

# ORDER OF SERVICE



¶ The congregation is invited to be silent when the organ music begins.

## THE PRELUDE - Go, Tell it!

DANIEL LOCKLAIR

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN - Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

¶ The congregation stands as the choir proceeds into the sanctuary, so that all may be silent when the hymn starts. All hymns afterwards are sung by all, standing, unless otherwise indicated. At the conclusion of each hymn, all are seated.



**Solo** 1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty Stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
**Choir** 2. He came down to earth from hea - ven Who is God and Lord of all,  
**Women** 3. And through all his won - drous child - hood He would hon - our and o - bey,  
**All** 4. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by day like us he grew,  
**All** 5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own re - deem - ing love,  
**All** 6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the ox - en stand - ing by,



Where a mo - ther laid her ba - by In a man - ger for his bed:  
 And his shel - ter was a sta - ble, And his cra - dle was a stall;  
 Love, and watch the low - ly mai - den, In whose gen - tle arms he lay;  
 He was lit - tle, weak and help - less, Tears and smiles like us he knew;  
 For that child so dear and gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;  
 We shall see him; but in hea - ven, Set at God's right hand on high;



Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
 With the poor, and mean, and low - ly, Lived on earth our Sa - viour ho - ly.  
 Christ - ian child - ren all must be Mild, o - be - dient, good as he.  
 And he feel - eth for our sad - ness, And he sha - reth in our glad - ness.  
 And he leads his child - ren on To the place where he is gone.  
 When like stars his child - ren crowned All in white shall wait a - round.

## A BIDDING PRAYER

FR. MURRAY HENDERSON

¶ Then, all standing, the bidding prayer is said.

## THE ADVENT WREATH - CANDLE LIGHTING

### HYMN - O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES



**All** 1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
**Choir** 2. God of God, Light of Light,  
**All** 3. Child for us sin - ners Poor and in the man - ger,  
**All** 4. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,



O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 Lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 Fain we em - brace thee, with awe and love;  
 Sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove;



Come and be - hold him Born the King of An - gels:  
 Ve - ry God, Be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted:  
 Who would not love thee, Lov - ing us so dear - ly?  
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est:



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



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

READER:

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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN - O Word of God Incarnate**

MUNICH



**All** 1. O\_\_\_ Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom\_\_\_ from on high,  
**All** 2. The\_\_\_ Church from her dear Mas - ter Re - ceived the\_\_\_ gift di - vine,  
**Women** 3. It\_\_\_ float - eth like a ban - ner Be - fore God's\_\_\_ host un - furled;  
**All** 4. O\_\_\_ make Thy Church, dear Sav - iour, A lamp of\_\_\_ pur - est gold,



O\_\_\_ Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of\_\_\_ our dark sky;  
 And\_\_\_ still that light she lift - eth O'er all the\_\_\_ earth to shine.  
 It\_\_\_ shin - eth like a bea - con A - bove the\_\_\_ dark - ling world.  
 To\_\_\_ bear be - fore the na - tions Thy true light\_\_\_ as of old.



We praise Thee for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,  
 It is the gold - en cas - ket Where gems of truth are stored;  
**Men** It is the chart and com - pass That o'er life's surg - ing sea,  
 O teach Thy wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace,



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.  
 It is the heav'n-drawn pic - ture Of Christ, the liv - ing Word.  
 'Mid mists and rocks and quick-sands, Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.  
 Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see Thee face to face.

READER:

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: <sup>2</sup>and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; <sup>3</sup>And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: <sup>4</sup>But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. <sup>5</sup>And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM - Great Day**

Text and Music: TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL, ARR. MOSES HOGAN

Great Day, the right-eous marchin'! Great Day, *God's gonna build up Zion's wall.*  
 Chariot moved on the mountain top, brother / My God spoke an' de chariot stopped, sister.  
 This is the year of Jubilee, brother / My God set His people free, sister.

**HYMN - Lo, how a Rose e'er Blooming**

EST IST EIN' ROS



**All** 1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der  
 Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As men of  
**Men:** 2. I - sai - ah 'twas fore - told it, The Rose I  
**Women:** With Ma - ry we be - hold it, The Vir - gin  
**Choir:** 3. O flower, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness  
 Dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dour The dark - ness



stem hath sprung!  
 old have sung. **All:** It came, a flow' - ret bright,  
 have in mind,  
 Mo - ther kind. **All:** To show God's love a - right,  
 fills the air,  
 ev - ery - where; **All:** True man, yet ve - ry God,



A - mid the cold of win - ter, When halfspent was the night.  
 She bore to men a Sa - viour, When halfspent was the night.  
 From sin and death now save us, And share our ev - ery load.

READER:

**A**nd in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. <sup>29</sup>And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. <sup>31</sup>And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. <sup>32</sup>He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: <sup>33</sup>And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end. <sup>34</sup>Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? <sup>35</sup>And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For with God nothing shall be impossible. <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM - Mary Was the Queen of Galilee**

Text and Music: TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL, ARR. WENDELL WHALUM

*Who was Mary? Mary was the queen of Galilee.*

Mary rode to Bethlehem... She brought forth the Holy Lamb...

Mary saw Him crucified... When her Lord cried out an' died... Oh, she wept an' Martha moaned...

Now, after Sunday down at the Tomb, When the stone was rolled away, she didn't find her Lord.

Angel came unto her, Telling the good news that Jesus Christ is risen an' will appear again.

**HYMN - In the Bleak Mid-Winter**

CRANHAM



All 1. In the bleak mid - win - ter Fros - ty wind made moan,  
 All 2. Our God Heav'n can - not hold \_\_\_ him Nor \_\_\_ earth sus - tain;  
 Women 3. An - gels and arch - an - gels May have ga - thered there,  
 All 4. What \_\_\_ can I give \_\_\_ him, Poor \_\_\_ as I am?



Earth stoochard as i - - - ron, \_\_\_ Wa - ter like a stone; \_\_\_  
 Heav'n and earth shall flee a - way \_\_\_ When he comesto reign: \_\_\_  
 Che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim \_\_\_ Thronged the \_\_\_ air; But  
 If I were a shep - - - herd \_\_\_ I would bring a lamb, \_\_\_



Snow had fal - len, snow on snow, \_\_\_ Snow on \_\_\_ snow, \_\_\_  
 In the bleak mid - win - ter A sta - ble - place suf - ficed The  
 on - ly his mo - ther \_\_\_ In her mai - den bliss Wor -  
 If I were a Wise \_\_\_ Man \_\_\_ I would do my part, Yet



In the bleak mid - win - ter Long \_\_\_ a - go.  
 Lord \_\_\_ God Al - might - y Je - sus \_\_\_ Christ.  
 shipped the Be - lov - ed With a kiss, \_\_\_  
 what I can I give him, Give \_\_\_ my \_\_\_ heart.

**FOURTH LESSON** *St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

ST. LUKE 2:1-7

READER:

**A**ND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. <sup>2</sup>(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup>And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. <sup>4</sup>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): <sup>5</sup>To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. <sup>6</sup>And so it was, that, while they

were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. <sup>7</sup>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.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM - Roun' de Glory Manger**

Text and Music: TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL, art. WILLIS JAMES

Dey turn 'way Mary an'a Joseph, 'way f'om de inn, an' dat's what made de Glory Manger.

*An'a hallelujah, Lord! Wasn't dat a bright Bethlehem morning', all 'round the Glory Manger?*

Dey laid my pretty l'il Jesus down in de straw, an' dat's what made de Glory Manger.

*An'a hallelujah...*

An' all his pretty l'il fingers played in de straw, an' dat's what made de Glory Manger.

*An'a hallelujah...*

Dey laid my pretty l'il Jesus in de Glory Manger!

**HYMN - Away in a Manger**

**CRADLE SONG**



All 1. A - way in a\_\_\_ man - ger, no\_\_\_ crib for a bed,  
 All 2. The cat - tle are\_\_\_ low - ing, the\_\_\_ ba - by a - wakes,  
 All 3. Be near me, Lord\_\_\_ Je - sus; I\_\_\_ ask thee to stay



The\_\_\_ lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid\_\_\_ down his sweet head;  
 But\_\_\_ lit - tle Lord Je - sus no\_\_\_ cry - ing he makes.  
 Close by me for ev - er, and\_\_\_ love me, I pray.



The stars in the\_\_\_ bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love thee, Lord\_\_\_ Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
 Bless all the dear\_\_\_ chil - dren in\_\_\_ thy ten - der care,



The\_\_\_ lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 And\_\_\_ stay by my side un - til\_\_\_ morn - ing is nigh.  
 And\_\_\_ fit us for hea - ven, to\_\_\_ live with thee there.

**FIFTH LESSON** *The shepherds go to the manger.*

ST. LUKE 2:8-16

READER:

**A**nd there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, <sup>14</sup>Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. <sup>15</sup>And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. <sup>16</sup>And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN - Angels, from the Realms of Glory**

**REGENT SQUARE**



All 1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
 All 2. Shep - herds, in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
 Men 3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
 All 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 - scend - ing, In His tem - ple\_\_\_ shall ap - pear:



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

**ANTHEM - Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

Text and Music: TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL, ARR. ROLAND CARTER

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is-a born.*

When I was a seeker, I sought both night and day, I ask'd the Lord to help me and He show'd me the way. O won't you go, *tell it...*

He made me a watchman up on the city wall, And if I am a Christian I am the least of all. O won't you go, *tell it...*

Shepherds lay a'watching their flock that starry night, An angel of the Lord came and shone a holy light. O won't you go, *tell it...*

**SIXTH LESSON** *The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.* ST. MATTHEW 2:1-11

READER:

**N**ow when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. <sup>5</sup>And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, <sup>6</sup>And thou, Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. <sup>7</sup>Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. <sup>11</sup>And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN - We Three Kings**

KINGS OF ORIENT



All 1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing  
Solo 2. Born a king on Beth - le - hem plain, Gold I  
Solo 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; In - cense  
Solo 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathe a  
All 5. Glo - rious now, be - hold him a - rise, King, and



gifts we tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain,  
bring, to crown him a - gain King for - ev - er,  
owns a de - i - ty nigh: Prayer and prais - ing  
life of ga - ther - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
God, and sa - cri - fice! Heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star:  
ceas - ing nev - er O - ver us all to reign.  
all men rais - ing Wor - ship him, God most high:  
bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb:  
lu - ya, Al - le - lu - ya the earth re - plies:



O Star of won - der, star of night, star with



roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward lead - ing,



Still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

¶ The congregation stands for the seventh lesson.

**SEVENTH LESSON** *St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.* ST. JOHN 1:1-14

READER:

**I**n the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup>The same was in the beginning with God.<sup>3</sup>All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.<sup>4</sup>In him was life; and the life was the light of men.<sup>5</sup>And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.<sup>7</sup>The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.<sup>8</sup>He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.<sup>9</sup>That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew him not.<sup>11</sup>He came unto His own, and His own received him not.<sup>12</sup>But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:<sup>13</sup>Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.<sup>14</sup>And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN - O Holy Night**

**CANTIQUE DE NOEL**



All 1. O ho - ly night! \_\_\_\_\_ the stars are bright - ly shin - ing, It is the  
All 2. Led by the light \_\_\_\_\_ of faith se - rene - ly beam - ing, With glow - ing  
All 3. Tru-ly He taught us to love \_\_\_\_\_ one an - oth - er; His law is



night of the dear Sav-iour's birth; \_\_\_\_\_ Long lay the world \_\_\_\_\_ in sin and er - ror  
hearts by His cra-dle we stand; \_\_\_\_\_ So led by light of a star \_\_\_\_\_ sweet-ly  
love and His gos-pel is peace; \_\_\_\_\_ Chains shall He break, for the slave \_\_\_\_\_ is our



pin - ing, Till He ap - peared and the soul felt its worth. A  
gleam - ing, Here came the wise men from O - ri - ent land. The  
broth - er, And in His name all op - pres - sion shall cease. Sweet



thrill of hope the wea - ry world re - joic - es, For yon - der breaks a  
King of kings lay thus in low - ly man - ger, In all our tri - als  
hymns of joy in grate - ful chor - us raise we, Let all with - in us



new and glo - rious morn; Fall on your knees, Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ hear \_\_\_\_\_ the an - gel  
born to be our Friend; He knows our need, To our weak - ness is no  
praise His ho - ly name; Christ is the Lord, Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ praise \_\_\_\_\_ His name for -



voic - es! O night \_\_\_\_\_ di - vine, \_\_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_\_ night \_\_\_\_\_ when Christ was  
strang - er. Be - hold \_\_\_\_\_ your King, \_\_\_\_\_ be - fore \_\_\_\_\_ Him low - ly  
ev - er! His pow'r \_\_\_\_\_ and glo - - - ry ev - er - more pro -



born! O night, O ho - ly night, O night di - vine!  
bend! Be - hold your King, be - fore Him low - ly bend!  
claim! His pow'r and glo - ry ev - er - more pro - claim.

**ANTHEM - The Word Was God**

Text: St. John 1:1-3; Music: ROSEPHANYE POWELL

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.  
All things were made that have been made. Nothing was made, He has not made.  
All things were made by Him.*

**THE HOMILY**

FR. MURRAY HENDERSON

**OFFERTORY HYMN - O Little Town of Bethlehem**

FOREST GREEN



All 1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see the lie!  
 All 2. O morn - ing stars to - ge - ther, Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
 Choir 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is giv'n!  
 All 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, Des - cend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.  
 And prai - ses sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth;  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts, The bless - ings of his heav'n.  
 Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The e - ver - last - ing light;  
 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; And gath - ered all a - bove,  
 No ear may hear his com - ing; But in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great gal - ti - dings tell:



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
 While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of wond - ring love.  
 Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

¶ All remain standing.

**THE BLESSING**

FR. MURRAY HENDERSON

**RECESSIONAL HYMN - Joy to the World!**

ANTIOCH



All 1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth re - ceive her  
 Men 2. Joy to the world! The Sav - iour reigns; Let men their songs em -  
 All 3. He rule the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions



King. Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills and  
 prove The glo - ries of his right - eous -



room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and  
 plains, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the  
 ness And won - ders of his love, and won - ders



na - ture sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 sound - ing joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 of his love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

**THE POSTLUDE - Toccata on "Great Day"**

ADOLPHUS HAILSTORK

Today's Organ Assistant is Emily Young-On.

