



# Christmas Eve



## Welcome to Emmaus Anglican Church!

The liturgy of Christmas Eve is a dramatic presentation of the Christmas story with all of the words taken from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke and St. Matthew.

**Emmaus Anglican Church** is named after events that happened on the afternoon and early evening of Easter Day. Emmaus is the name of a town about six miles from Jerusalem; it was on the Emmaus Road that two disciples, a man named Cleopas and a friend, walked with Jesus, and only recognized him when He stayed with them for supper. As St. Luke reports, “The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.”

**Bathrooms** are located across the alley. Follow the lighted path to find them.

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PRELUDE

*ECHO (Emmaus Chime and Handbell Orchestra)*

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

*Please Stand and sing!*

O Come All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fideles)

**O come all ye faithful Joyful and triumphant**

**O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem**

**Come and behold Him Born the King of angels**

**O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him**

**O come let us adore Him Christ the Lord**

*Verse 2*

**God of God, light of light eternal,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
only-begotten, Son of God the Father;  
Venite Adoremus Venite Adoremus  
Venite Adoremus Dominum!**

*Verse 3*

**Sing choirs of angels Sing in exultation  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest.**

**O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him**

**O come let us adore Him Christ the Lord**

*Verse 4*

**Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,  
we would embrace thee, with love and awe;  
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?**

**Venite Adoremus Venite Adoremus  
Venite Adoremus Dominum!**

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THE CHRISTMAS ACCLAMATION

*Priest* For unto us a child is born.

*People* **Unto us a son is given.** Isaiah 9:6

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*In unison*

**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.**

Beloved in Christ, in this Christmastide, let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

*Priest*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And with your spirit.**

*Priest*      Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

An Angel sent by God to Mary

Luke 1:26-38

*At the close of the reading, the lector says,*

The Word of the Lord.      *People* **Thanks be to God.**

An Angel sent by God to Joseph

Matthew 1:18-25

*At the close of the reading, the lector says,*

The Word of the Lord.      *People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7

*The Holy Family Arrives in Bethlehem*

*At the close of the reading, the lector says,*

The Word of the Lord.      *People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Emmaus Choir: Mary did you Know?*

## The Shepherds and Angels

Luke 2:8-20

*Shepherds and Angels enter*

*At the close of the reading, the lector says,*

The Word of the Lord.      *People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Remain Seated and all sing!*

**Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the new-born King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!**

## AWAY IN A MANGER

### *Children*

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

### *Choir*

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

### *All*

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

### *Bells*

*Photos, then children are seated with their families.*

## THE SERMON

Fr. Theron Walker

## THE PRAYERS

*Please stand*

*Deacon* Let us pray.

Now that we have read in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God, let us pray for the needs of His whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth, in this country, and within this city. Especially for \_\_\_\_\_.

For the mission and unity of the Church – that the Word may truly, by the power of the Holy Spirit, become flesh in us. We especially pray for missionaries throughout the world, and for the persecuted church. Especially for \_\_\_\_\_.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children, and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love. Especially for \_\_\_\_\_.

Let us give thanks for the God-bearer, blessed Mary, for her husband Joseph the just, and for all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. Especially for \_\_\_\_\_.

Let us thank God for all the blessings of this life:  
For our guests here this night.  
For the Jerusalem donkeys and sheep.  
For all our children.  
For all who worked so hard to make this celebration possible.  
And especially for your only begotten Son, our Savior, Jesus  
Christ. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

*The Deacon says*

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

*Silence*

*The Deacon and People sit and pray*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker and judge of us all:**

**We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses,  
which we have committed by thought, word, and deed  
against your divine majesty,  
provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.**

**We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;  
the burden of them is more than we can bear.**

**Have mercy upon us,**

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may evermore serve**

**and please you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Bishop or Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

*The Deacon says*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

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

## HOLY COMMUNION

### Christ with us in Communion

As Christians in the Great Tradition of the Church reaching back to apostolic times, we believe Jesus Christ is Immanuel--God with Us--in the sacrament; we partake of his body and blood by faith. Jesus told his disciples to remember him in bread and wine. The disciples at Emmaus, on Easter, realized who he was in the breaking of bread. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, therefore, we come to the table in faith, humbly, grateful for Christ's incarnation, death, resurrection, and the promise of his return.

### Baptism and Communion

Baptism is the one requirement of our church to share in Holy Communion. Since apostolic times, holy Baptism has been the spiritual way people become part of the body of Christ.

If you are not baptized, you may remain seated during communion, or may come forward for a blessing. If, when you come forward, you cross your arms over your chest, the priest will know to give you a blessing.

## THE OFFERTORY

*The Deacon begins the Offertory with Acts 20:35*

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Offertory:      *Come to the Cradle by Michael Card*

## THE SURSUM CORDA

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 working of the Holy Spirit, was made truly man, taking on the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; and yet without the stain of sin, to make us clean from sin. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## THE SANCTUS

*All say in unison*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might;  
Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory  
Hosanna in the Highest  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna! In the highest!**

## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*The People stand and The Celebrant continues*

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."†

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me." †

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, † ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

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 forever.

**Amen.†**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Celebrant then says*

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

*Celebrant and People pray in unison*

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE FRACTION

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia, The disciples knew the Lord Jesus.

*People* **In the breaking of the bread. Alleluia.**

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*Celebrant and People together may say*

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful  
Lord,**

**trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**Apart from your grace,**

**we are not worthy so much as to gather up  
the crumbs under your table;  
but you are the same Lord  
whose character is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,**

**so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.**

**Amen.**

# O Lamb Of God

*Fraction Anthem*

*The St. James Christmas Service*

Gently [In One]

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly  
Child, who takes the sin of the world a - way; Have  
mer - cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the  
son of Ma - ry. This, this is your bo - dy  
giv'n, Your pre - cious blood, the gift of heav'n.  
Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the  
son of Ma - ry.

## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.      *John 1:29, Revelation 19:9*

*To Receive Communion: All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized, we invite you to the altar for a blessing. Please let the clergy know your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. If you need gluten-free bread, tell the priest.*

*Choir: Peace Canon*

## THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*For those who cannot receive the Sacrament this day. The family prays together, or, if possible, each individual prays silently in their heart.*

**Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul, and since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

*Unison or harmony*

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

The image shows a musical score for the Christmas carol 'Bring Him Home'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) Music: *Greensleeves*, English melody; harm. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

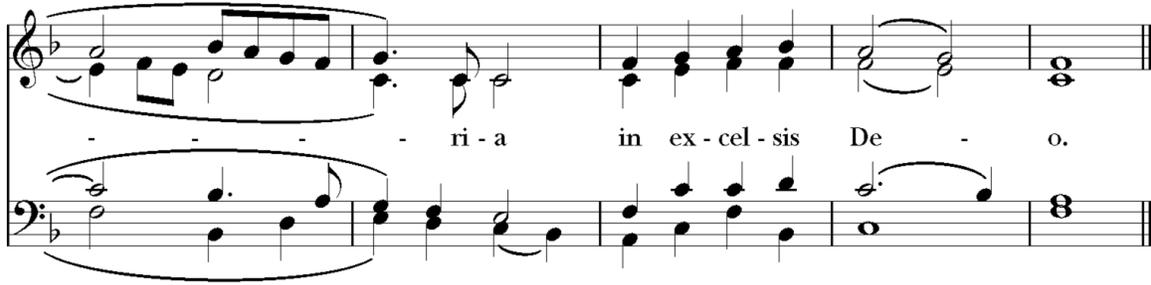
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

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*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



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## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says (the people stand)*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People in unison.*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,  
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us, through this Sacrament,  
of your favor and goodness towards us:  
that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son,  
the blessed company of all faithful people;  
and are also heirs, through hope,  
of your everlasting kingdom.**

**And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,  
to assist us with your grace,  
that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the  
good works that you have prepared for us to walk in;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*The Priest gives the Christmas blessing:*

The light of the Christmas star to you,  
The warmth of home and hearth to you,  
The cheer and good will of friends to you,  
The hope of a childlike heart to you,  
The joy of a thousand angels to you,  
The love of the Son,  
And God's peace to you;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

PEACE, PEACE & SILENT NIGHT

Choir & Congregation

*Peace, Peace*

By Rick and Sylvia Powell, Arranged by Fred Bock

**Silent night, holy night,  
all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child  
Holy infant so tender and mild  
sleep in heavenly peace  
sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus Lord at thy birth  
Jesus Lord at thy birth.**

*The deacon says,*

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

## IN THANKSGIVING

We give thanks tonight for all our members and friends who gave so much time and effort to make this night so wonderful. We come into this barn and see its beauty, and behind it is untold hours of work, crafting oak chandeliers, climbing ladders to hang lights, hauling chairs or animals, setting up special insurance riders, getting the permit from the Fire Department, and practicing songs. Thanks Emmaus and friends!

Chief Musician Cheryl Malony.

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