



**Manakin Episcopal Church**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**December 24, 2024**  
**4:00 pm**

# Festival Holy Eucharist

## Carols By Candlelight

Il Est Né Le Divin Enfant

Naima Burrs, *violin*

Harmonized by Gabriel Fauré

The Holly And The Ivy

The Chancel Choir

arr. By H. Walford Davies

The Virgin's Slumber Song

Elisabet Goodwyn, *soprano*

Max Reger

Hymn #89 - It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

Congregation & Choir, vs. 1 & 2

Carol

In The Bleak Midwinter

The Chancel Choir

Gustav Holst

O Holy Night

Bill Breed and Chuck Catlett, *tenors*  
Congregation to Sing Refrain

Adolph Adam

I Wonder As I Wander  
Niles

Naima Burrs, *violin*

John Jacob

Still Still Still

The Chancel Choir

arr. By Norman Luboff

Silent Night #111

V 1- Choir; V2, 3 Choir and Congregation;  
Naima Burrs, *violin*; Coleman Brydon, *guitar*

**Tune:** Stille Nacht

The Processional Hymn #83 – O Come, All Ye Faithful vs. 1, 2, 3, 6

Adeste fideles

Verses 1-3 before Blessing of the Crèche

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 \*4 See how the shep-herds, sum-moned to his cra - dle,  
 \*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man-ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

**Blessing of a Crèche** *(the rector takes the Christ Child from the altar and places him in the crèche)*

O great mystery,  
and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger!  
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear  
Christ the Lord.  
Alleluia!

V. The Word was made flesh

R. And dwelt among us.

*Officiant*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who in the Incarnation of your Son has revealed to us the holiness of creation, be pleased to bless and hallow this image of his sacred birth, so that those who gaze upon it may behold this mystery, whereby humanity shares in your very nature; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Verse 6 of *O Come All Ye Faithful*

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*

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

The Gates Family

**The Word of God**

**The Opening Acclamation**

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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

**The Collect for Purity**

*The 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*

The Hymn of Praise, The Gloria, S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
 People And also with you.  
 Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**The First Reading: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**The Psalm 96** (recited)

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Cantate Domino

- 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.

**The New Testament: Titus 2:11-14**

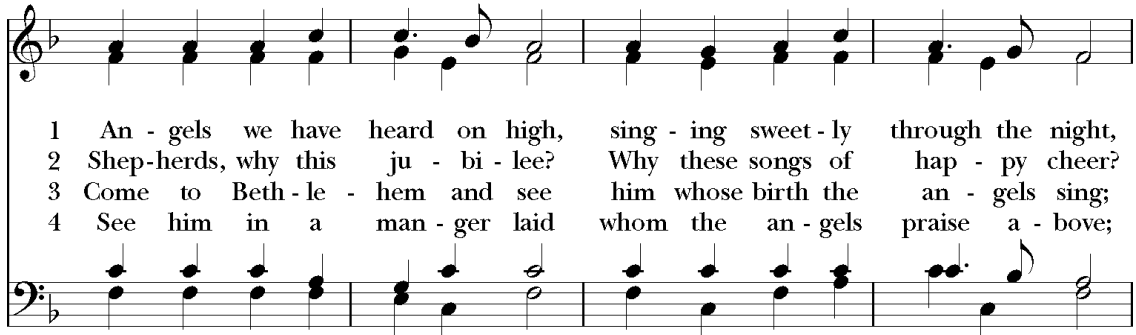
For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**The Sequence Hymn #96 - Angels We Have Heard on High** all stand

Gloria



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

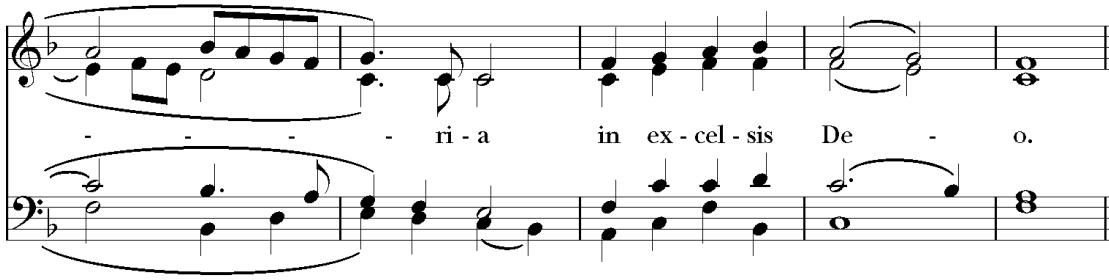
*Refrain*



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a



**The Gospel**

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

**Gospel: Luke 2:1-20**

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.]

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.  
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Homily**

The Rev. Gini DiStanislao

**The Nicene Creed** *all stand*

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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 IV**

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*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, especially Joe, our President, Glenn, our Governor and the Courts and Legislatures of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our prayer list and any others that you would like to name either silently or aloud; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those in whose memory the poinsettias are given, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

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

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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.*

*The Priest, stands and says*

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**

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*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

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

## **The Announcements**

### **Offertory Sentence**

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**The Doxology – Hymn #380 verse 3**

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here be - low; praise Him, a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

America

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

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*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 every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth

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

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**The Sanctus, S125**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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**

Danish



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

*People and Celebrant*

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.*

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*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

**The Fraction Anthem: Alleluia! Christ Our Passover, S154**

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.

**Please join the choir in the singing of the Communion Hymns**

**The Communion Meditation:** Naima Burrs, *violinist*

**The Communion Hymn #79 - O Little Town Of Bethlehem**

St. Louis

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
 \*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin-eth the ev-er-last-ing Light;  
 2 O morn-ing stars, to-geth-er pro-claim the ho-ly birth!  
 3 No ear may hear his com-ing, but in this world of sin,  
 4 where char-i-ty stands watch-ing and faith holds wide the door,  
 5 We hear the Christ-mas an-gels the great glad tid-ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to-night.  
 2 and prais-es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 3 where meek souls will re-ceive him, still the dear Christ en-ters in.  
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo-ry breaks, and Christ-mas comes once more.  
 5 O come to us, a-bide with us, our Lord Em-man-u-el!

**The Communion Hymn #101 – Away In A Manger**

Cradle Song

1 A-way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,  
 2 The cat-tle are low-ing, the ba-by a-wakes,  
 \*3 Be near me, Lord Je-sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit-tle Lord Je-sus laid down his sweet head.  
 but lit-tle Lord Je-sus no cry-ing he makes.  
 close by me for ev-er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love thee, Lord Je-sus! Look down from the sky,  
 Bless all the dear chil-dren in thy ten-der care,

the lit-tle Lord Je-sus a-sleep on the hay.  
 and stay by my side un-til morn-ing is nigh.  
 and fit us for hea-ven to live with thee there.

The Communion Hymn #115 – What Child Is This?

Tune: Greensleeves

*Unison or harmony*

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds  
 guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to  
 bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.



Let us pray.

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.

The Closing Hymn #100 – Joy To The World

Antioch

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 3 far as the curse is found, far  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

**The Dismissal**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
 People Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:** In Dulci Jubilo  
 Toccata on Adeste Fidelis

J. S. Bach  
 Purvis

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**Receiving Holy Communion**

The Holy 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 Chalice 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 Chalice 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.

**OFFICIANT** – The Rev. Gini DiStanislao

**LAY READERS** – Jeff Lighthiser & Katie Harrison

**ACOLYTE** – Cameron Goodwyn

**ALTAR GUILD** – Stephany Breed, Janet Denson, Jean Hillsman, Lisa McCue, Kathy Watkins

**MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST** – Rita Busse Gulliksen

**TELLER** – Roy McLeod

**USHER** – Liz & Greg Lee

**VIDEO STREAMING TEAM** – Gunnar Kohlbeck, Katie Harrison, Holly & Michael Walker, Brent Deekens

**When you pray, please remember the following church members:**

Susan Seaver, Sue Parsons, Nancy & Tom Dawson, Janet Showalter, Lucy & John Goode, Wally Groom, Jay Fiedler, Larry Rock, Les Fillgrove, Annette Sherman, Nancy Aasen and Kathleen Willey.

**When you pray, please remember the following family & friends:**

Graham Lighthiser, Peggy Lighthiser, Eddie Oliver, Grady Hebert, Dennis McArdle, Katie McFadden, Davis Spain, Scott Kirby, Carol Perenzin, Dawn McAnanaey, Jan, Barbara Akers, Barry Akers, Don Akers, Polly Akers, Brent Hodges, Ed Mulreany, Karl Grotos, Christy Darlington, Brian, Connie Rosenbaum, Tammy Smiley, Barbara Anderson, Ann Smith, Laura, Chip, Mary Ann Harlan, Wesley Ball, Lou Roeder, Dave Woods, George Holmes, Telly Noble, Lawrence Mitchell, Wyatt Nickle, Doug Reed, John DiFiglo, Doug Barnes, Rita Gilpin, Connie Smiley, Dee Dee Mitchell, Timmy Akers, Aaron Spicer, Chip Isbell, Bonnie Kniska and Martey Longmire.

**Happy Birthday to the following:**

Walter Smith	12/24	Priscilla Sampson	12/27
Sally Winslow	12/25	Beth Norton	12/28
Bo Campbell	12/27		

**Announcements**

- ❖ The **church office will be closed from December 24 until January 1**. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Gini+ at 804-337-0556.
- ❖ **Sit, Stitch and Craft Night: Monday, January 6, 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 **January 7**.
- ❖ **Book Club:** The next Manakin Book Club meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 7 PM via Zoom**. We will be discussing The Women by Kristen Hannah, a novel set during the Vietnam War. If you are not a regular Book Club attendee and would like to join us, please contact Terry Hood to add your name to the Zoom invitation list. You'll also need to download the Zoom application to the electronic device of your choice prior to the meeting. Contact Terry at: [thhood@hotmail.com](mailto:thhood@hotmail.com) or 804-418-9372.
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study** will resume **January 8**.
- ❖ **Men of the Church Breakfast Meeting - Saturday, January 18, at 8 AM (Note the date).** The program will be "Fire Safety and the Fine Creek Volunteer Fire Department" presented by our own volunteer firefighter, Michael Walker. Michael will discuss topics such as household fires (e.g., kitchen fires, electrical appliance fires), types of fire, extinguishers and what kind to have, fire blankets and their efficacy. He will also discuss how the FD responds to medical calls, and a brief overview and history of Fine Creek VFD. Please plan to attend this very informative presentation, bring a friend and of course enjoy a great breakfast!
- ❖ **Choir Practice: The Chancel Choir (adults)** rehearsals **Thursday, at 7:30 PM**. We need more singers. Please consider joining the choir! If you would like to join the choir, call Rita Gulliksen (804) 272-0505.

- ❖ **Greeters Needed:** Please consider joining the Greeter team. Greeters are needed for the weekly services as well as for special services and events. Please contact Penny Sawyer at [pennyhsawyer@gmail.com](mailto:pennyhsawyer@gmail.com), 804-651-7858, or Christine Charbonneau at [cpcharbo@gmail.com](mailto:cpcharbo@gmail.com), 804-306-1351. We will also have a sign-up in Denny Hall.
- ❖ **Mark your calendars now! Manakin Episcopal Church's 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage to England and France – August 4-13, 2025.** Please see the brochure in Denny Hall for more information or contact Elisabet Goodwyn at [elisabet@agrotours.com](mailto:elisabet@agrotours.com) or 804-378-3332.
- ❖ **Backpacks Of Love:** We will be helping Backpacks of Love by collecting snacks such as fruit cups, applesauce cups, Go Go squeeze applesauce, snack crackers packets 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays 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 are chili with beans, scallop or au gratin potatoes, beef stew, Brunswick stew and brownie mix. If anyone has paper bags from grocery shopping, please add them to the bin. We would also appreciate drivers to deliver the food in the right bin to The Pantry on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays between 9-12 AM. Please send Betsy an email if you can assist with this. [Betsy.moore5@icloud.com](mailto:Betsy.moore5@icloud.com) 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!

**The poinsettias are given to the Glory of God and in honor of:**

Sudy Adams in honor of Taylor Roach & Eleanor Adams;

Maeve and John Bayarski in honor of Emma & Jacquelyn;

Stephany and Bill Breed in honor of their children and grandchildren;

Terry and Coleman Brydon in honor of their children and grandchildren;

Donna and Bill Deekens in honor of their children, Brent, Greg and Josh;

Bea, Heath, Virginia, Johanna & David Gates in honor of Mary Kay & David Gates;

Donna and Bill Hall in honor of Lee Hall, Stephanie, Greg, Tyler and Emily Marut;

Linda Harris in honor of her grandsons, Barrett & Harrison;

Jeanne Hughes in honor of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren;

Diane Mahoney and Susie Stone in honor of their Manakin Family and the many Manakin angles and in honor of their loved ones, family and friends;

Ginger Marsh in honor of Susie Stone and Diane Mahoney for always helping with coffee hour;

Judy and David Martin in thanksgiving for their many blessings;

Jeff Lighthiser in honor of Peggy Lighthiser, Caroline & Graham Lighthiser;

Lou Suthard in honor of Christen, Bobby and her grandchildren;

**The poinsettias are given to the Glory of God and in memory of:**

Sudy Adams in memory of John Adams and Dayee & Dana Taylor;

Lauralee and Will Allen in memory of Braxton Glasgow and Ted Allen;

Traci and Scott Badin in memory of Nicholas Badin and Barbara Mangum;

Susie and Kevin Baptiste in memory of their parents;

Christine and David Charbonneau in memory of their parents and Chris's brother;

Donna and Bill Deekens in memory of Fannie & Stewart Deekens and Evelyn & Mike Strother;

Gini and Phil DiStanislao in memory of Gee Gee & Ernest Gates and Deena & Phil DiStanislao;

Bea, Heath, Virginia, Johanna & David Gates in memory of Gee Gee & Judge Gates;

The Harrison Family in memory of Lebby Neal;

Vicki and Walter Hurt in memory of Barbara Burns Boyd and Malcolm Vaughan Burns and Mr. & Mrs. Charlie D. Hurt;

Margaret and Bobby King in memory of loved ones;

Tricia and Gunnar Kohlbeck in memory of their parents;

Jeff Lighthiser in memory of Birdie Lighthiser, Ken Lighthiser and Jane & Owen Burns;

Ginger and Don Marsh in memory of Ginger's mom, the "Christmas Queen", Rossie Titcomb;

Lisa and Jim McCue in memory of their parents, Kay & Tim McCue and Eleanor & Edward Perry;

Cindy and Bernie Monroe in memory of Marjorie & Lawrence Mason and Lea Osburn;

The Perry Family in memory of their sister, Janet Mikionis and brother, Jason Perry;

The Rawlings Family in memory of Robert A. Rawlings and Carol Ann Ledger;

Tom Rice and the Harrison Family in memory of Linda Beaver Rice;

Lauren and Travis Ruby in memory of Lauren's dad, Bob Harris;

Mary Jean and Bruce Russell in memory of their parents, Margaret & Ronald Russell and Jean & Raymond Stout;

Martha Steger in memory of Tom Steger;

Marion and Mark Sykes in memory of Samuel P. Pace, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Luther Sykes, Dr. & Mrs. Watson O. Powell, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Robert S. Pace and Carol Hawkins Powell;

Lou Suthard in memory of Colonel Robert Lee Suthard;

Kelly and James Tartaglia in memory of Kenneth Reno Sansone;

Mary and Ken Turner in memory of their parents and their nephew;

Robyn, Heidi and Doug Markel in memory of Ann & Art Markel;

Kathleen Willey in memory of Ed Willey, Michael Matzuk, Sr. & Jr. and Eric Duncan;

Judy Wilson in memory of David Wilson.



***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!***