

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

**DECEMBER 25, 2021**

**10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II**

Hymnal

Prayer Book

	Voluntary: <i>In dulci jubilo</i> BuxWV 197; Dietrich Buxtehude	
83	Entrance Hymn: "O come, all ye faithful" (Vv. 1-3, 6); (ADESTE FIDELES)	
	<b>THE WORD OF GOD</b>	
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	People: <i>And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.</i>	
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	The Gospel: Luke 2:1-20	
	Before the Gospel the people respond: <i>Glory be to thee, O Lord.</i>	
	After the Gospel the people respond: <i>Praise be to thee, O Christ.</i>	
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	The Dismissal (The people respond: <i>Thanks be to God.</i> )	
	Voluntary: <i>Pat-a-pan</i> , a Burgundian Carol; James Biery	

**Christmas Welcome:** We welcome all who are worshipping with us today as we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord. All baptized Christians who receive communion in their own church are cordially invited to receive communion in this church. Those who do not wish to receive communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Preacher & Celebrant: The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth

Crucifer: Zack Brooks

Reader: Zack Brooks

Usher: Conrad Fulkerson

Altar Guild: Mary Ann Plambeck, Allison Bass, Jeanne Kimpel, Betty Wolfe, Jim & Kathy von St. Paul, Alice Moore

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of seven staves of music. The first staff is marked 'Intro (first time only)' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Bles - sed is the one who came, God of hosts, all praise be given! All your glo - ry fills the earth; bring - ing love and light di - vine. Bles - sed is the king who comes all your pow - er fills the heavens. Glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!'. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

**ST. MATTHEW'S PRAYER LIST**

**We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family:** Mildred Pruessing, Lois Horn, Tom Vail, Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Laura Middlebrooks, Sandra Poffenbarger, Ludie White, Robert Locke, Carol Parrent, Janice Stratton, Kathy Coward, Suzanne Powers, Sandy McBride, Ed & Mary Ann Southern, Jim Burton, Nancy & Don Harris, and Glenn Sumner.

**And these others for whom our prayers are desired:** Betsy Zaragoza, Harry Dula, Baylor Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Chip Joyner, John Logan, Fred Edoughs, Timothy, Bob, Anna Lawrence & Dan Bass, Jeannine Beardslee, Evelyne Accad, Amalia, Maddie Powers, Allie, John & Rachel Hougom, Richard Stevens, Karl & Janice Eicher, Coleman Sale, Boardman Lloyd, Bill, Andy, Drew, Sean Turnell, Sally Weaver, Joe Barnes, Millie Hinkle, Benny Whitted, Jayne Jackson, the Burdette family: Mary Beth, Joel, & Amy, Sandra Marks, Melanie Maupin, the Tuckers and Spurlocks, Doug and Robbie Harnish, Vi Rancer, Judy Hogberg, Kenan Wright, Mike Morris, Reece, Harlon, Jim Hill, Donna, Anita Salazar and her family, Janet Case, Judy Dingfelder, Eduardo Lugo, and Pastor Donald Holman.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Intercessor:** Let us pray, saying, "*We pray to you, O Lord.*"

That this day may be holy, good, and peaceful.

*We pray to you, O Lord.*

That we, like Elizabeth and Zechariah, may be open to surprise and wonder at your presence in our lives, even when you seem most distant.

*We pray to you, O Lord.*

That we, like Joseph, may journey faithfully, trusting in your guidance and care, as we care for others.

*We pray to you, O Lord.*

That we, like Mary, may be bearers of Christ to a broken and needy world.

*We pray to you, O Lord.*

That we, like the shepherds, may seek you in places poor and lowly, praying especially for those without food or shelter; for those who are sick; and for those caught in the changes and chances of this life.

*We pray to you, O Lord.*

That we, like the animals, may serve Christ with warmth and companionship.

*We pray to you, O Lord.*

That we, like the angels, may proclaim good tidings of great joy through the hope and love of Christ.

*We pray to you, O Lord.*

I now invite your own prayers, silently or aloud.

**The Celebrant concludes:**

O Lord, hear our prayers: Give us courage to seek you, hope to proclaim you, and strengthen our hearts to do your will; through the love of Christ, our Emmanuel. *Amen.*

**FeST Wreaths and Roping adorning the Churchyard and Memorial Garden  
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- Carol Rosemond, in memory of her husband, *Marvin Keith Rosemond*; her father-in-law, *Joseph F. Rosemond, Jr.*; her uncle-in-law, *James Rosemond*; her grandparents-in-law, *Charles G. & Adelaide H. Rosemond*; and other Rosemond family members;
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