

**ST. JOHN'S OF LATTINGTOWN  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

325 Lattingtown Road  
Locust Valley, New York 11560

516.671.3226

Office email: marysavin@stjlat.org

Rector email: frmark@stjlat.org

Website: www.stjlat.org

The Rev'd Mark L. Fitzhugh, Rector  
Courtney Callahan, Director of Children's Ministry  
Mary Savin, Parish Administrator, Kate Scefonas, Sexton  
Mary Syracuse, Financial Administrator

**THE VESTRY**

Michael Powers (2018), *Senior Warden*; Victoria Fox (2017), *Junior Warden*  
John Fredericks (2018), *Clerk*; George Stimola, (2019) *Treasurer*;  
Jay Aston (2019), Martha Busconi (2019), Johanna Canonica (2019),  
Wayne Chambless (2018), Henry Davison (2019), Carlyle Dunaway (2017),  
Thomas Gimbel (2019), Jackie Powers (2017), George Stimola (2017),  
Judy Wohrle (2018), Julie Zarou (2019)

**ASSISTING AT WORSHIP**

*The St. John's Choir*

Brittany Aiken, Dayne Ambrosio, Remi Chandler, Victoria Crosby,  
Thomas Dillmann, Sampson Gene Everdean, Megan Franqui, John George,  
Michael Kramer, Kathy Phillips, George Stimola  
Dr. Hosun Moon, *Interim Music Director*

Adrian Bogart, *Acolyte & Eucharistic Minister* (6 pm)

Luke Jennings, Mark Jennings, *Acolytes* (6 pm)

Frank Powers, *Acolyte & Eucharistic Minister* (10 pm)

Tom Gimbel, *Lector* (6 pm)

Peter Marshall, *Lector* (10 pm)

Carlyle Dunaway, Tom Gimbel, Robert Copp, *Ushers* (6 pm)

Doug Johnson, Peter Marshall, Rich Hagner, *Ushers* (10 pm)

Jane Keresey, Lel Gimbel, Ann Nolte, Hannah Burns, *Altar Guild*

**ST. JOHN'S OF LATTINGTOWN**

Episcopal Church

Locust Valley, New York

**FESTAL EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY**

CHRISTMAS EVE 2016

6:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.



Papel de Parede de Artes: Giulio Romano - Natividade

Italy: 1520

**CHRISTMAS EVE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of  
**Cathy & Henry Colella** by their family.

The flowers in the Baptismal font are given in loving memory of  
**Doris Brisbane** by her children and grandchildren.

The wreaths on the altar are given in loving memory of  
**Adele Brown Lovett, Robert Brown Lovett, Evelyn Lovett Brown  
& Robert S. Lovett III** by their family,  
**Mary & Frederick Hepburn and George & Mary Gillies**  
by Meleanor Deming,  
**Muriel & Cornelius J. Reid, Sis Reid Allsop, Dick Reid and John Reid**  
by their family.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

The Parish offices will be closed from December 26 to January 2, 2017.

**NEW THISTLE & SPOON OUTREACH**

We will prepare and serve dinner at the Glen Cove Men’s Shelter on  
Monday, January 15th, at 4:00 p.m. Join us! Contact: courtneycallahan@yahoo.com

**ST. JOHN’S CHOIR**

The St. John’s Choir invites new members to rehearse and sing on Sundays at  
9:30 a.m.– no experience required! Please contact marysavin@stjlat.org for information.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Come join us at St. John’s! Contact Fr. Mark Fitzhugh at 516.671.3226  
or frmark@stjlat.org for more information. All are welcome!

**CHILDCARE AT 6:00 PM**

Childcare for ages five and under is provided on the second floor of the Education Building.  
Please ask an Usher for directions.

**SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES**

If you would like to give a gift or make a pledge to St. John’s Church,  
please contact Fr. Mark or Mary Syracuse at 516-671-3226.

numbered and reassembled under an expanded roof line to resemble the original structure.

In 2002, the Cloister was dedicated after a five year construction effort committed to preserving the architectural integrity of the church. This project included the construction of the wing containing the Guild room, a modern kitchen and a large classroom in the basement. Besides the beautiful contemplative space the cloister provides, it also allows far more accessible egress to coffee hour after church. Until then, one had to thread through a warren of rooms to gain the Parish Hall. In 2014, the old failing pipe organ, originally installed in the 1920s, was replaced by a new instrument designed and installed by the **Sebastian Gluck Organ Company of New York**. The exquisite organ case, also dating from the 1920s, was meticulously preserved and restored, with new lighting.

**PARISH MINISTRIES AND CONTACTS**

- Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors.....**Mary Savin**-marysavin@stjlat.org
- Altar Guild.....**Jan Hagner**- JHagner@optonline.net & **Mary Williams** MJW81257@aol.com
- Buildings & Grounds.....**Kate Scefonas**-katescefonas@hotmail.com
- Chapel Fathers.....**Courtney Callahan**-courtneycallahan@yahoo.com
- Coffee Hour.....**Carolynn Eipel**-carolynneipel@gmail.com
- Confirmation (adult & youth).....**Fr. Mark L. Fitzhugh**-frmark@stjlat.org
- Fall Fair.....**Carlyle Dunaway**- CmDunaway@cbdm.com & **George Stimola**-George.stimola@liu.edu
- Finance.....**Mary Syracuse** -mary@stjlat.org
- Investment Committee.....**Michael Powers**-Michael.Powers@lazard.com
- Library.....**Donna & John George**-jonnawls@msn.com
- Memorial Garden.....**Nicole Stiegelbauer**-nasbauer@aol.com
- Music.....**Dr. Hosun Moon**-hosunmoon@yahoo.com
- Nurture Group.....**Lil Gillies**-lgillies@optonline.net
- Outreach “Thistle & Spoon” .....**Courtney Callahan**-courtneycallahan@yahoo.com
- St. John’s Little Learners School.....**Jennifer Strazzeri**-jstrazzeri@stjohnsll.com
- Stewardship.....**Tom Gimbel**- Thomas.Gimbel@optima.com & **Jackie Powers**-jsjhoffman@hotmail.com
- Sunday School.....**Courtney Callahan**-courtneycallahan@yahoo.com
- Ushers and Greeters.....**Peter Marshall**-pmarshstmp@aol.com
- Vestry.....**Carlyle Dunaway**-CmDunaway@cbdm.com
- Wardens.....**Michael Powers**-Michael.Powers@lazard.com & **Vicki Fox** -VSFox76@gmail.com

## OUR MISSION

As the Episcopal Parish of St. John's of Lattingtown, we are called to be the Body of Christ in our time and place by sharing with others the Gospel of Christ and by giving expression to God's love in the world through our giving and caring. Therefore we seek: *To offer our lives to God's service through regular worship. To deepen our relationship with God and nurture our fellowship through openness to God's word as revealed in studying Holy Scripture. To reach out to the needs of all people. To be faithful stewards of all we have received.*

## THE HISTORY OF ST. JOHN'S



The Union Chapel, our first place of worship, was built in 1859 on the north side of Pudding Lane, now Lattingtown Road, across from the **John E. Aldred** estate (now *St. Josaphat's Monastery*). A New Union Chapel, on the present site of St. John's, started under the auspices of St. Paul's, Glen Cove and was later incorporated as an independent Episcopal parish in 1915 under the name of St. John's of Lattingtown. This building, originally referred to as the New Union Chapel, was constructed in 1912 and the first Union Chapel was razed a year later. **William Guthrie**, whose estate bordered the old Latting Town, and his descendants, along with **the Weirs**, contributed funds and native stone for the facing of this building at a total cost of approximately \$30,000. Differences of opinion surfaced about whether the New Union Chapel would continue as a Union Chapel or be an independent Episcopal parish. Mr. Guthrie preferred a Union Chapel because his marriage to a divorced woman had resulted in his excommunication from the Roman Catholic Church, although he still considered himself a Roman Catholic. St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Glen Cove opposed the idea of being an independent Episcopal parish because St. Paul's would no doubt lose parishioners and income as a result. For some time, the clergy of St. Paul's had provided ministers to the Union Chapel in the summer.

The New Union Chapel was consecrated by the **Rt. Rev. Doctor Frederick Burgess**, Episcopal Bishop of Long Island, on June 11, 1916. **The Rev. Charles E. Hinton** became the first full-time rector in 1915. The rectory (now called the Parish House which is currently used for church offices) was added to the structure in 1919. A garage (now known as the Dunlaevy Building, used by the nursery school children) was added in 1920.

The magnificent wood carvings for the interior of the church was financed by **J.P Morgan**. By November 1923, they were ready for installation which required the closing of the building for four months. At the same time, it was decided to lengthen the church, adding room for 2 additional pews, move the entrance to its present position on the southeast corner, and install a limestone floor. When the Church reopened in 1924, the unneeded furnishings were sent to St. John's Church in Far Rockaway. In 1957, the church was again expanded to its present size. With the addition of the side aisles

## Welcome to St. John's of Lattingtown!

"And so, this is Christmas," in the musical words of John Lennon. This is a simple story that we have heard our whole lives and tonight it is right here before us once again at St. John's Church.

The mysterious pregnancy, the labored journey to Bethlehem, the star, the stable, the myriad angels in the blazing sky, the haste of the shepherds discovering the newborn, and the broad proclamation that from this inauspicious place everything in the whole world has changed. All because this event, more than any other event since the creation of the world, has made a place for you and me.

Despite the immensity of the universe of stars, galaxies and planets in their courses, the birth of God with us has shown that God is... with us. Joy has finally come to the world!

*The Lord has come, let earth receive her King!*

*The Wardens, Vestry and Staff of St. John's join me in wishing you the merriest of Christmases and a blessed and Happy New Year.*

The Rev'd Mark L. Fitzhugh  
Rector, St. John's of Lattingtown



### A "TYPICAL" SUNDAY @ ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:30 a.m.	Faith Matters- Adult Education
9:30 a.m.	Adult Choir Practice
10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II*
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour

*\*Morning Prayer Rite I is on the third Sunday of each Month.*

*A weekly bible study is held on Wednesdays, at 11:00 a.m. in the Guild Room, followed at noon by a healing Eucharist.*

**FESTAL EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY**

Organ Prelude: In Dulci Jublio

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

**Hymn 83 in Procession: "O Come, all ye faithful"**

*Adeste fidelis*

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;  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*
  
3. Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest;  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*
  
4. See how the shepherds,  
summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*
  
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing.  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

**Flowers on the Altars this Christmas are given**

In Loving Memory of:

by:

Virginia Shelvin Mailman, Virginia McMillan Willis, Virginia Geisel Pearson.....Bruce W. Addison  
 Amanda & Charlie Schuster.....Amanda & Charlene  
 Michelle S. Aston.....The Aston Family  
 Agnes Bien.....Terry and Dennis Backus  
 Beverly & Benjamin VanderPoel, Gretchen B. VanderPoel.....Beverly V.P. Banker  
 Vincent "Moby" C. Banker, Jr., Robert M. McLane, Jesse H. Sartorius.....Beverly V.P. Banker  
 Henry Blundin and Margaret Dinges.....The Blundin Family  
 Ruth Hvulbek, Stuart Olson, Anthony & Louise Bollaci, Fred Bollaci.....Harold Bollaci & Evan Bollaci  
 Sally Fletcher.....JoAnn Browne  
 Dr. Harold Burnham.....Minou Burnham  
 Frank and Philomena Canonica.....Johanna Canonica  
 Alex & Joan Dearborn and Christopher Torrice..... The Choremi Family  
 Tommy Gimbel, Evelyn Johnson, Katusha Davison.....Victoria Crosby and Family  
 Elaine Ferger and Richard Decker..... The Decker Family  
 William & Dorothea Fitzhugh, Dee Dee Fitzhugh, & Tommy Gimbel.....Mark Fitzhugh & Cheri Smith  
 Brewster T. Gillies, Dorothy T. Gillies, John W. Gillies, Jr.....The Gillies Family  
 Charles & Lillian Stauffacher.....The Gillies Family  
 Tommy Gimbel..... Lel & Tom Gimbel  
 Anne & Gaines Gwathmey.....The Harrington Family  
 Lenice, my beloved wife.....Herman W. Hertweck  
 Henry Michalis, Mary Bush and Tita Bush..... Cora & Clarence Michalis  
 Frank L. Polk, Jr.....Nancy Polk and Family  
 Margaux Powers and John M. Johnston.....Mr. & Mrs. Michael Powers  
 Muriel Savin.....Ken & Mary Savin  
 Tommy Gimbel.....The Staff of St. John's of Lattingtown  
 Alyce & Clift Stiegelbauer, June Nicholson Rindge.....The Stiegelbauer, Montenegro, Lisanti Families  
 Bart & Donna Lisanti.....The Stiegelbauer, Montenegro, Lisanti Families  
 Albert & Clytie Sheldon and Ann & Carl Guerrther.....John and Gigi Sheldon  
 David Taylor and Peter Southwell-Saunder.....Mrs. David S. Taylor  
 Helen & Carl Viard, Alice & Francis Ward, Philip Ward, Thomas Ward .....Grace and Lawrence Ward  
 Charles (Buzz) Willis.....Janet Willis  
 My Grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. John E. Madsen..... Julie Zarou  
 My Grandparents, Mr. John L. Davis and Mr. Frank A Thompson, Jr.....Julie Zarou

**Flowers on the Altars this Christmas are given**

In Thanksgiving for:

by:

Henri.....Minou Burnham  
 Barbara F. Smith, Emma & Ella Smith Fitzhugh.....Mark Fitzhugh & Cheri Smith

**Post communion Hymn 111: "Silent Night"**

*German carol: Stille Nacht*

1) Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace. 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! 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. Jesus, Lord at thy birth.
--	--	---

**THE FESTIVAL BLESSING**



ay Christ who by his Incarnation, gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you this night and always. *Amen.*

**Hymn 100 in Procession: "Joy to the World!"**

*words: Isaac Watts; tune: Antioch, G.F. Handel*

1) 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.	2) Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.	3) No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessing flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.	4) 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.
---	---	--	--

**THE DISMISSAL**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of the Incarnate Christ.  
 People: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude: Joy to the World

*arr. Hal H. Hopson*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
 People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

**THE COLLECT OF PURITY**



Imighty 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.*

**Hymn 96: "Angels we have heard on high"**

*French carol: Gloria*

- Angels we have heard on high,  
singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their brave delight  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*
- Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see?  
What glad tidings did you hear?  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*
- Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

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

**THE COLLECT OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**



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.*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (52: 7-10)

**H**ow 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord  
People: Thanks be to God

The Sequence Hymn 87: “Hark! the herald angels sing”

Mendelssohn

1) Hark, the herald angels sing  
glory to the new-born 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 new-born King!*

3) Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Risen with healing in his wings,  
light and life to all he brings,  
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
*Hark, the herald angels sing  
glory to the new-born King!*

2) Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the Virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with us to dwell;  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
*Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the new-born King!*

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

*Everyone is welcome at the Lord’s Table. If you would prefer to receive a blessing from the priest, please fold your arms across your chest. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free waters are available.*

Communion Hymn 79: “O little town of Bethlehem”

words: Phillips Brooks; tune: St. Louis

1) 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.	2) O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!
--	--

MUSIC PRESENTED BY THE ST. JOHN’S CHOIR DURING COMMUNION

*It came upon a midnight clear, arr. A. Sullivam*  
*Nativity Carl by John Rutter*  
*Zion hears the watchmens’ voices by J. S. Bach*  
*What child is this? Greensleeves with Megan Franqui, Soprano & Michael Kramer, Guitar*  
*How beautiful are the feet from Messiah, with Brittney Aiken, Soprano*  
*Behold, a Rose breaks into bloom by J. Brahams*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People:

**E**ternal 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.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People:* We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

**Q**nd we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Joseph, blessed John, and all your saints, that we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.*

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Fraction Anthem (*Agnus Dei*, S164 in *The Hymnal*)

F.P Schubert

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

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

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

Give us your peace, give us your peace.

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2: 1-14, KJV)

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**Q**nd it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David: To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, and on earth peace, good will towards all.

*Gospeler:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Rev'd Mark L. Fitzhugh, Rector

## Hymn 109: "The first Nowell the angel did say"

*English carol: The First Nowell, 17th cent.*

1) The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

2) They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — written in part by a fifth grade student

*The leader and people pray responsively.*

We pray for peace. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for our church and everyone in it. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for our country and the whole world. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We thank you for our homes, our friends, and our families. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for all of God's creation and especially our pets. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for people who are sick or sad. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for people who can't be here with us tonight. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We thank you for the things that make us happy. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for those who have died. *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *(silently or aloud)*

*The Celebrant*



God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature:

Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus

Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthems: Nowell, sing nowell  
Ding Dong! Merrily on High

arr. J. Rutter  
arr. D. Willcocks

At the Presentation: The Festival Doxology

*Lass uns erfreuen*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.*

*The Celebrant continues*



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 & Benedictus (S128 in *The Hymnal*)

Wlm. Matthias

*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 may stand, sit or kneel.*



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, 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."