



**ST. JOHN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
JACKSON HOLE

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023**  
**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**  
**10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST**

## WELCOME!

We are delighted to have you with us today. You are invited to God's table to receive communion and to share in our community. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself and fill out a Welcome Card. Place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are looking for a church to call home, you are welcome here!

## CHILDREN AT ST. JOHN'S

Children's Chapel is offered for ages ten and under during the Gospel and Sermon, with infant and toddler care in the nursery. We enjoy a family worship service and Children's Sermon on the second Sunday of the month.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRELUDE

"What Is This Lovely Fragrance" Paul Manz

### OPENING HYMN

"Once in royal David's city" vs. 1, 2, 4, 5, The Hymnal 102

*The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening*

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a  
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is  
\*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a  
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,  
\*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her  
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -  
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -  
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry  
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the  
3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this  
4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he  
5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —  
2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.  
4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People*

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

“Away in a Manger” vs. 1, 2, Life Every Voice and Sing 27



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord  
2. The cat - tle are low - ing the Ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord

1. Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky — looked  
2. Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes, I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look

1. down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
2. down from the sky, And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.

## THE LESSONS

*The People Sit*

### A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

**ISAIAH 61:10—62:3**

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Lector*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM 147:13-21

*Remaining seated, the Lector and the People say the Psalm responsively*

- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
**praise your God, O Zion;**
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
**he has blessed your children within you.**
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
**he satisfies you with the finest wheat.**
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
**and his word runs very swiftly.**
- 17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
**he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.**
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
**who can stand against his cold?**
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
**he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.**
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
**his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
**to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!**

## A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

**GALATIANS 3:23-25;4:4-7**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## SEQUENCE HYMN

"Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming" vs. 1, 2, The Hymnal 81

*The People stand as able for the hymn and the Gospel*

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath sprung!  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.  
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the  
To show God's love a - right, she bore to

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 1:1-18

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*        **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. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

Jimmy Bartz

*The People may be seated*

*A moment of silence will be observed for reflection after the sermon*

## THE NICENE CREED

*The People stand as able and say together*

**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.**

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**  
Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

**PARTNERS IN MINISTRY**

Santa Maria Magdalena,  
Favorito, Cuba  
AMOS Health & Hope,  
Nicaragua

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

Wyoming Daughters of  
the King/ Episcopal Church  
Women

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Charlie Ezzell  
Lt. Commander Wolf Klotz

**SERVING ON A MISSION**

Emilie Johnson

**IN NEED OF COMFORT**

Angela  
Marywinn  
Ken Asel  
Cindy Bartz  
Ashley Berry  
Rebecca Bollman  
Breckenridge & Burns Family  
Mike Brooks  
Stan Burch  
Carole Collins  
Meghan Davis  
Paul Davis  
DuPree Family  
Parker Felton & Family  
Helen Fraser  
Joyce Good  
John  
Ann Kelley  
Deborah Lopez  
Kip MacMillan  
Keith Mader & Family  
Kimberly Mullikin  
Parish Family  
Dennis Reynolds  
Jim Ross  
Isabel  
Kelly & Randy Sales  
Robert Schapp  
A'ida Shaw & Family  
Frank Sidles  
Parker Steveson  
Jim Thomas  
Barbara Tucker  
Jim West  
Ann Willot

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

Mary Boyd  
Dave Denious  
Robert Feagin  
Rob Kass  
Chani Knobe  
Grace Higley  
Jon Hirtle  
Fred Gaston  
Bev McIlroy  
Mark Newcomb  
Eddie Owens  
Katrina Ryan  
Chris Stiehl  
Steve Unfried

**CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES**

Burke & Carole Baker

**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**

*The Intercessor and People pray responsively, kneeling or standing*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For Joe, our President, and for all the world's leaders; for those on our Military  
Prayer List: Charlie Ezzell, Major Alic Kelso, Lieutenant Commander Wolf Klotz,  
and all officers and enlisted people.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Rwanda; for our  
partners in ministry, Santa Maria Magdalena in Favorito, Cuba and AMOS Health  
and Hope, Nicaragua; and in our own Diocese of Wyoming we pray for Wyoming  
Daughters of the King/ Episcopal Church Women. We pray for Emilie who is serving  
abroad on a mission.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Paul-Gordon, our Bishop; and for all bishops  
and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in God's Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, those on our prayer list,  
and those we now name,

*People may add their petitions silently or aloud at this time.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

In thanksgiving, we pray for those celebrating birthdays and those celebrating anniversaries. We will exalt you, O God;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*People may add their petitions silently or aloud at this time.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

I ask your prayers for our Legacy of Love campaign. As we share the vision, may our hearts be open and lives be touched by the love we have for each other. Continue to give us courage to reach out, as we continue to serve our Jackson Hole community.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The People kneel or stand as able*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

*Celebrant* 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

*The People stand as able*

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

*People* **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The People sit. The Revelations Newsletter is available for more happenings around the parish.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

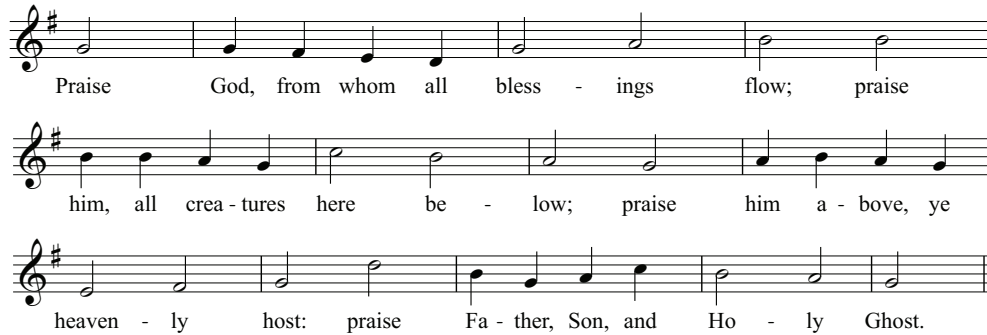
## OFFERTORY

“Ave Maria” Johann Sebastian Bach & Charles Gounod

## PRESENTATION HYMN

“From All that Dwell Below the Skies” v. 3, Hymnal 380

*The People stand as able*



## GREAT THANKSGIVING

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

*The People stand as able*

*Celebrant*

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.

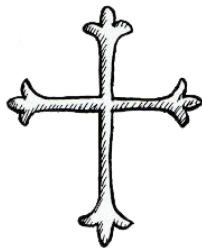
*People*

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

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

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





## SANCTUS

*The Celebrant & the People sing together*

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” The Hymnal S130, Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Ho - sann - na in the high - est.

*The People kneel or stand as 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. 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*

**Christ has died.**

*& People*

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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.**



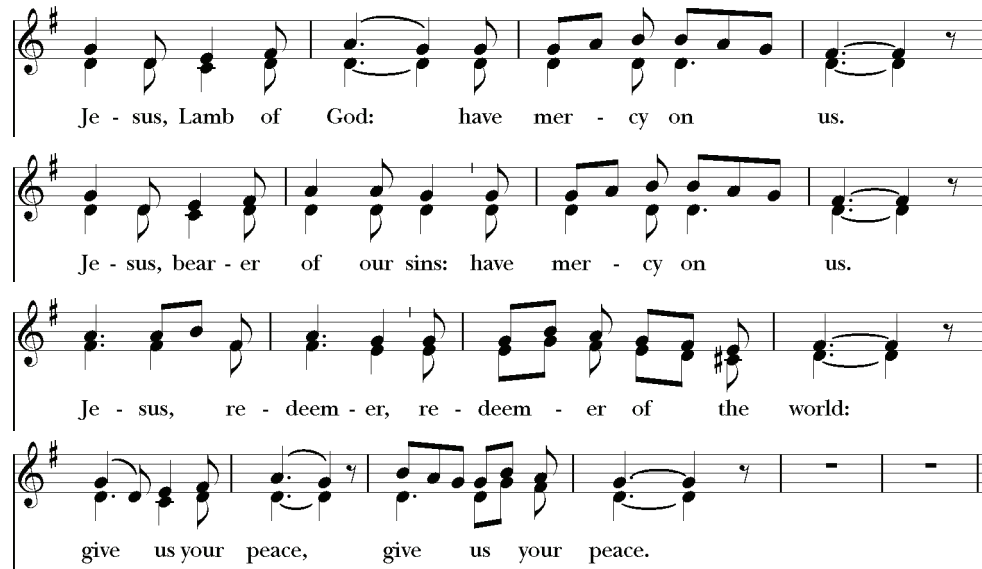
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*As the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept*

“Jesus Lamb of God” The Hymnal S164, Franz Schubert



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome to receive communion in this parish. If it's your first time to receive communion or the first time in this church, the most important thing to know is it's impossible to do it wrong! We're glad you're joining us. You may kneel or stand as you approach the communion rail. Place your hands together and clergy will place the wafer in your palm. You may eat the bread and receive communion as bread alone. You may dip the bread in the wine chalice (there's a fancy word for this—intinction) or you may drink from the chalice. In that act of receiving communion, we remember the life and teachings of Jesus, along with his death and resurrection, AND it's something we do TOGETHER in order to remember we are all connected—communing with one another through this life and what's to come.*

*A member of St. John's Prayer & Healing Ministry is available to be a companion in prayer in the Columbarium to the left of the main altar during Communion and following the service.*

# COMMUNION HYMNS

“Gaudete” from Piaae Cantiones

*Refrain:* Gaudete, gaudete Christus est natus Rejoice, rejoice! Christ is born  
Ex Maria virgine Gaudete Of the virgin Mary, rejoice!

Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger; There he lay, the undefiled, To the world a stranger.  
Such a babe in such a place, Can he be the Savior?

Ask the saved of all the race Who have found his favor.

Angels sang about his birth, Wise men sought and found him;

Heaven’s star shown brightly forth, Glory all around him.

Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, Heard the angels singing;

All the plains were lit that night All the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger; He is still the undefiled, But no more a stranger

Son of God, of humble birth, Beautiful the story; raise his name in all the earth, Hail the king of glory!

*The People are invited to sing*

“It came upon the midnight clear” vs. 1-4, The Hymnal 89

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that  
2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with  
3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the  
4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing  
peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly  
world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly  
pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold;  
mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;  
cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from  
a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they  
and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven’s all - gra - cious King.” The world in sol - emn  
bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o’er its  
tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and  
an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!  
back the song which now the an - gels sing.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*The People kneel or stand as able*

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant*

*& 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.**

## BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the people*

## CLOSING HYMN

“God rest you merry, gentlemen” vs. 1, 2, 4, The Hymnal 105



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;  
2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came  
3 “Fear not, then,” said the an - gel, “Let noth - ing you af - fright;  
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,

re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,  
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same;  
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,  
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;

to save us all from Sa - tan’s power when we were gone a - stray.  
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.  
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan’s power and might.”  
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.

*Refrain*  
O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and  
joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

## THE DISMISSAL

*As the procession passes down the aisle, you are invited to face the doors of the church for the Dismissal*

*Deacon*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## POSTLUDE

“From Heaven Above” (*Von Himmel hoch*) Wilbur Held

*We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour in Hansen Hall after the service.*



The Flower Team provides altar flowers for the church on Sundays and when a parishioner dedicates flowers to a loved one. The ministry shares these arrangements with those on our In Need of Comfort list. If you would like to donate flowers in honor or remembrance of someone, contact Pam Woodson at [pam@stjohnsjackson.org](mailto:pam@stjohnsjackson.org), call 307-733-2603 or use the sign up sheet in Hansen Hall.



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