

St. Mary the Virgin

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The First Sunday after Christmas Day

Eve of the The Circumcision of Christ

Anticipation of The Epiphany, or
the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles

31 December 2023

Choral Mass

Processional

Forest Green

Hymn 21, 1st Tune

English Melody



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we — see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And ga - thered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. Where child - ren pure and hap - py Pray to the — bless - ed Child,
5. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to — us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ing of his heav'n.
Where mi - se - ry cries out — to — thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
Cast out our sin and en - ter in, Be born in — us to - day.



Yet — in thy dark streets shi - neth The ev - er - last - ing Light;
O — morn - ing stars, to - ge - ther Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
No — ear may hear his — co - ming, But in this world of sin,
Where cha - ri - ty — stands watch - ing And faith holds wide the door,
We — hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad ti - dings tell;



The hopes and fears of all — the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prai - ses sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.
Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
The dark night wakes, the glo - ry — breaks, And Christ - mas comes once more.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!



A - men.
Phillips Brooks, 1867

Introit
Collect for Purity
Summary of the Law

BCP 67
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Kyrie Eleison

Hymn 710
Healey Willan, 1928



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, _____ have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on _____ us.

Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on _____ us.

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, _____ have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymn 739
Old Scottish Chant



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor - ship thee,

we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry,

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Al - migh - ty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - - - ther,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up-on us.

For thou on - ly art ho - ly; Thou on - ly art the Lord;

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa - ther.

A - - men.

Collect for the First Sunday after Christmas Day

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ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Collect for the Circumcision of Christ

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ALMIGHTY God, who madest thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man; Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit; that, our hearts, and all our members, being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for The Epiphany

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O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of

Midian. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Te Deum laudamus

Hymn 613A/BCP 10



WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to | be the Lord.
 All the earth doth worship thee, the Father | ever**lasting**.
 To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the | Powers therein;
 To thee Cherubim and Seraphim con|tinually do cry,
 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of | Sabaoth;
 Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty | of thy **glory**.
 The glorious company of the Apostles | **praise** thee.
 The goodly fellowship of the | Prophets **praise** thee.
 The noble army of Martyrs | **praise** thee.
 The holy Church throughout all the world | doth acknowledge thee;
 The Father, of an infinite Majesty; Thine adorable, true, and | only Son;
 Also the Holy | Ghost, the Comforter.

THOU art the King of | Glory, • O Christ.
 Thou art the everlasting | Son of • the **Father**.
 When thou tookest upon thee to de|liver man,
 thou didst humble thyself to be | born of • a **Virgin**.
 When thou hadst overcome the | sharpness • of death,
 thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to | all **believers**.
 Thou sittest at the right | hand of God,
 in the glory | of the **Father**.
 We believe that thou shalt come to | be our Judge.
 We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed | with thy precious blood.
 Make them to be numbered | with thy Saints,
 in glory | ever**lasting**.

O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine | heritage.
 Govern them, and lift them | up for **ever**.
 Day by day we | magni•fy thee;
 And we worship thy Name ever, | world with**out** end.
 Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with|**out** sin.
 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have | mercy • **upon** us.
 O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our | trust • is in • thee.
 O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never | be **confounded**.

The Epistle

Galatians 4:1-7

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NOW I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: but when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them

that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Gradual and Alleluia

The Gospel

St. Matthew 1:18-25

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Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

THE birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.



Praise - be to thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

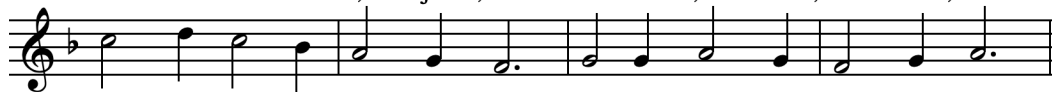
Announcements

Sermon Hymn
In Dulci Jubilo

Hymn 31
Fourteenth century Melody



1. Good Chris-tian men, re-joice, — With heart, and soul, and voice; —
2. Good Chris-tian men, re-joice, — With heart, and soul, and voice; —
3. Good Chris-tian men, 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 oped the heav'n-ly door, And man is bless-ed ev-er-more.
Calls you one and calls you all To gain his ev-er-las-ting 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!

John Mason Neale, 1853

Sermon

The Reverend Deacon John Yeager

Offertory Verse and Sentences

Offertory Hymn
Venite Adoremus

Hymn 41
Traditional Melody



1. The snow lay on the ground, The stars shone bright, When Christ our Lord was
2. 'Twas Ma - ry, vir - gin pure, Of ho - ly Anne, That brought in - to this
3. Saint Jo - seph, too, was by To tend the child; To guard him, and pro-
4. And thus that man-ger poor Be-came a throne; For he whom Ma - ry



born On Christmas night. Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi -
world The God made man. She laid him in a stall At Beth - le -
tect His moth - er mild: The an - gels ho-vered round, And sung this
bore Was God the Son. O come, then, let us join The heav'n - ly



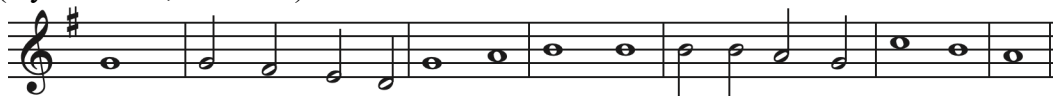
num; Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num._____
hem; The ass and ox - en shared The roof with them._____
song, Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num._____
host, To praise the Fa-ther, Son, And Ho - ly Ghost._____



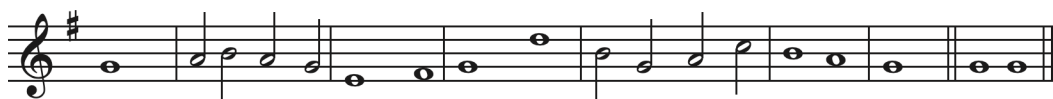
Ve - ni-te a-do - re-mus Do-mi-num, Ve - ni-te a-do - re-mus Do-mi-num. A - men.

Traditional Carol

Doxology (Hymnal 139, 1st verse)



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;



Praise him a-bove, ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Bidding Prayers

Orate, Fratres

Celebrant: Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name; both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church

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General Confession

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ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve

and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

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The Comfortable Words

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Sursum Corda

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Priest The Lord be with you. *All* And with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts

All We lift them up unto the Lord

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All It is meet and right so to do

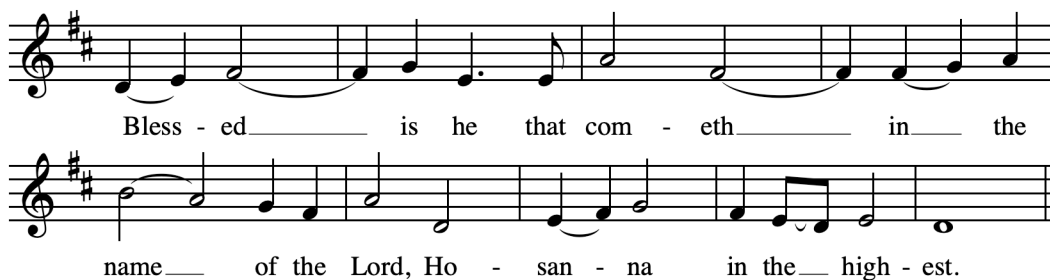
Preface for Christmas

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymn 797
Healey Willan, 1928

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of hosts,
heav-en and earth are full of thy glo - ry:
Glo - - - ry be to thee, oh Lord most High.



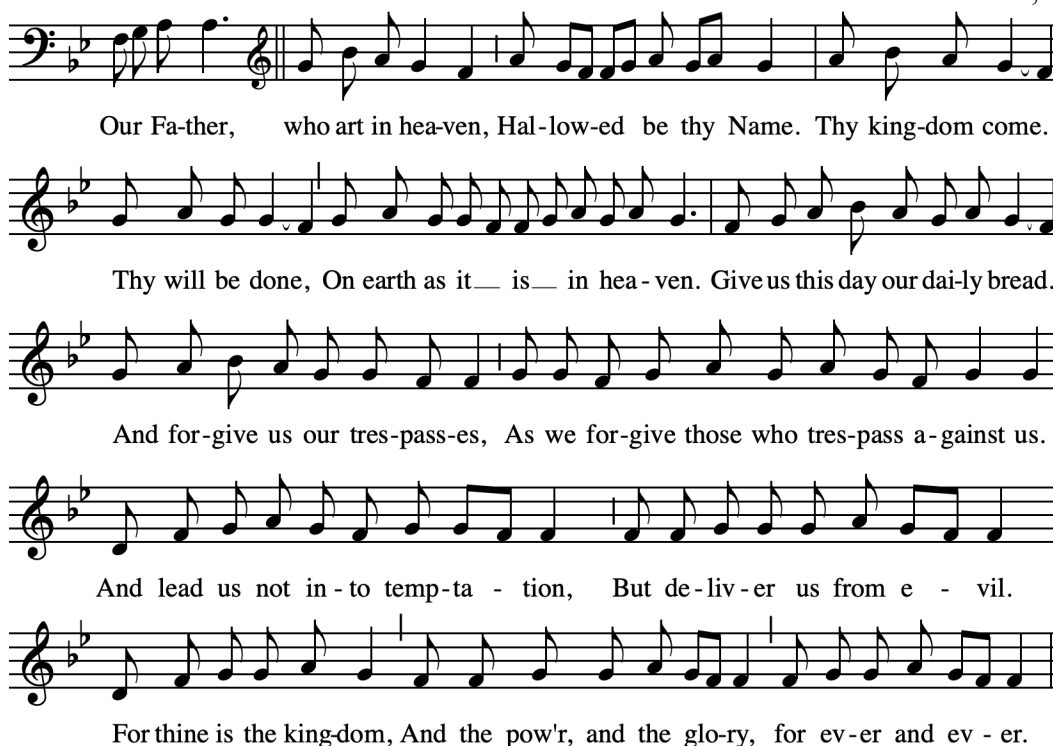
Prayer of Consecration

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Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 722

Traditional, very ancient



A - men. _____

The Fracture

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And with thy spirit.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

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Communion Verse**Communion of the Faithful**

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People: (3x) Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

For those attending in person, we have resumed the custom of kneeling or standing at the Altar Rail to Receive. Here are the various Ways of Receiving:

1. *Receive the Host into your hands, or directly onto the tongue.
Receive directly from the Chalice, guiding it gently by the base.*
2. *Receive by Intinction, receiving the Host into your hands and leaving it there; the Deacon will take it and dip it in the Chalice and place it onto your tongue.*
3. *You may receive only the Host of itself, either in your hands or on your tongue. Our Lord is equally present in either Form.*

As a precaution and courtesy to others and for your own safety, we respectfully request that in the event you are currently suffering from a cold or other communicable illness, please refrain from receiving from the Chalice.

For those attending remotely: Please take a moment of silence to realize the presence of Jesus Christ in your soul and make your spiritual communion.

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood have been offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of Thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch Thy Body, so the soul of Thy servant may be healed by like faith in Thee, Whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through Thy tender mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Hymn 33

Holy Night

Franz Grueber, 1818



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake at the sight,
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light



Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,
Glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,



Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace, Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. — A - men.
Christ, the Sa - viour, is born! Christ, the Sa - viour, is born! —
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth. —

Joseph Mohr, 1818

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Post-Communion Prayers

Dismissal

Pontifical Blessing

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord
People: From this time forth forever more.
Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord

People: Who hath made heaven and earth.
 Bishop: The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the ✠Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Retiring Processional:

Regent Square

Hymn 28

Henry Smart, 1867



1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep-herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem-pla-tions; Bright - er vi - sions beam a - far:
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend-ing, Watch-ing long in hope and fear,



Ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, Now pro-claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with man is now re - sid - ing; Yon - der shines the in - fant light:
 Seek the great De-sire of na-tions; Ye have seen his na - tal star:
 Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scen-ding, In his tem - ple shall ap - pear:



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, Wor-ship Christ, the new-born King.

James Montgomery, 1816

Announcements

Celebrant	The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch
Assisting and Sermon	The Reverend Deacon John Yeager
Epistoler	Robert Jones
Acolyte	Tony Shehata
Acolyte in Training	Robert Yeager
Altar Guild	Gretchen Martin
Zoom Wrangler	Landon Melamed

Thank you for joining us for this service! Please continue to take care of yourselves and let us know if you need additional prayers or assistance.

The Weekday Mass will be celebrated at 10 am on Wednesday (Circumcision of Christ transferred from the 1st).

Our thanks to Gretchen Martin for hosting the Annual Christmas Parish Party. A wonderful time was had by all!

The Fourth Quarter Mite Box Offering will be received at the start of January, in the event you forgot to bring it at the end of December.