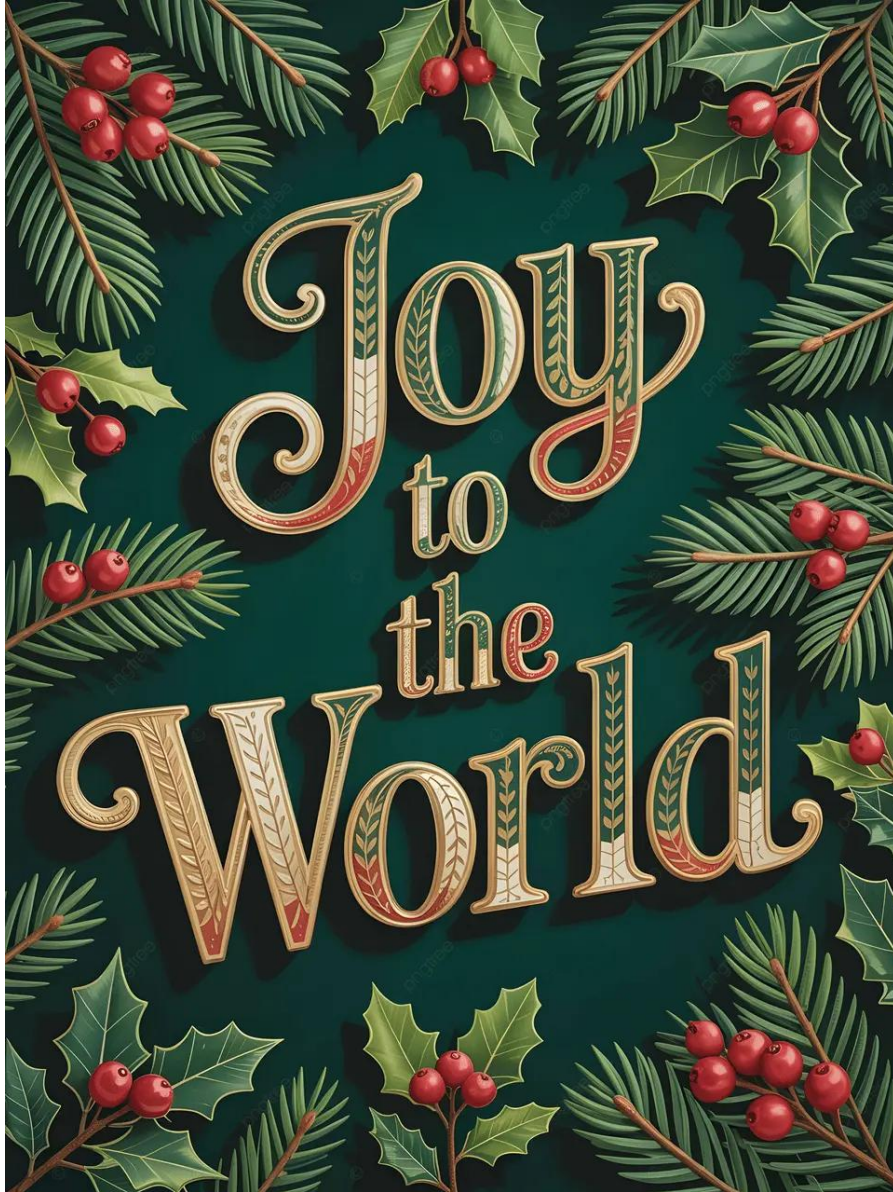


St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
Incline Village, Nevada
Christmas Eve



Seeking Light and Sharing Love

We welcome you to Saint Patrick's Church. We are truly pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today.

If you are searching for a new church home and community, please introduce yourself to our parish clergy as you depart

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025 5pm

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Pre-Service Christmas Carol Selection:

79 O Little Town of Bethlehem	99 Go tell it on the Mountain
81 Lo How a Rose e'er blooming	105 God rest ye merry gentlemen
82 Of the Father's Love begotten	109 The First Nowell
89 It came upon a midnight clear	110 The Snow lay on the Ground
91 Break forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light	111 Silent Night
93 Angels from the Realms of Glory	112 In the bleak midwinter
94 While shepherds watched their flocks	113 'Twas in the moon of wintertime

Welcome

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Reader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God
King of the Universe
At your word you bring on the evening twilight.
You create day and night;
You roll away light before the darkness,
And the darkness before the light;
You make the day to pass,
And the night to approach
And divide the day from the night.
Blessed are you, O Lord.
For you bring on the evening twilight.

Celebrant: Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord
At this evening hour may the understanding of all our hearts
Be opened to that Light which enlightens everyone
Who comes into the world.
For this is the Light which gives us true Knowledge of the Name over all
By which God is known.

Hymn: *What Child is This* Hymnal 1982 #115

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

*This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!*

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

Chorus

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
 Come, peasant, king to own Him.
 The King of kings salvation brings;
 Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Chorus

Opening Acclamation

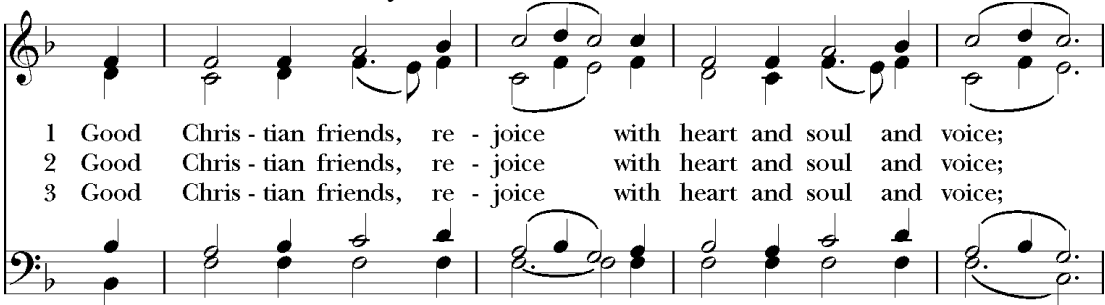
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Collect for Purity

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.*

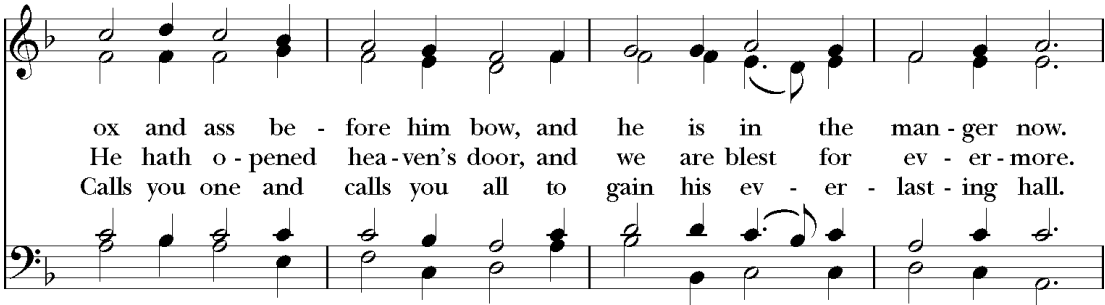
Song of Praise: Good Christian Friends Hymnal 1982 #107




1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day: 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.***

The First Reading: *Isaiah 52:7-10*

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Hymn: *Angels We Have Heard On High* Hymnal 1982 #96 vv. 1-3

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Refrain

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

Refrain

The Second Reading: *Hebrews 1:1-4*

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Hymnal 1982 #83 vv. 1, 3, 6

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels!

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

Sing, choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of Heaven above.
Glory to God, glory in the highest

Refrain

Yea, Lord we greet Thee born this happy morning.
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

Refrain

The Holy Gospel: John 1:1-14

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

the Rev. Marla Asson

Creed:

***Our God is the God of all humans,
The God of heaven and earth,
The God of sea and rivers,
The God of the sun and moon,
The God of all the heavenly bodies,
The God of the lofty mountains,
The God of the lowly valleys.
God is above the heavens:
And he is beneath the heavens.
Heaven and earth and sea,
And everything that is in them,
Such he has as his abode.***

*He inspires all things,
He gives life to all things,
And he stands beneath all things.
He enlightens the light of the sun,
He strengthens the light of the night and the stars,
He makes wells in the arid land and dry islands in the sea,
And he places the stars in the service of the greater lights.
He has a Son who is co-eternal with himself,
And similar in all respects to himself:
And neither is the Son younger than the Father,
Nor is the Father older than the Son;
And the Holy Spirit breathes in them.
And the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit are inseparable.
Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Have mercy upon us, O God the Father almighty,
O God of Hosts,
O High God,
O Lord of all the world,
O Ineffable God,
O Creator of the elements.

Have mercy upon us O almighty God,
Jesus Christ son of the living God,
O first born of the Virgin Mary,
O beginning of all things,
O completion of the world,
O Word of God.

Have mercy upon us, O God almighty
O Holy Spirit,
O protector of all Christians
O comforter of the sorrowful
O merciful intercessor
O imparter of true wisdom

O almighty God the heavenly father
and the only begotten son
have mercy upon us
have mercy upon us, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
have mercy upon us, O God of heaven
have mercy upon us.
have mercy upon us, O God, from whom and through whom is the rule of all created things,
for you, O God, to whom be glory and honor forever and ever.
Amen

Absolution

May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.
Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

SERVICE OF THE TABLE: Celtic Eucharist

Music at the Offertory: *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

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The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Father, all power and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You, with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are God.

You are God, one immortal;

You are God, incorruptible and unmoving;

You are God, invisible and faithful;

You are God, wonderful and worthy of praise;

You are God, strong and worthy of honor;

You are God, most high and magnificent;

You are God, living and true;

You are God, wise and powerful;

You are God, holy and splendid;

You are God, great and good;

You are God, awesome and peace-loving;

You are God, beautiful and righteous;

You are God, pure and kind;

You are God, blessed and just;

You are God, tender and holy;

You are God, not in the singularity of one person, but in the Trinity of substance.

We believe you, we bless you, we adore you, and we praise your name for evermore. We praise you through Christ who is the salvation of the universe; through Christ who is the life of human beings; through Christ who is the resurrection of the dead.

Through him the angels praise your majesty;

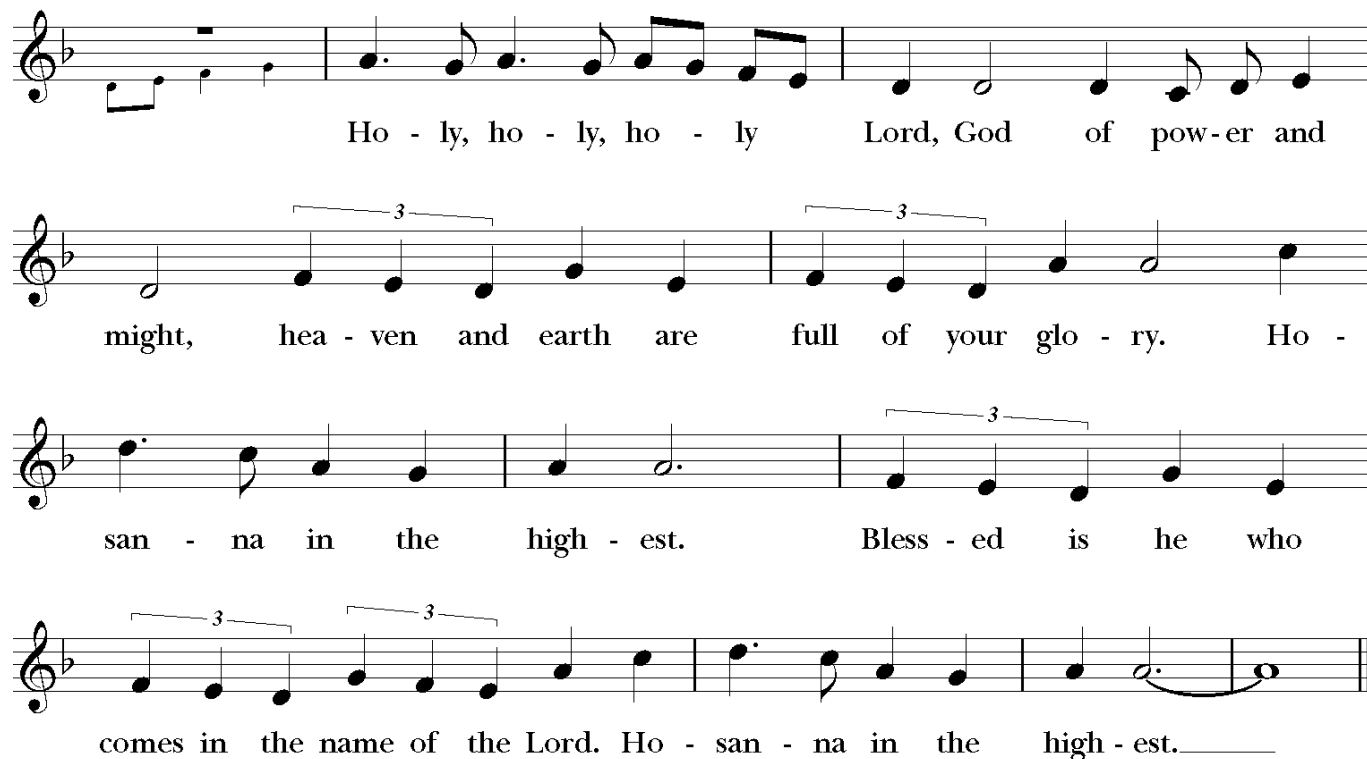
The dominations adore;

The powers of the heaven of heavens tremble;

The virtues and the blessed seraphim

Concelebrate in exultation;

So grant, we pray you,
That our voices may be admitted to that of the chorus,
In humble declaration of your glory,
As we sing:



(The people stand or kneel.) Most merciful Father, we humbly pray and implore you through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, to be pleased to receive and bless these gifts, these holy unblemished offerings.

We offer them to you in the first place for your holy Church throughout the world. Be pleased to keep her in peace, to watch over her and to gather her in unity and to guide her. And also for Elizabeth, your servant, our bishop, and all the bishops and teachers of our faith.

Remember Lord, your servants and all here present whose faith and devotion are known to you. We offer the sacrifice of praise for them and all they own, for the redeeming of their souls, for their hope of safety and salvation, and they now send up their prayers to you, the eternal living and true God.

Being in fellowship we reverently bring to mind, firstly the glorious Mary, ever virgin, Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ, and then your blessed apostles and martyrs: Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, and Jude, David, Ninian and Patrick, Columba, Teilo, Brigid, and all your saints: grant by their merits and prayers that at all times we may be defended and helped by your protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Be pleased, O God, to bless this offering, to accept it fully, to make it perfect and worthy to please you, so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who the day before he suffered took bread into his holy and venerable hands and with his eyes lifted up to heaven to you, God his almighty Father, giving thanks to you, he blessed, broke, and gave it to his disciples saying; Take and eat you all of this, for this is my body.

In like manner after he had supped, taking also this chalice into his holy and venerable hands, again giving thanks to you, he blessed and gave it to his disciples saying; take and drink you all of this for this is the chalice

of my blood, of the new and eternal testament: the mystery of faith: which shall be shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. As often as you shall do these things you shall do them in memory of me.

Wherefore, Lord, in memory of the blessed passion of the same Christ, your Son, our Lord, of his resurrection from among the dead and of his ascension to heavenly glory, we your servants and with all your holy people offer to your sovereign majesty, from among your gifts bestowed upon us, a victim perfect, holy and spotless, the holy bread of everlasting life and the chalice of everlasting salvation.

Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a favorable and gracious countenance; accept them as you were pleased to accept the offerings of your servant Abel the righteous, the sacrifice of our father Abraham, and that of Melchizedek, your high priest, a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

We humbly implore you, almighty God, be these offerings to be carried by the hands of your holy Angel to your altar on high, in the sight of your divine majesty, that all who are partakers at the altar of the precious body and blood of your son, may be filled with all heavenly grace and blessing. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen Remember also, Lord, your servants who are gone hence before us, marked with the sign of faith, and sleep the sleep of peace. To them, Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we implore you, a place of happiness, light and peace. Through the same Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

To us, also, your sinful servants who hope in the multitude of your mercies, be pleased to grant some place and fellowship with your holy apostles and martyrs and all your Saints. We pray you admit us into their company, not weighing our own merits but bestowing on us your own free pardon. Through Christ our Lord. Through him, O Lord, you ever create these good things, and you hallow, quicken and bless them as gifts for us. By him and with him and in him are ever given to you, God the Father almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory forever and ever. **AMEN**

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

Deliver us, we implore you, Lord, from all evils, past, present and to come, and by the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary ever virgin, mother of God, and of your blessed apostles Peter and Paul, and of Andrew and all the Saints, mercifully give peace in all our days; That through the help of your mercy we may always be free from sin and safe from all troubles. Through the same Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **AMEN**

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world,
grant us your peace

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Music at Communion:

Sussex Carol

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen – Anna & Lucy Bogh, soloists

Away in a Manger #101

Love Came Down at Christmas #84

Once in Royal David's City #102

Let us pray: ***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.***

Congregational Blessing

Now, let us depart this place in peace. As we go, remember the poor, pray for the sick, make no peace with oppression, and love one another as Christ has loved you. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn: *Joy to the World*, Hymnal 1982 #100 vv. 1, 2, 4

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare him room,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;

Let men their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders of His love,

And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* Hymnal 1982 #87

We remember those who are in our Columbarium.



Worship Assistants

Minister of Music: Donna Axton

Choir: Gwendalyn Gilliam, Nora Behrens, Daniel Gollery,
Suzanne & Marty Gollery, Larry Harrison, Kay Lehr, Bret Logan,
Donna Dekker-Robertson, Paula Chapman, Thea Reed, Steve Barney, Patsy Decea

Readers: Ian Temple, Steve Barney, Ginnie Jed

Usher: Bob Skidmore & Cherry Barney

Counters: David Vomund & Steve Barney

Lay Eucharistic Minister & Altar Guild: Connie Skidmore

Chalice Bearer: Patti Logan

Clergy

The Rev. Marla Asson, *Rector*

Members of the Vestry

Connie Skidmore, Senior Warden, Gary Thomsen, Junior Warden

Mike Wang, Treasurer

Patti Logan, Connie Skidmore, Gary Thomsen (2023-2026 term)

Suzanne Gollery, Dick Jackson, Geoff White (2024-2027 term)

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Christmas Poinsettias

The beautiful display you see today has been donated by the following people:

The Wegener Family: *In celebration of family and friends*

Lenty Hagen: *In celebration of my family and St. Patrick's*

Tom Edman: *In memory of Tal and Molly Edman*

Connie & Bob Skidmore: *In thanksgiving for our great-grandchildren: Aubrey, Avery, Georgia, and James*

Ginnie Jed and Gary Thomsen: *In honor of Stu Jed and Mariel Thomsen*

Lucille & Mike Wang: *In thanksgiving for the health of our granddaughter, Katherine Lauren Wang*

