

# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

## Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



## Christmas Day

December 25, 2023 | 9:00am

The Reverend Karen Swanson, Celebrant and Preacher

## Prelude

*Sanctus bell is rung, please stand as you are able*

*Advent and Christmas candles are lit followed by a brief silence.*

## Entrance Hymn

*O come, all ye faithful*

Hymnal 83



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 -



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*

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

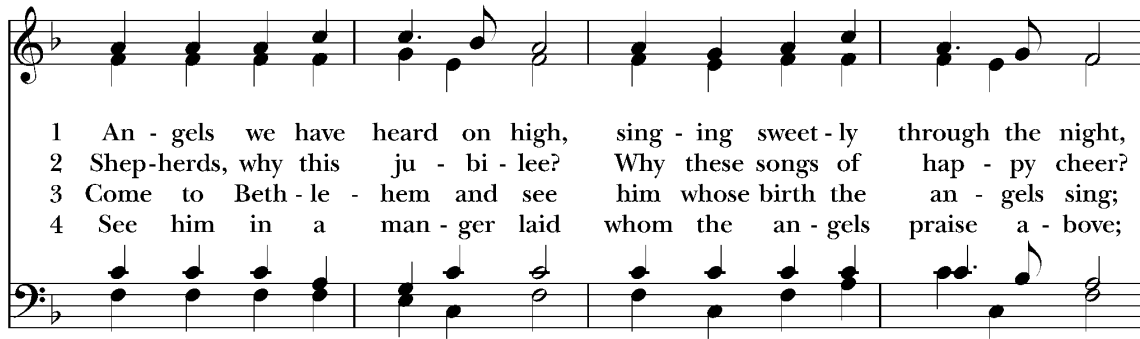
*People*

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

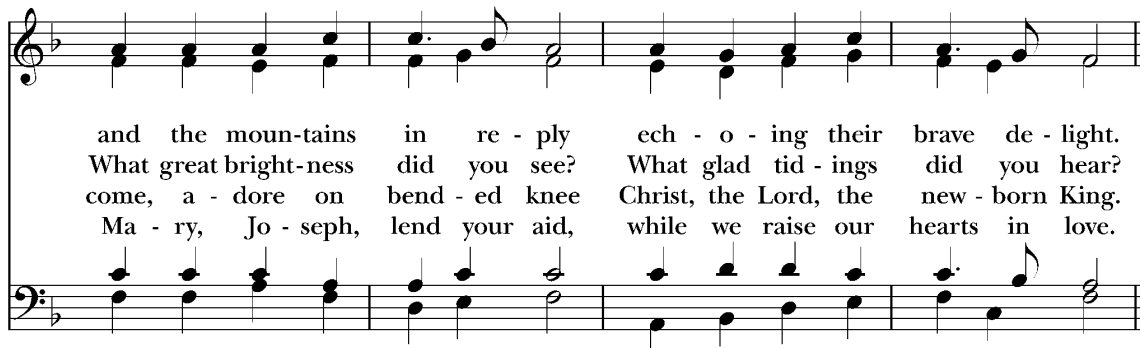
## Song of Praise

*Angels we have heard on high*

## Hymnal 96



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

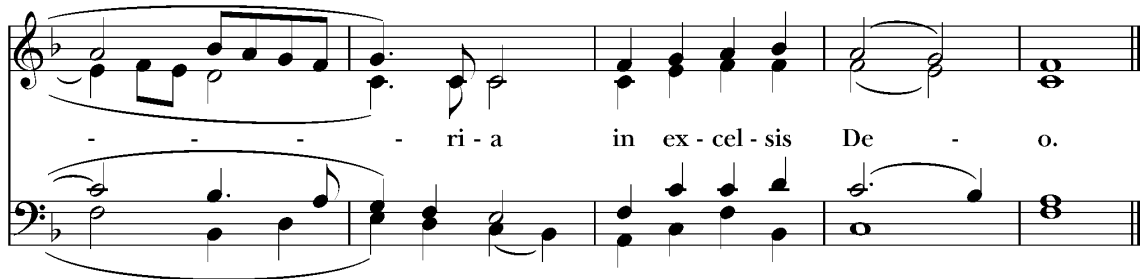
*Refrain*



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## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

God be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the collect*

Son of God, Child of Mary, born in the stable at Bethlehem, be born again in us this day that we may know the wonder of your love. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

*The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

### **A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (52:7-10)**

How 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.

*After the Reading, the Reader says*

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

*Good Christian friends, rejoice*

## Hymnal 107

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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### A reading from Paul's letter to 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.

*After the Reading, the Reader says*

*Reader*       The Word of the Lord.

*People*       **Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence Hymn

*O little town of Bethlehem*

Hymnal 79 (*vv 1-3, & 5*)



- 1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
- 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
- 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
- \*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;



- 1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
- 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
- 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
- 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
- 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



- 1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
- 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
- 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
- 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
- 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



- 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 - el!

## The Gospel

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (2:1-20)

*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.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Rev. Karen Swanson

## Nicene Creed

*The Celebrant and People then say the Nicene Creed together, all standing.*

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

## Christmas Day

*In the silence that follows each bidding, intercessions may be offered silently, or aloud.*

*Celebrant* Welcome! Let your presence among us be reflected in our lives. Amen. Welcome,  
Lord, welcome.



*Leader* With the gift of angel song and joyful spirits, we rejoice at your coming among us. Sustain us, your people, with joy deep in our hearts. Give our bishops, priests, deacons, and all our faithful leaders a renewed sense of purpose and direction, that they may lead us in the way you would have us go. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.*

*Leader* Amen.

*People* **Welcome, Lord, welcome.**

Give the leaders of the nations an urgency for peace and brotherhood, that the world you entered be blessed by good tidings. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.*

Amen.

**Welcome, Lord, welcome.**

Shower people throughout the world with your blessings of beauty and purpose, freedom and plenty. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

Amen.

**Welcome, Lord, welcome.**

Open our hearts to the needs of those around us who are hungry or lonely, who struggle with the burdens of living, whose spirits are restless for you. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.*

Amen.

**Welcome, Lord, welcome.**

Make whole those who suffer today with illness, with anxiety, with despair. May we care about them and care for them as our brothers and sisters. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.*

Amen.

**Welcome, Lord, welcome.**

Gather to your heart those who have died, who are now welcomed into your eternal embrace and surrounded by your glory. *The congregation is invited to add their thanksgivings and petitions, followed by silence.*

Amen.

**Welcome, Lord, welcome.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Loving God, the joyful message of the angels fills us with gladness as we celebrate the coming of the Christ child to live among us in vulnerable humility: Let your divine light so dwell within us, that we may treasure your words, ponder them in our hearts, and continue the work of Christ's incarnation in our day, through Jesus our Savior, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Prayers for special occasions

**Birthday prayer:** Watch over thy *child*, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Anniversary prayer:** Most gracious God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing upon this couple. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them in their work and in the companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; and in their life and in their death. Amen.

## The Announcements

## The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. *John 1:14*

### Offertory Hymn

### *The First Nowell*

### Hymnal 109 (vv 1-3&6)



1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
2 They look - ed up and saw a star  
3 And by the light of that same star  
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,  
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three



1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,  
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;  
4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,  
5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,  
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,  
 4 and there it did both stop and stay  
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

*Refrain*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord  
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

*Refrain*

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar. Once the altar is prepared the following Doxology may be sung*

## Doxology

*Ho'onani i ka Makua mau*

**Na Himeni 1**

Ho - 'o - na - ni i ka Ma - ku - a mau, Ke Kei - ki me ka 'U - ha - ne no,

Ke A - ku - a mau ho - 'o - mai - ka - 'i pu, Ko ke - ia ao, ko ke la ao. A - me - ne.

# The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says*

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 him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

*Preface for the Incarnation*

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:

*Celebrant and People then sing the Sanctus*

**Hymnal S 124**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Queen Emma, King Kamehameha IV, Queen Lili'uokalani, Saints Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i, our patron Saint Timothy, and 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.

*Celebrant and People then sing the Amen*

**Hymnal S 143**



And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

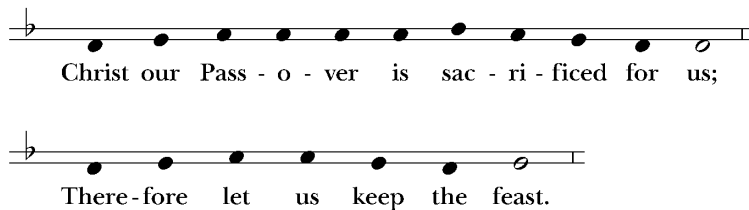
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant and People then sing the Fraction Anthem*

**Hymnal S 153**



*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

**The Gifts of God for the People of God.**

## Ministration of Communion

*The people are seated. In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive the Holy Communion regardless of age or Christian tradition. Anglicans believe in the "Real Presence" where, in the Bread and Wine, Christ is made "real" and "present." The nature of this grace is that Christ received even if one of the elements is received alone. During this time of pandemic as case numbers decline, vaccinations increase, and treatments improve, we are again distributing the Bread and the Wine in Communion. Communing from the common cup is optional, based on your personal judgment. The chalice on your left (facing the altar) will be for intinction; the chalice on the right is for those who wish to drink from the cup. Please refrain if you are not feeling well. Those who are not baptized may receive a blessing; please join in the movement to the altar and cross your arms over your heart; this will alert the Celebrant of your desire to receive a blessing.*

*Faith @ Home: Prayer/ Act of Reception for those who cannot receive the Sacrament  
(from St. Augustine's Prayer Book, Order of the Holy Cross)*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.*

### **Communion Gift of Music**

*Mary, did you know?*

Music by Buddy Greene

Words by Mark Lowry

Choral setting by Jack Schrader

Sung by Bette Kalohi and Zachary Hamada

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would someday walk on water?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This child that you delivered will soon deliver you?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
When you kissed your little baby, then you kissed the face of God.  
The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again;  
the lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb.  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy was heaven's perfect Lamb?  
This sleeping child you're holding, is the great, the great "I AM!"

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

**Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**



## Retiring Procession

*Go tell it on the mountain*

Hymnal 99

*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their  
2 The shep - herds feared and  
3 Down in a low - ly

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -  
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang  
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

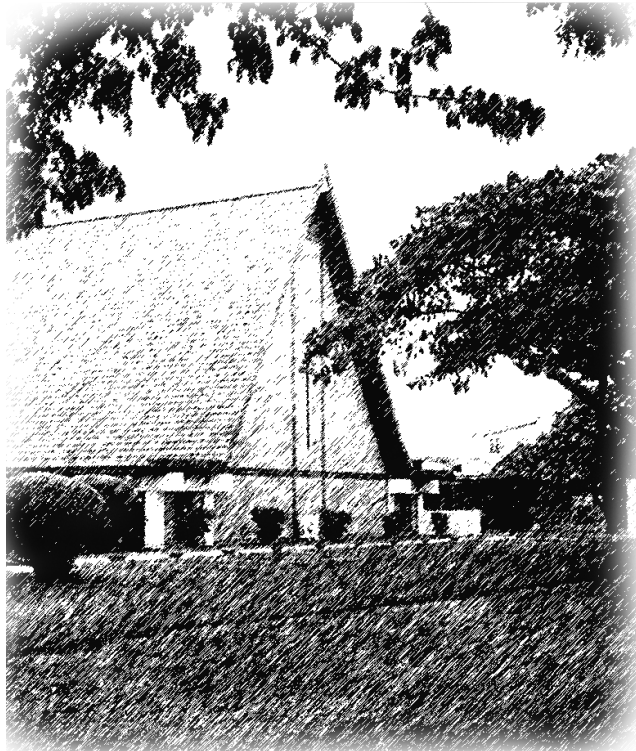
*Repeat Refrain*

hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.  
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.  
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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



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