



# St. Francis In-The-Fields

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*The Rev. C. Davies Reed, Rector*

*The Rev. Dr. Joél Muñoz, Curate*

## *The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> | 10:00 am**

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### **The Prelude**

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

*J. Pachelbel*

#### **The Welcome**

*The People stand as you are able.*

#### **The Processional Hymn**

(blue) 1982 Hymnal 83 v. 1-3, 6

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Adeste fideles*

#### **The Opening Acclamation**

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

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

## *The Presider says*

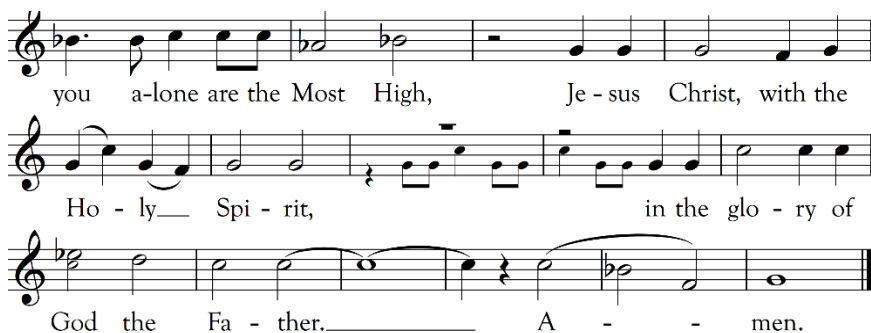
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Gloria

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, — and  
peace to God's peo ple on earth. — Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-  
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise\_ you for\_ your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus\_ Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, — Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
you are sea - ted at the right\_ hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. For  
you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord. —



## The Collect of the Day

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us pray: Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Lessons.*

## The First Reading

Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels;  
all day and all night  
they shall never be silent.

You who remind the LORD, take no rest,  
and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem  
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The LORD has sworn by his right hand  
and by his mighty arm:

I will not again give your grain  
to be food for your enemies,

and foreigners shall not drink the wine  
     for which you have labored;  
 but those who garner it shall eat it  
     and praise the LORD,  
 and those who gather it shall drink it  
     in my holy courts.  
 Go through, go through the gates,  
     prepare the way for the people;  
 build up, build up the highway,  
     clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples.  
 The LORD has proclaimed  
     to the end of the earth:  
 Say to daughter Zion,  
     “See, your salvation comes;  
 his reward is with him,  
     and his recompense before him.”  
 They shall be called, “The Holy People,  
     The Redeemed of the LORD”;  
 and you shall be called, “Sought Out,  
     A City Not Forsaken.”

*Reader:*      The Word of the Lord.

*People:*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 97

(Spoken)

- 1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice; \*  
    let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
    righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him \*  
    and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; \*  
    the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, \*  
    at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.  
Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, \*  
and give thanks to his holy Name.

## **The Second Reading**

Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*Reader:*      The Word of the Lord.

*People:*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as able, for the proclamation of the Gospel.*

## **The Gospel Reading**

Luke 2:1-20

*Presider:*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

*People:*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

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

*Please be seated for the Sermon.*

## The Sermon

The Rev. C. Davies Reed, Rector

*Please stand as you are able for the Creed and Prayers.*

## The Nicene Creed

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 God 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

- Leader:* For the Church on this great feast of Christmas, that we may be uplifted in thanksgiving for the birth of our Savior, we pray:
- People:* **O come, let us adore him.**
- Leader:* That the peace of Christmas may radiate into the world, gently influencing the hearts of world leaders and turning their thoughts to the poor and the lowly, we pray:
- People:* **O come, let us adore him.**
- Leader:* That the comfort and healing power of Jesus may be present to all God's children, Abby, Ann, Beryl, Bridgette, Charlie, Christy, Dennis, Ed, Frank, Gary, Glen, Gordon, Grant, Gretchen, Hannah, Jan, Jeanine, Jennifer, John, Julia and family, Julie, Lena Rose, Leslie, Mark, Megan, Meretha, Michael, The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Molly, Myles, Nora Rose, Patty, Sergio, Shannon, Sheila, Stephen, Steve, Steven, Thomas, Tim, Whitney, and Willow; we pray:
- People:* **O come, let us adore him.**
- Leader:* That Jesus may be at the heart of our family festivities, our gift giving, and every lovely custom we keep in God's honor, because in his birth God has made every human joy God's own. We ask God's blessing especially upon those have a birthday this week, Nancy Schultz, Terry Cox, and Kathie Anderson; we pray:
- People:* **O come, let us adore him.**
- Leader:* For those who keep a lonely watch, and those who have



no one to care for them, that they may also hear tidings of great joy in the name of Jesus, we pray:

*People:*      **O come, let us adore him.**

*Leader:*      For those we love but see no longer, that they may now behold their Savior, unveiled in all his glory in heaven, we pray:

*People:*      **O come, let us adore him.**

*The people are invited to add their own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.*

*Presider:*      God of all humanity, accept the prayers we offer in the name of your child Jesus in this holy season. As we welcome this mystery of your love, may we delight in our joy as children and heirs of your kingdom. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Presider:*      The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:*      **And also with you.**

*We invite you to share with others signs of Christ's Peace.*

## **The Announcements**

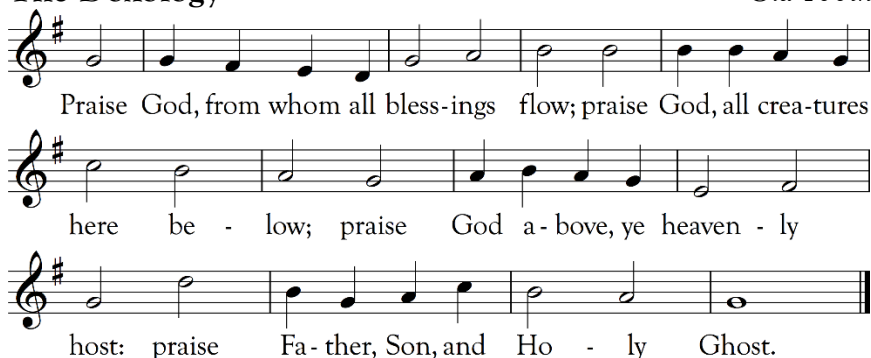
# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## The Offertory

*The People stand for The Doxology.*

### The Doxology

*Old 100th*



## The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer A

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* 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:

## The Sanctus

(blue) 1982 Hymnal S-128

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

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:

**Christ has died.**

**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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread (blue) 1982 Hymnal S-163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer-cy on\_\_ us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sins of the world: have mer-cy on\_\_ us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: grant\_\_ us peace.

*Facing the people, the Presider 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.

*Communion is served at the altar rail, where you may kneel or stand to receive the bread and wine. If you prefer a Blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands over your chest.*

*If you are unable to come forward to receive for any reason, please inform an usher and Communion will be brought to you.*

## **The Prayer of Spiritual Reception**

*For those worshipping online.*

*People:* In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Procession Into the World**

Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come

(blue) 1982 Hymnal 100

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## The Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## The Dismissal and Online Greeting

*If you are worshipping in person, please turn towards the organ and wave to the camera to greet those worshipping online.*

*Presider:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia,  
Alleluia.

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

## The Postlude

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

*J. C. Bach*



*When The Liturgy Is Over, The Service Begins*

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## Today's Ministry Team

<i>Preacher:</i>	The Rev. C. Davies Reed, <i>Rector</i>
<i>Presider:</i>	The Rev. Dr. Joél Muñoz, <i>Curate</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Susie Kubley, Barb Russo
<i>Music:</i>	Robert Bolyard, <i>Music Director</i>
<i>LEM &amp; Lector:</i>	Michael McGraw
<i>Ushers:</i>	Deb Hall
<i>Virtual Usher:</i>	Megan Olson

## St. Francis Vestry

<b>Clergy</b>	The Rev. C. Davies Reed, <i>Rector</i> The Rev. Dr. Joél Muñoz, <i>Curate</i>
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<b>Class of 2025</b>	Melissa Bibb, Owen Hitchins, <i>Junior Warden</i> JT Noble
<b>Class of 2026</b>	Deb Clark, Richard Klabunde, Nicole Seiler
<b>Ex-Officio</b>	John Lanie, <i>Treasurer</i> Sue Wyatt, <i>Clerk</i>

*The next Vestry meeting is Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00pm in person and via Zoom.*

For Vestry contact information please contact the church office.

The Church will be closed from Monday, December 25th to Tuesday, January 2nd. If you have an emergency, please call 317-873-4377 and follow the prompts for pastoral care.

A priest will be in touch with you shortly.

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## The Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

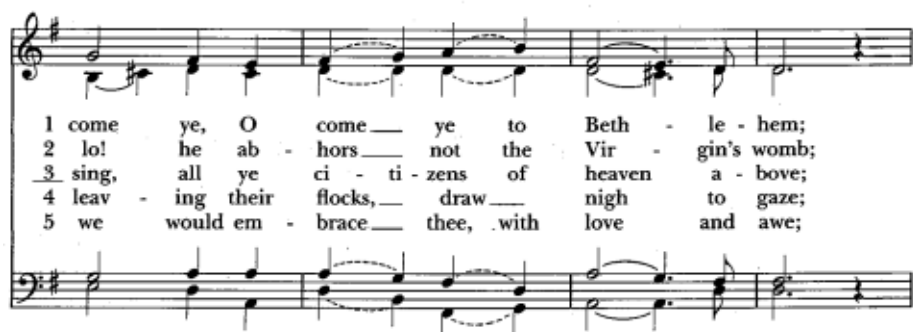
*Amen.*

*Anonymous, La Clochette, Paris, 1912*





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, —

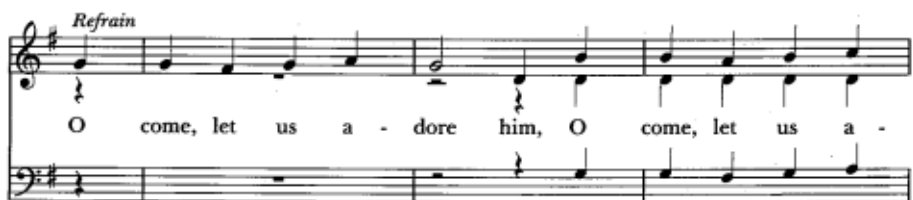


1 come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 2 lo! he ab - hors — not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
 4 leav - ing their flocks, — draw — nigh to gaze;  
 5 we would em - brace — thee, with love and awe;

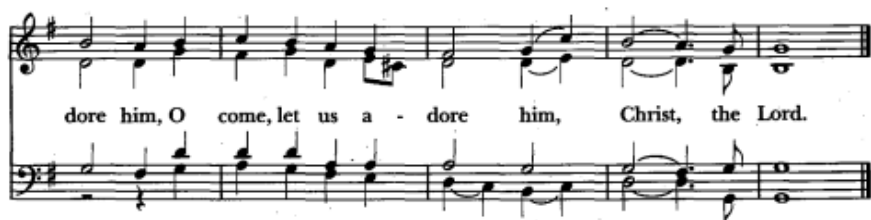


1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son — of the Fa - ther;  
 3 glo - ry to God, — glo - ry in the high - est;  
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

*Refrain*



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



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*

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her King; let ev - ery\_\_  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our songs em - ploy, while fields and\_\_  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow; nor thorns in - fest the ground; he comes to\_\_  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove the glo - ries\_\_

heart\_\_ pre - pare\_\_ him\_\_ room,\_\_ and heaven and na - ture\_\_ sing, and\_\_  
 floods,\_\_ rocks, hills\_\_ and\_\_ plains,\_\_ re - peat the sound - ing\_\_ joy, re -  
 make\_\_ his bless - ings\_\_ flow\_\_ far as the curse is\_\_ found, far\_\_  
 of\_\_ his right - eous - ness\_\_ and won - ders of his\_\_ love, and\_\_

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