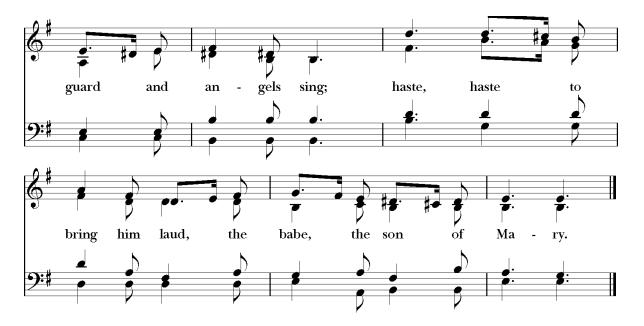
Scene III: The Arrival in Bethlehem

Innkeeper: Bennett Goodwyn **Baby Jesus:** Winnie DiStanislao

Hymn #115 - What Child Is This?

Greensleeves





Scene IV: The Angels and The Shepherds

Head Angel: Lenora Goodwyn

Angels: Johanna Gates, Avery Agee, Page Horgan, Rory Horgan, Aubriana Anderson,

Charlotte Anne Howell, Grace Allen, Noelle Allen, Bartley Hebert.

Head Shepherd: Mike Chester

Shepherds: David Gates, Luke Agee, Wilder Horgan

The Star: Virginia Gates

Hymn #109 - The First Nowell vs. 1, 2, 3

The First Nowell





Silent Night (Solo)

Monroe Harrison, flautist

Hymn #111 - Silent Night (congregation to sing verses 1, 2, 3)

Stille Nacht



Scene V: The Magi

Herod: Monroe Harrison

Wise Men: Ashby Chester, Luke Chester, Bennett Goodwyn

Hymn #128 - We Three Kings

Three Kings of Orient





Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John *People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord," as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

all standing

Prayers of the People – Form II

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The Leader and People pray responsively

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Susan Haynes; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially]. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: Graham, Bruce, Bruce, Tom, John, Benjamin and Stephany & Bill, whom we remember today].

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Hasten, O Father, the coming of the kingdom; and grant that we the servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold the Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen*.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Anthem: Alma Redemptoris Mater

Marcel Dupré

After the communion, the Celebrant says

The Doxology – Hymn #380 verse 3

Old 100th



Our Fathers' God, To Thee - Hymn #717, vs. 4

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP Page 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.

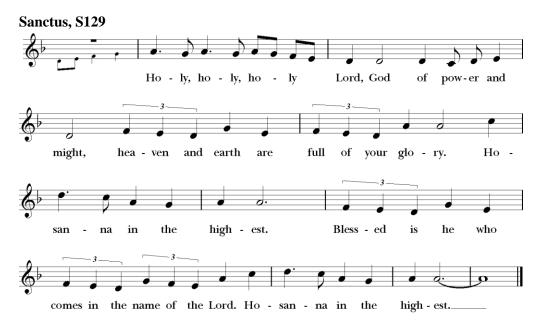
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Celebrant and People



The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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. *AMEN*.

The Amen Dresden



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

People and Celebrant

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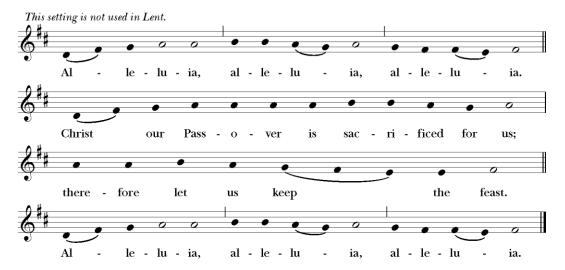
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Anthem: Christ Our Passover, S154



The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may be added

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.





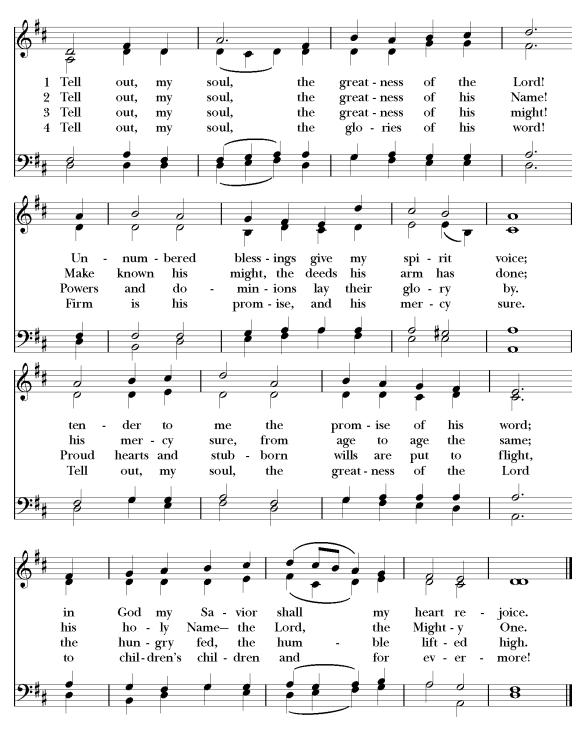
Let us pray. BCP Page 365

Celebrant and People

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 Blessing

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.



Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Trumpet Dialogue

Clerambault

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Receiving Holy Communion

The Hoy Eucharist is the sacrament commanded by Christ for the continual remembrance of his life, death, and resurrection, until his coming again. (BCP p. 859) We are eager to share this remembrance with you. God welcomes you to receive His body and blood for forgiveness of our sins, and to be strengthened in our relationship with Christ and one another.

- † At the appropriate time, people in your pew will come forward to the altar railing. We will begin on the left side facing the altar with the first pew. Please proceed forward on the right side of the aisle, returning on the left side.
- † Please fill the altar railing in from the right side to the left.
- † Once you have arrived at the altar, you may stand or kneel to receive. Both hands, with one hand supporting the other are put forth.
- † The sacramental bread (wafer) will be placed in your hands with words such as "The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven." A response is not necessary, but some may say "Amen".
- † The chalice will be offered to those who have consumed the bread. Please help the Chalicist by placing your hand on the base of the cup to take a sip of the wine.
- † If you wish to intinct the bread, please hold it up and the Chalicist will pass you and a bowl for intinction will be offered. Please do not intinct in the common chalice from which others drink.
- † After you have received, it is customary to wait until the person next to you has received before returning to your seat. You do not need to wait for all at the railing to receive before returning.
- † When you return to your seat, you may kneel or sit in prayer and reflection of the wonderful gift that you have just received. Please join in singing of the communion hymns.

If for any reason you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. At the altar railing cross your arms over your chest signifying that you are there to receive a blessing only.

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The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Birdie and Jeff Lighthiser in honor of Graham Lighthiser's 6th birthday.

OFFICIANT – The Rev. Gini DiStanislao

LAY READER – Chuck Catlett & Terry Brydon

ACOLYTE – Lucy Edwards

ALTAR GUILD - Diane Mahoney, Pat DuPont, Tricia & Gunnar Kohlbeck, Pat Rock

MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST – Rita Busse Gulliksen

COFFEE HOUR – Annual Christmas Party

NURSERY TEAM – Marrica Hazelwood & Jenny Karluk

USHER – Scott Eckmann

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When you pray, please remember the following:

Anika Kapur, Susan Seaver, Sue Parsons, Holly Dean Schlotterer, Graham Lighthiser, Peggy Lighthiser, Anne Dull, Sue Stroson, Harry Bowen, Jr., Nick Hanak, Michael Foreman, Kaitlin DeCesare, Phil Frank, Verity Jones, Jane Gerring, Lynn Shepley, Ben Durrant, Parker Ann Martin, Nancy & Tom Dawson, Jake Anderson, Amanda Looney, Robert Johnston, Eddie Oliver, Lee & Janet Showalter, June Stertz, Michelle Fisher, David Wolcott, Larry Rock, Viola Muller, Tom Walker, Sharon Hoyle, Marcy, Connie Rosenbaum, Alan Rosenbaum, Barbara Akers, Christy Darlington, Lucy & John Goode, Wally Groom, Lawrence Mitchell, Sally & Jay Fiedler, Harry Broaddus, Jim Smith, Bentley Wetzel, Brad Rose, Goldie Groom, Sandy Litz, Jamie Owens, Carol Perenzin, Mickey Stokes, Elizabeth Felicetti, Don Akers, Carolyn Burns, Grady Hebert, Brent Hodges, Judy Jones, Brian, Chip, Laura, Ed Mulreany, Peggy Loeper, Christy Allen, Donna Crane, Dennis McArdle, Les Fillgrove, Annette Sherman, Marissa, Jean Duke, Guy Ross, Tommy Collins, Barry Akers, Hersch Goldberg-Polin, Susan & Dave Woods, Jamie Owen, Polly Akers, David Wilson, Carol Migacz, Travis Scarborough, Karl Grotos and Peter Plourd, Katie McFadden.

Happy birthday to the following:

Bruce Bass 12/18 John Moore 12/21
Bruce Russell 12/18 Benjamin Barbour 12/23

Tom Hillsman 12/19

Happy anniversary to the following:

Stephany & Bill Breed 12/23

Advent and Christmas Offerings at Manakin Episcopal Church

Wednesday, December 20 – Noon – 6 PM – A Day of Prayer for Peace. The Nave will be open for contemplative prayer and meditative music. Please come by to pray for peace in our community, the world and within.

Sunday, December 24 – 8 AM and 10 AM – Advent 4 services

5 PM – The Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas music provided by the Chancel Choir with service following.

Announcements

- ❖ Sunday Morning Children's Time at 9:45 AM: The children will meet in Denny Hall.
- **First Fridays January 5. Host needed!** Please sign up in Denny Hall.
- ❖ Sit, Stitch and Craft Night: Monday, January 8, at 5 PM. Bring any type of needlework, drawing, beading or handcraft to enjoy while socializing. Participants are welcome to bring snacks to share but it is not essential. We welcome visitors too. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.
- **Tuesday Bible Study** will resume on **January 9**.
- **❖ Men's Bible Study** will resume on **January 10**.
- Choir Practice: The Chancel Choir (adults) rehearsals Thursday, at 7:30 PM. If you would like to join the choir, call Rita Gulliksen (804) 272-0505.

- ❖ Backpacks Of Love: We will be helping Backpacks of Love by collecting snacks such as individual bags of chips and Pop Tarts and proteins (pop-top cans of beefaroni/ravioli are especially welcome). Please place these items in the marked bin in Denny Hall. Join us on the first Friday of the month. You can meet us at Manakin at 9 AM or at the site at 9:30 AM, 3035 Lower Hill Road, Powhatan. If you have any questions, contact Penny Sawyer at 804-794-5609.
- ❖ Food Donations: We continue to accept donations for the Powhatan Food Pantry. The collection bins are in the Denny Hall entrance. They appreciate all donations of nonperishable food items and current needs beef and chicken soups and pop tarts. Thank you for all your help.
- ❖ Powhatan Animal Shelter gladly accepts donations of dog food (wet/dry Pedigree or Purina Adult & puppy), laundry items (detergent/softener/dryer sheets/bleach), towels, blankets, toys (such as "Kongs"), treats, medium collars/harnesses/leashes and peanut butter. Please put these items in the marked bin in Denny Hall. You can also support them with a monetary donation to their medical fund at Claws and Paws by phone at 804-598-8030 or send your donation to Claws and Paws with the note "Powhatan Animal Control Medical Fund" to 4313 Anderson Highway, Powhatan, VA 23139. Thank you!
- ❖ Please consider signing up to host Coffee Hour. Use the following link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0445A4A922A5FD0-coffee

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Stephany Breed	(2024)	Junior Warden —Hank Schepker
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