

**Second Sunday after Christmas
St. Andrew's Church
January 4, 2026**

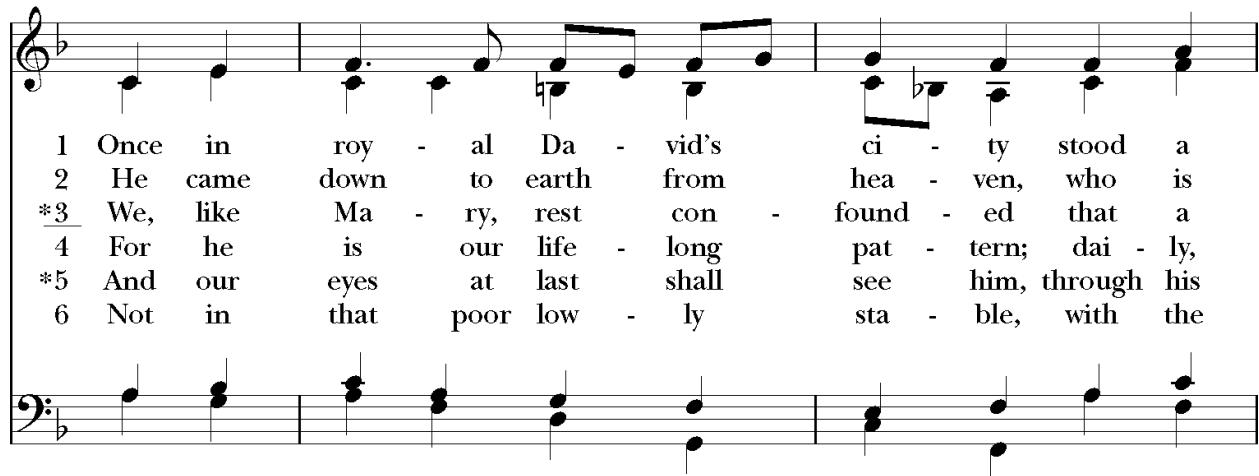


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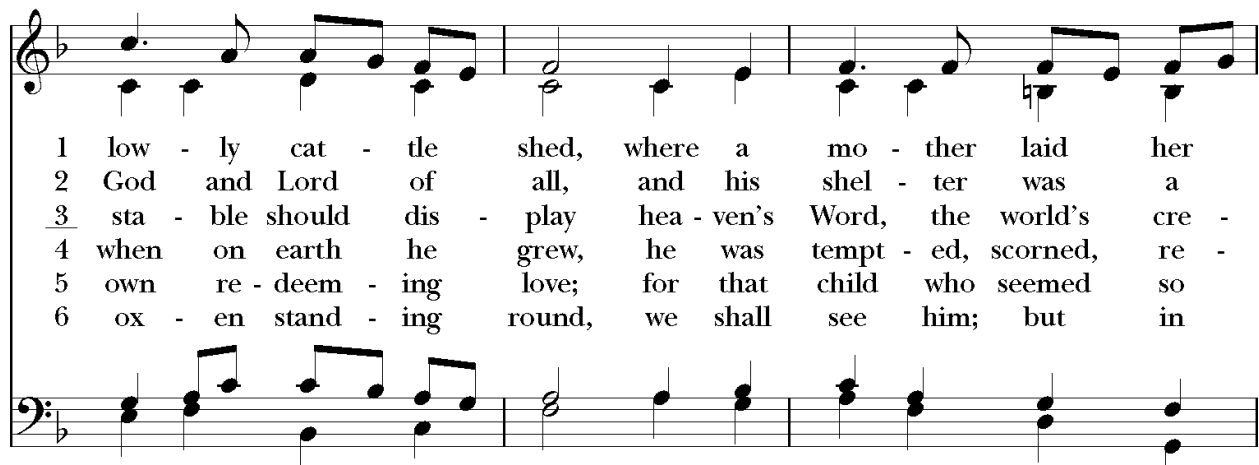
Please stand.

Opening Hymn #102

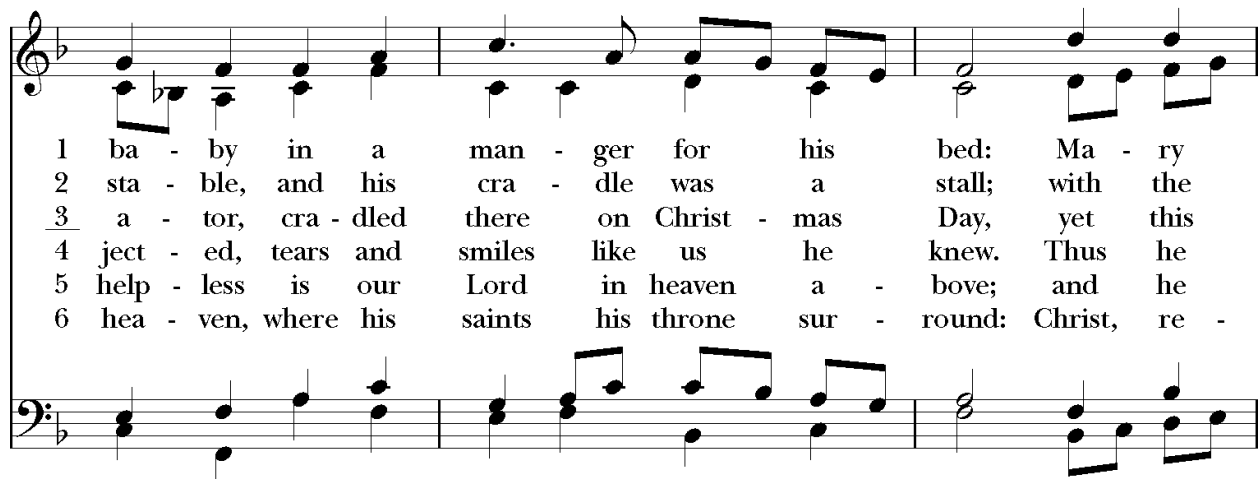
Once in royal David's city




1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the



1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in



1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this
4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he
6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -



1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant: I will give you as a light to the nations.

All: That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. Amen.

Song of Praise Hymn #96, v.1 only

Angels we have heard on high

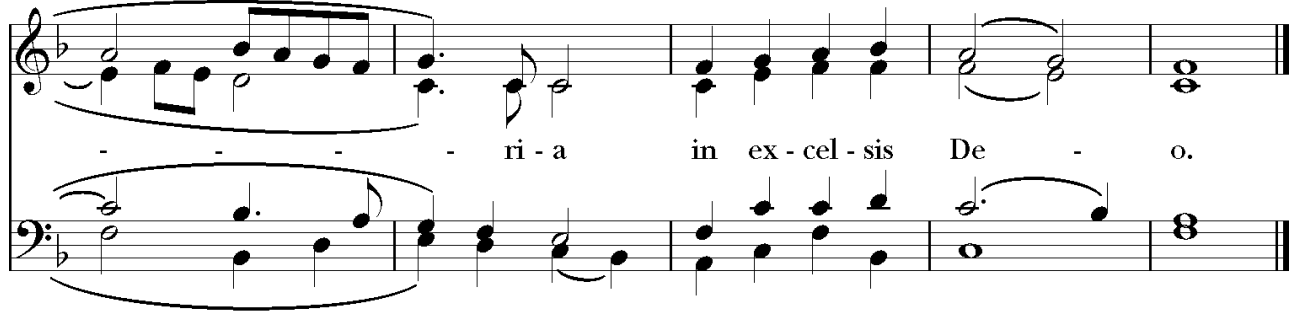
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

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 - - - - -



The Collect of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LECTOR

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Please be seated.

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,
 and Ephraim is my firstborn.
 Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
 and declare it in the coastlands far away;
 say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
 and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."
 For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
 and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
 and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
 over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
 and over the young of the flock and the herd;
 their life shall become like a watered garden,
 and they shall never languish again.
 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
 and the young men and the old shall be merry.
 I will turn their mourning into joy,
 I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
 I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
 and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
 says the LORD.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

LECTOR

Psalm

Psalm 84

Led by Lector and read responsively, by half verse.

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
 and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
 my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- [9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
**and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!]

LECTOR

A Reading from the letter to the Ephesians

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn LEVAS #24

There's a star in the East

Unison

1. There's a star in the east on Christ - mas morn,
2. If you take good heed to the an - gel's words,

1. Rise up shep-herd and fol-low, It will lead to the place where the
2. Rise up shep-herd and fol-low, You'll for - get your flocks, you'll for-

1. Christ was born, Rise up shep-herd and fol - low.
2. get your herds, Rise up shep-herd and fol - low.

Harmony

Fol - low, fol - low, Rise up shep-herd and fol - low,



The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Please stand.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

All stand.

**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,
he was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who 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.**

LEM

Prayers of the People

Nathan Nettleton and Janet Morley

Remain standing or be seated.

The people are encouraged to add their own petitions.

LEM: Blessed are you, God of all creation, and blessed is the communion into which you gather us.

All: **We pray for the Church around the world, as we rejoice in Christ's birth.**

LEM: We pray for our nation, and for all nations and peoples, that we may work for your peace.

All: **We pray for the planet, that we may be faithful, wondering servants.**

LEM: You come to us in everything you have created, in seas and stars, in river and rock; But this season we celebrate the gift of yourself given to us in a fragile baby; gurgling, crying, laid in a manger, sharer of our flesh and blood.

All: **Send your Holy Spirit among us, that we might follow the star of your hope, reflect the bright beams of your grace and truth, and offer our gifts wherever we find your Son.**

LEM: We pray for all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, *especially Josephine and Donna on their birthdays*, and those we now name.

LEM: We pray for all who struggle, especially *Charles, Edna, Sheila, DuSean, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Molly, Vickie, Linda, Charlene, Christine, Emily, Jen, Betty, Liz and her family, and all facing exclusion or harm*, and those we now name *[pause]*.

LEM: We pray for all who have died and those we now name *[pause]*.

LEM: Shine your light on us like the blazing sun, withering all that is trivial and false, forcing our roots deeper into your mercy, and driving us to seek rest and replenishment in the cool oceans of Christ's love.

All: **God of all trust, may we who confess your faith prove it in our lives, with abundant joy, outrageous hope, and dependence on nothing but your word alone, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Remain standing.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Let us, like the magi, offer our gifts to the newborn Savior.

Offertory Hymn #114

'Twas in the moon of wintertime

Optional Introduction



1 'Twas in the moon of win - ter - time, when all the birds had
2 (With - in a lodge of) bro - ken bark the ten - der babe was
3 (The ear - liest moon of) win - ter - time is not so round and
4 (O chil - dren of the) for - est free, the an - gel song is

fled, that God the Lord of all the earth sent
found, a rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en -
fair as was the ring of glo - ry on the
true; the ho - ly child of earth and heaven is

an - gel - choirs in - stead; be - fore their light the
wrapped his beau - ty round; but as the hunt - er
help - less in - fant there. The chiefs from far be -
born to - day for you. Come kneel be - fore the

stars grew dim, and won - dering hunt - ers heard the hymn:
braves drew nigh, the an - gel - song rang loud and high:
fore him knelt with gifts of fox and bea - ver - pelt.
ra - diant boy, who brings you beau - ty, peace, and joy.

Refrain

Je - sus your King is born, Je - sus is
born, in ex - cel-sis glo-ri - a.

(Fine)

Optional Interlude

1-3
2 With - in a lodge of
3 The ear - liest moon of
4 O chil-dren of the

Final Ending

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The Great Thanksgiving

Nathan Nettleton and Janet Morley

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing to give you thanks always.
Therefore with the woman who gave you birth,
with the man who took you on his shoulders,
with the shepherds who found you in a feed trough,
with the magi who knew of you from the silent stars,
and with the aged prophets who saw in you the redemption of the world:

All: **We sing to you.**

Celebrant: With the angels and archangels who envelop us,
With all the saints before us and beside us,
With brothers and sisters, east and west, north and south,

All: **We sing to you.**

Celebrant: And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet, in this mystery are close to us,

All: We sing the hymn of unending praise:

Sanctus LEVAS # 256

Holy, Holy, Holy

Leader
(piano) Ho - ly,

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

pow'r and might, heav - en 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.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O God of strength and vulnerability. You are the midwife of our lives, who pulls us, kicking, into life and breathes Spirit into us.

All: **Blessed is your servant Mary and blessed is the holy child of her womb, born into poverty and exile, to proclaim the good news to the poor, and freedom to all who are oppressed.**

Celebrant: Blessed is your son, Jesus, who emptied himself of power and became foolishness for our sake: heaven's child laid in a manger; God's anointed laid in a tomb. Born again from the shuddering earth, he is embodied forever in his living creation and in these, its fruits of bread and wine.

All: **Therefore, here in this place, we celebrate the life that was born at Bethlehem, the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, And shares with us now.**

Celebrant: Blessed is our brother Jesus, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh; who, on the night when he was delivered over to death, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is for you." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me." So, as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

Celebrant: Come now, O Spirit of Christ, brood over these bodily things, this bread and this wine. May they be for us your body and blood, vibrant with life, healing, renewing, and making us whole. Embrace us with your life-giving power, that as bread and wine are made one with us, we may become one with you.

All: **Blessed be God, forever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: Because you are one with us, O Christ, make us one with you as we pray the prayer you taught us:

All: **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

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ. Alleluia!

All: **We who are many are one Body, for we all share in the one Bread. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant: Let us pray

All: **Christ in our midst, we thank you for making yourself known to us in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood. May we praise you always, living our prayer and praying our life until love and fidelity embrace, peace and justice kiss, and all are free as Christ is free. Amen.**

Christmas Blessing

(from Book of Occasional Services)

Celebrant: May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Mary and Joseph and the peace of the Christ child be with you, those you love and be with all creation this Christmas and always.
Amen.

Please be seated.

Announcements

Please stand.

Closing Hymn #119

As with gladness men of old

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;
4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.
3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.
4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Dismissal

Officiant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher:	Rev. Allison Moore
LEM:	MaryAnn Lis-Simmons
Acolyte:	Abby Brown
Lector	Julie Mazur
Ushers:	Jane Conger
Altar Guild:	Susan Piowaty
Musician:	Janet Frommer
Coffee Hour:	The Simons
Live Stream Tech:	Charlie Burgner

Sources for worship

Book of Common Prayer

2018 Book of Occasional Services

Prayers of People and Eucharistic Prayer Nathan Nettleton, based on Janet Morley, found at laughingbird.net