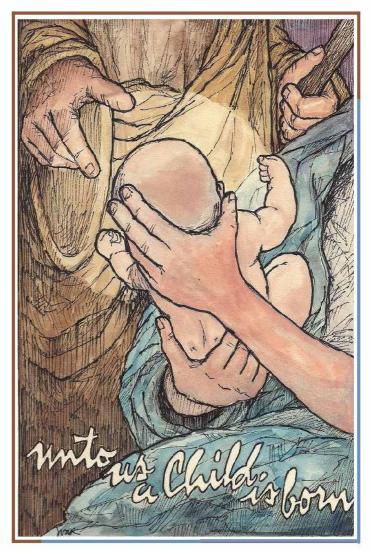
The Christmas Eve Family Service

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II



Tuesday, December 24th, 2024 3:00 pm



Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We are glad you joined us today!

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you here. We welcome everyone to join and participate fully in worship. The bulletin should contain all you need to participate in worship. Text the congregation reads aloud is **printed in bold**. This symbol **X** denotes the appropriate time to make the sign of the cross upon yourself, if it is your custom.

Mask-wearing is optional. The rear pews are designated for socially-distanced seating for those who wish. Please sanitize your hands as you enter and immediately before Communion.

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

Following Advent, a time of hope and preparation, the Christmas season is a joyful celebration of our Lord's nativity. During this time, we especially remember that God loved all of creation so much that God took on human form to set in motion the plan of salvation. Jesus truly became Emmanuel, meaning "God with us."

The season runs for 12 days, concluding on January 5th, the eve of Epiphany.



Please note that this service is being livestreamed and recorded. Videos may be found on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website.

Symbols and instruction: What's my line?

If you have an ANGEL sticker, each time you hear the word ANGEL or ANGELS, you say: "Glory to God in the highest!"

If you have a SHEEP sticker, each time you hear SHEPHERD or SHEPHERDS, you say: "Let's go see him!"

And if you have a STAR sticker, each time you hear the word MAGI, you say: "Let's follow the star!"

About the Service

This service is interactive! You should have a sticker to wear, available from an usher or where you got your bulletin. If you picked up a figurine on your way in, please meet the altar party at the back of the church when asked. We will process the figures into the church and place them in the creche as we sing our opening hymn. Otherwise, make yourself comfortable and prepare to experience the Christmas story from A to Z.

Prelude I

Personent Hodie
Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Prelude II

Pat-A-Pan Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

Prelude III

Prelude on Irby
Michael McCabe ((b. 1941)

Words of Welcome

Please stand for the processional hymn

Processional Hymn • Hymnal '82 #83

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; *Refrain:*

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 God the Father; *Refrain*
- 3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest;

 Refrain

O Come all ye faithful

- 4. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze; we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain*
- 5. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, we would embrace thee, with love and awe; who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

 Refrain
- 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*

We Explore God's Word

Celebrant: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

People: And we beheld his glory.

God from God, Light from Light, you have given us a vision of your love and justice in the coming of your Son Jesus to be born of Mary: We ask that as Jesus shared with us in our humanity, so we may share with him forever the glory of your Kingdom, where he lives and reigns to ages of ages. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Son of God, light that shines in the dark, child of joy and peace, help us to come to you and be born anew this holy night, we pray in your name, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

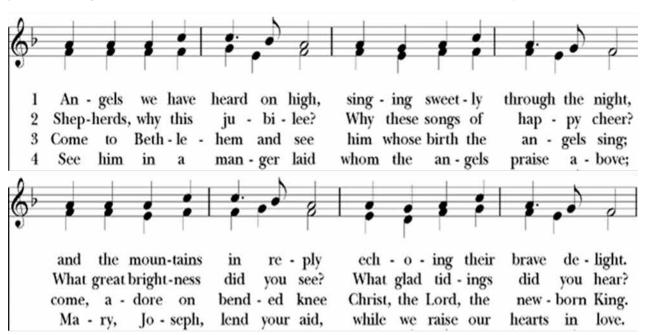
Introduction: The ABCs of Christmas

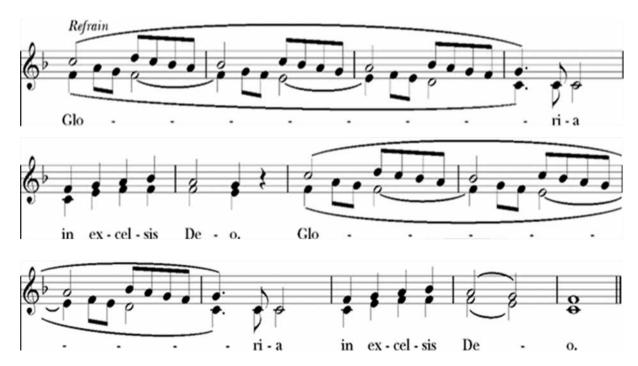
Please be seated.

A is for Angel
B is for Bethlehem
C is for Census

Sequence Hymn • Hymnal '82 #96

Angels we have heard on high





You may remain seated.

Celebrant: XThe Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. (*Luke 2:1-5*)

Celebrant: To be continued...

D is for Donkey E is for Exhausted

Hymn • *Hymnal '82* #79

verses 1-2

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

F is for Family

Celebrant: We continue the Gospel according to Luke...

While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom. (*Luke 2:6-7*)

Celebrant: To be continued...

G is for Good News

Celebrant: We continue the Gospel according to Luke...

The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors." (Luke 2:10-14)

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

Hymn • *Hymnal '82* #87

verse 1 only

Hark the herald angels sing

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 the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem! Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

H is for Hope
I is for Imagination
J is for Joseph...and Joy
K is for King
L is for Lost...and Love
M is for Mary...and Manger

Hymn • *Hymnal '82* #101

verses 1-2

Away in a manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

N is for Noel O is for Others

Prayers of the People

Please stand

Intercessor: As we join with the angels in celebration of the birth of Jesus, God's son, let us pray to the God who calls us all children, saying, "Loving God, hear our prayer."

As we gather on this holy night, we pray for others who gather in churches around the world. We pray that, in loving God and loving one another, we may be the church to the world. Loving God,

All: Hear our prayer.

As we gather on this night of peace, we pray for peace in our country and all the countries of the world, and we pray for wisdom and strength for leaders. Loving God,

All: Hear our prayer.

As we gather on this night of shining stars, we pray for our planet, your own creation. Help us to take care of it and cherish it as you would. Loving God,

All: Hear our prayer.

As we gather on this night of love, we pray for our family and friends, for the people who love us and care for us, and who are near and far away for Christmas. Loving God,

All: Hear our prayer.

As we gather on this night of darkness and uncertainty, we pray for our neighbors who are hungry, homeless, or hurting this night. We prayer for all places and people that are in need of your love. Loving God,

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: Loving God, who brings hope and light on this joyful night, may our faith in Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us, remind us that you are among us, you hear our prayers, and you will be with us always. **Amen.**

P is for Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Christmas Welcome & Announcements

Please be seated.

Q is for Quiet
R is for Revealed
S is for Star
T is for Table
U is for Unity

Offertory Hymn • Hymnal '82 #99

verses 1 and 3 only

Go tell it on the Mountain

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

We Gather at God's Table

All are invited to stand.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.People: And also with you.Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. XBreathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All: AMEN.

Celebrant: And now, in the words that Jesus taught us, we pray,

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.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant: This is God's table. Jesus is the host. We are the guests. Share in

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

This is God's Table and not our own. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. We are receiving both bread and wine at Communion. Please sanitize your hands prior to coming forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. There are two options for receiving the consecrated wine. If you wish to drink from the chalice, please go the left side of the altar rail. If you prefer to receive it in a single-use compostable cup (to drink or intinct), please pick one up from the table and go to the right side of the rail. The cup can be discarded on the table in the sacristy to be reverently rinsed out. If you are sick, we ask that you please refrain from using the chalice and either get a single-use cup instead or rest assured that the fullness of Communion is received in either just bread alone or wine alone. If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing, which will be delivered without touch.

The ushers will distribute glow sticks after you receive communion. Please take one and hold your lights high as we shine the colorful, joyous light of Christ into the growing night. Please take these with you as you leave the church tonight to continue your celebration!

Communion Hymn • Hymnal '82 #89

- 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.

It came upon the midnight clear

- 3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long; beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong; and warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring; O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing!
- 4. 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.

Communion Hymn • Hymnal '82 #111

Silent Night

- 1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round you 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.

V is for Vulnerable. W is for Wonder. X is for Christ. Y is for You.

Prayer After Communion

All are invited to stand.

All: God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen.

Z is for Zeal.

Blessing

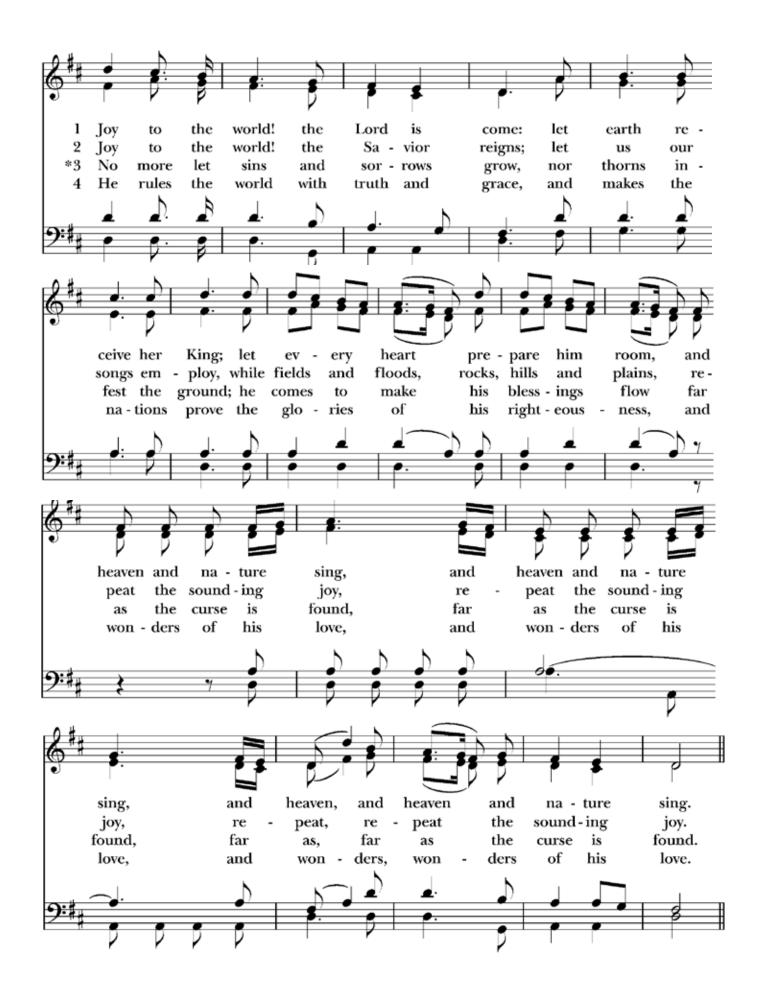
Celebrant: This Holy night, let the wisdom of the Wonderful Counselor enlighten you, the strength of the Mighty God empower you, the love of the Everlasting Father enfold you, and the peace of the Prince of Peace be with you; and the Xblessing of God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, be with you this night and always.

All: Amen.

Recessional Hymn • Hymnal '82 #100

Joy to the World

Please see the next page.



Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

In Der ist Freude Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Christmas tree collage created by the children from our Children's Church Ministry. Children aged 2-10 are welcome to join them on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.



Christmas Music and Floral Dedications Given to the Glory of God and ...

For the love of music from the late Richard Best

In thanksgiving from Marie & Harry Narvaez

In memory of our parents from Sandy & Bill Renner

In memory of Nancy Harris-Egel from Cliff Egel

In celebration of family from Dan & Cindy Mottl

In loving memory of Dominick & Margaret La Rose, Melody Lord, Timothy Kilbride, Elizabeth Wrobel, Dr. Peter Rooney, Dr. & Mrs. James Rooney, Michael Zuffante, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wiedrich, Dr. & Mrs. William Cernock, Josh Staniloff, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Long, Father & Mrs. Harry White, William, Louis and Charles Schmidt, Joanne Skiris, family, friends, loved ones, in profound gratitude for the continuing blessings/miracles in our daily lives, and through the Birth/Celebration of the Spotless Lamb of God, Jesus Christ.

In memory of David & Lucy Valentine and Joseph & Dolores Howard

from Susan Valentine & Joseph Howard

In memory of their parents Gardner and Margaret Moon and their brother Michael Moon

from Toni, Kerry, Melissa & Chris

In memory of Bradford Robert Caldwell from Steve, Marty, Kurt & Julia Caldwell

In memory of Great Grandma Josephine, Great Grandpa Mario from T.J. & Dom O'Neill

In memory of Laura from Zach & David Mottl/Williams

In memory of James McVicker from Kevin McVicker

In memory of our parents, Kazys & Valerie Valeika and Francis & Phyllis Anscombe

from Elizabeth & Matt Valeika

In memory of Richard & Yvonne Lussenhop from Mary Beth Bonetto

In memory of Christopher Daniel Combs from Nanette Combs

In memory of our Grandparents, John & Lorainne, Juan & Maria, Tunis & Mary, Harry & Fay from Brian & Leslie Stahulak

In memory of Carolyn and Michael Wilson with love from your daughters, Helen and Barbara

In memory of Nancy Holmes Sprague from William Sprague

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Raatz, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Radatz, Dennis Radatz and Jeanine Watrous from Susan Radatz

In memory of Tommy Sharkey family

In celebration of my daughter, Jacquelyn, and in memory of the loving gift of Jeremy and David in my from Diane Clark-Coutre

In memory of Richard Royston from The Throckmorton family

In thanksgiving for Matt Connelly from Jenny Connelly & Ryan Asmussen

In memory of Stanley Christo Bartkus from Raymond T. Burkhardt

In memory of Edith Henderson, Lawrence & Sarah Coffee from Bill, Margaret & Spencer Coffee

In memory of Pat Jones "Pat Pat"

from Alli & Adam Hofferica & family

In memory of Geraldine Hampton Jacobs

from Karel Jacobs

In memory of Tony & Margery Longo and Dr. Penn & Rosemary Warter and in thanksgiving for our growing family from Penny & Matt Longo

In memory of Mike Anderson & Clara Gorek

Love, Dave & Michelle Yochem



THE TIMES: SPECIAL MIDWEEK EDITION

Today, Tuesday December 24th

- 3:00pm, Family Service
- 10:30pm, Carol Singing
- 11:00pm, Midnight Mass with choir, special musicians

Wednesday, December 25th

- 9:00am, Christmas Day Quiet Service

Sunday, December 29th

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)

Christmas Birthdays: Nanette Combs, Liam Waltz, Diane Coutre-Clark, Rachel Weaver-Rivera, Char Ekroth, Marc O'Brien

Anniversaries: Ardath & Jim Barr, congratulations on your 60th Wedding Anniversary!

In our prayers: Mike & Bobbie, Rich, Charles, Glen, Pat, Mike, Micki, Drew, Rose, Anthony, Debi, Nikki and Bob, Debbie, Darnell, Sheila, Nicholas, Sandee, Mary, Loretta, Jimmy, Natalie, Kathryn, Jim, Colleen, Jeff, Kurt, Mike & Renee, Molly & Jim.

For the repose of the soul: Jerry Macellaio, Marissa Favela, Rick Martucci, Loretta Sangston





Weekly Worship Schedule

Tuesdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
Thursdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
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at 8:00pm Compline (online)

Sundays at 8:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (without music) at 10:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)

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