



December 28, 2025

Please be mindful to enter the nave quietly and maintain a reverent atmosphere to respect those who gather to pray before the service begins.

WELCOME

Welcome to St. Catherine's! We are glad you are here today for worship, community, education, and service.

If you have been here for a while, it is a joy to see you again. Your faithful presence and dedication inspire the rest of us to continue in our own prayers and service. Please remember that it is your joy and gift to reach out and welcome those who are new or returning.

If you are returning after a time away, welcome home! Your presence reminds us that God is faithful and calls us again and again: grace upon grace.

If you are new to St. Catherine's, thank you for taking the risk to step into this place. It is not easy to walk into a church as a newcomer, and we are grateful that you are here. You honor this holy space with your presence.

This bulletin, taken from *The Book of Common Prayer*, is designed to aid us in our worship. If at any point, however, you desire to put it down and just soak in the service, please do. Whether you are a longtime member steeped in the rhythms of Anglican worship, or if all of this seems strange, feel free to just look up or out and give thanks to God.

CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages into our worship service. Children are signs of life and vitality. As we seek to include people of all ages and capabilities in our service, we joyfully embrace those who sometimes make a joyful noise! We remember the words of Jesus in Mark 10:14: "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them. For it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

Should little ones (or their parents) need a break, we offer **nursery care** during the service for infants through children age four. You are welcome to take your little one to childcare at any point during the service. Any of our ushers will guide and assist you.

Our narthex also functions as a "**cry room**," if needed, replete with children's materials. It is a great location where parents can bring their children and still hear the service.

UPCOMING

- Office closed for Holidays ~ Dec 23 - Jan 4, 2026
- Celebration of Life | Stand Dickson ~ Saturday, January 3, 2025 - 11:00 AM
- Regular Schedule resumes ~ Sunday, January 5, 2026 - 8:30; 9:45; 11:00 AM
- Wonder Church | Parent's Night Out ~ Saturday, January 10, 2026 - 4:00 PM
- Friends of Music Concert ~ Sunday, January 11, 2026 - 3:00 PM
- One St. Cat's | Annual Meeting ~ Sunday, January 25, 2026

PRAYERS

Jan & Fran Coraggio; Gamaliel Madelon; Kacey; Edward Lennon; Bob Horne; Walt Haber; Molly Alpert; Eleanore; Lorraine; Lee Hansell; Scott Sykes

UPCOMING

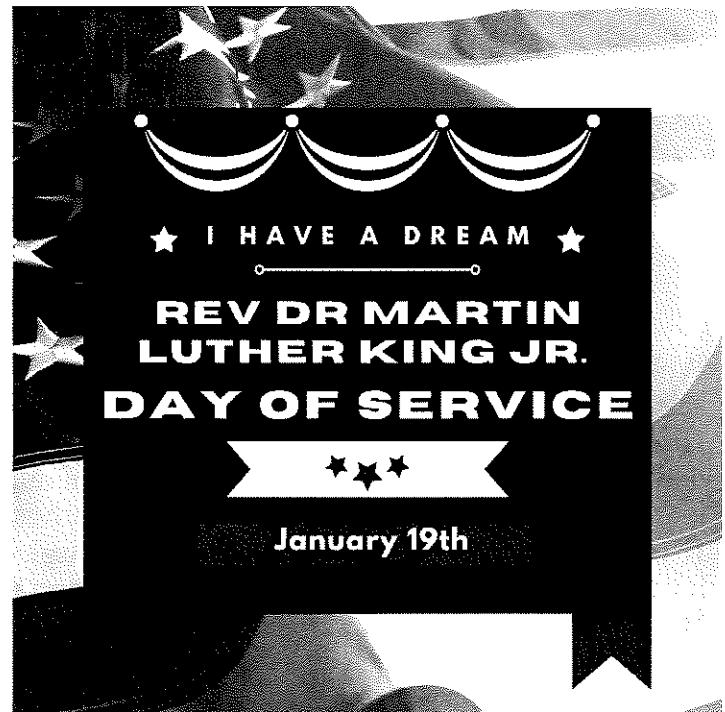


JANUARY 4, 2026
**regular schedule
resumes**

SERVICE
8:30

EDUCATION
9:45

SERVICE
11:00



ANNUAL MEETING

11:00 PARISH HALL

9:00 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

10:00 ONE ST CAT'S SERVICE

JANUARY 25, 2026

You can read more on these events and others in our Wheel Newsletter.



ST. CATHERINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

ONE ST. CAT'S

DECEMBER 28, 2025

10:00 AM

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

December 28, 2025

PRELUDE

Once In Royal David's City

R.B. Farlee

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able

THE OPENING HYMN

Angels from the realms of glory

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1. An-gels, from the realms of glo-ry, wing your flight o'er
2. Shep-herds in the field a-bid-ing, watch-ing o'er your
3. Sa-ges, leave your con-tem-pla-tions; bright-er vi-sions
4. Saints be-fore the al-tar bend-ing, watch-ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre-a-tion's sto-ry, flocks by night, God with you is now re-sid-ing; beam a-far: seek the great De-sire of na-tions; hope and fear, sud-den-ly the Lord, de-scend-ing,

now pro-claim Mes-si-ah's birth: in-fant Light: na-tal star: come and wor-ship, yon-der shines the ye have seen his in his tem-ple shall ap-pear:

Refrain

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

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

THE SONG OF PRAISE

Good Christian friends, rejoice

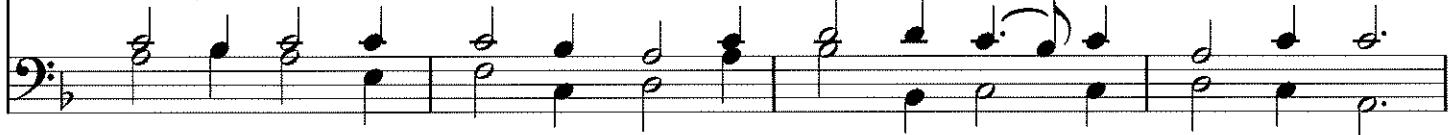
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1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

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



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



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

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

While shepherds watched their flocks

#94

Descant

2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled mind;
6 "All glo - ry be to God on high and on the earth be peace;

1 While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,
2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou-bled mind;
3 "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's line
4 "The heaven - ly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,
5 Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth-with ap-peared a shin - ing throng

2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind.
6 good will hence - forth from heaven to men be - gin and nev - er cease."

1 the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind.
3 the Sa - vior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
4 all mean - ly wrapped in swath-ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."
5 of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:

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6 "All glory be to God on high
and on the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease."

THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Of the Father's love begotten

#82

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - - ten, ere the worlds be -
2 O that birth for ev - er bless - - ed, when the Vir - gin,
3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - - ther, and, O Ho - ly

gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - - ing,
prais - es sing; powers, do - min-ions, bow be - fore him,
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,

he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that
bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the
and ex - - tol our God and King; let no tongue on
and un - - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry

are, that have - - - - - been, and that fu - ture
world's Re - - deem - - er, first re - vealed his
earth be - si - - lent, ev - ery voice in
and do - - min - - ion, and e - - ter - nal

years shall see, sa - cred face, con - cert ring, vic - to - ry,

ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Christ

THE SERMON

The Rev. Deacon Shannon Darke

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 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.

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

FORM VI

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 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.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Robert our Bishop(s); and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

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

We will exalt you, O God our King;
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.
Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.



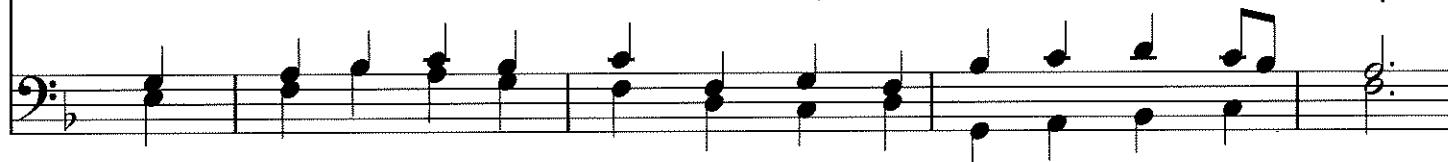
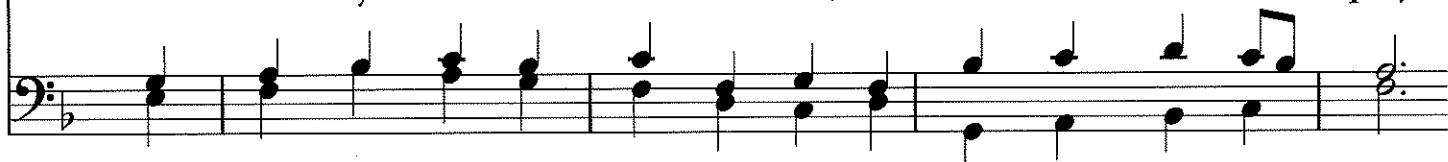
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OFFERTORY MUSIC

THE PRESENTATION HYMN (*Please stand as you are able.*)
O little town of Bethlehem

HYMN #78

Unison or harmony



1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - ell

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Here a proper preface is said or sung.

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

The people stand or kneel.

#S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might,
heaven 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 - san - na in the high - est.

Then the Celebrant continues

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." 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

And 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 all your saints, 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.**

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

#324
Verses 1-2

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, si - lence, and with fear and
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
he will give to all the faith ful

our full hom - age to de - mand.
his own self for heaven ly food.

THE INVITATION

If you feel called to this table of mercy and grace, know there is a place set for you. There are two different stations that function two distinct ways.

In front of the altar is a Gluten Free station with intinction only. At this station you may intinct (dip) the bread into the holy wine yourself. If you only want to receive the bread, please cross your arms after consuming.

At the altar rails, you will receive the holy bread in your hands. You may choose to sip from the chalice or to intinct (dip) the holy bread into the holy wine yourself. If you only want to receive the bread, please cross your arms after consuming.

The response after receiving the bread only, or the bread and wine, is "Amen." Those not communing may come forward for a blessing, keeping your hands folded across your chest.

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,
 * 3 O Flower, whose fra - grace ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

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.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Love came down at Christmas

HYMN #84

1 Love came down at Christ-mas, love all love - ly, love di - vine;
2 Wor - ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate, love di - vine;
3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine,

love was born at Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the sign.
wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where-with for sa - cred sign?
love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

SENDING FORTH OF A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, and one cup.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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 CLOSING HYMN

Joy to the world

HYMN #100

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

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

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

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

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on 'Regent Square'

E.C. Johnson

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS:

Katherine Sherwood 12/29; Nat Whitlow 12/29; Julie Johnson 12/30; Caroline Spessard 12/30;
Julie Stone 12/30; Patricia Kennington 12/31; Carol Fey 1/1; Jean-Marc Madelon 1/1

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:

FOR OUR PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER:

Barbara Kallas; Jim Kareken & Gina Baumann; Marcel Kennedy; The Kerr Family; Kimberly Kiddoo

IN NEED OF PRAYER:

The Lennon / Dettwiler family; Jan & Fran Coraggio; Gamaliel Madelon; Kacey; Bob Horne; Walt Haber; Molly Alpert; Eleanore; Lorraine; Lee Hansell; Scott Sykes

FOR THOSE WHO DIED:

Edward Lennon

THE CANDLE & FLOWERS

The candle is given to the glory of God.

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