

Christmas Eve Service

10:00 PM • December 24, 2018 Special music begins at 9:30 PM

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PreService Music begins at 9:30 p.m.

Bells of Hope: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, B. Childers Flute: Coventry Carol - Noel Nouvelet - In dulci jubilo, P. Crisafulli Adrienne Clover, flutist

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Bells of Hope: The Moon of Wintertime, K. Dennis Flute: What Is This Lovely Fragrance?, B. Adams

Bells of Hope: What Star Is This with Beams So Bright, J. Krug Flute: Greensleves - Low How a Rose - Sussex Carol, P. Crisafulli

Choir: On Christmas Night, K. Kosche

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

[Please stand when the chimes sound.]

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Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

83, vs. 1,2,3

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;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

God from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; only begotten Son of the Father; Refrain

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

56, vs. 1,7

- O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
- P Hallelujah! For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders.
- His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and good will to the people of all the nations. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- P We light all the Christmas candles in our wreath this joyful evening!

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

- P Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Angels We Have Heard on High

96, vs. 1-3

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night, and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

Refrain: Glo---ri-a in excelsis Deo. Glo--ri-a in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. Refrain

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- Let us pray... Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- @ Amen

WORD OF GOD

[Please be seated.]

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 52:7-10

Let How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- M Thanks be to God.

Sing to the Lord new songs; proclaim what marvels have been done And whose right hand and holy arm such victories have won.

All nations shout with joy to God; lift up your voice and sing. Sing to our Lord God with the harp; let harp and voices ring.

With trumpets and the sound of horns rejoice before the Lord; From all who dwell on land and sea let praises be outpoured.

THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-12

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"?

Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire."

But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

He also says, "In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end."

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

M Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn 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!

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings, hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

- The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
- Glory to you, Lord Christ.
- In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

- **D** The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Hymn [Please stand.] It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long; beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong; and warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring; O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old, when with the ever circling years shall come the time forefold, when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

THE NICENE CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you choose.]

- **D** Let us pray for all humanity, all creation, and all times and places.
- © God of everlasting light, you have brought together the hopes and fears of all the years in Jesus, the Word made flesh. May his grace and truth resound in us and through us. O come to us, abide with us,

Our Lord Emmanuel.

Angels proclaimed the peace of your unconquered Sun of righteousness.
Strengthen all who work for peace and justice. O come to us, abide with us,

Our Lord Emmanuel.

You came to us in a child cradled in a borrowed bed of straw as there was no room in the inn. Open our hearts to the needs of the homeless and the hungry. O come to us, abide with us,

Our Lord Emmanuel.

© Shepherds and outcasts heard your good news. Give us grace to spread your gospel of joy and liberation to all people, even those who differ from us. O come to us, abide with us.

Our Lord Emmanuel.

We rejoice in this season of family, renewal, and reconciliation. Be with those who travel, enrich our rejoicing, and strengthen the bonds between us. O come to us, abide with us.

Our Lord Emmanuel.

Christians throughout the world are celebrating your birth. Unite us in one family, that we may shine with the one light that scatters all our darkness. O come to us, abide with us,

Our Lord Emmanuel.

© Shed your light on all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. We pray especially for [read names from notebook.] Give strength and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. I invite you to name those for whom you pray, either aloud or in the silence of your heart. [Leave time for names.] O come to us, abide with us.

Our Lord Emmanuel.

L Your grace lets us inherit the hope of eternal life. Fulfill in your love all who have gone before us in the faith, especially [read names from notebook]. I invite you to lift up the names of those whose absence you particularly feel at this time. [Leave time for names.] May we, like them, live in your eternal light. O come to us, abide with us,

Our Lord Emmanuel.

Lear these prayers we bring to you, and impart to our hearts the blessings of your heaven.

Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE [Please stand.]

- P Peace be with those whom God favors.
- And also with you.

[Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.]

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING SENTENCE

[Please be seated.]

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their beina.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sleep, Little Jesus

Polish Carol, R. Preston

[Please stand.]

D Gracious God, you have entrusted creation to our care. We present these aifts and seek the grace and courage to serve the world in your name.

Presentation Hymn

The First Noel

 ■ The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay: in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

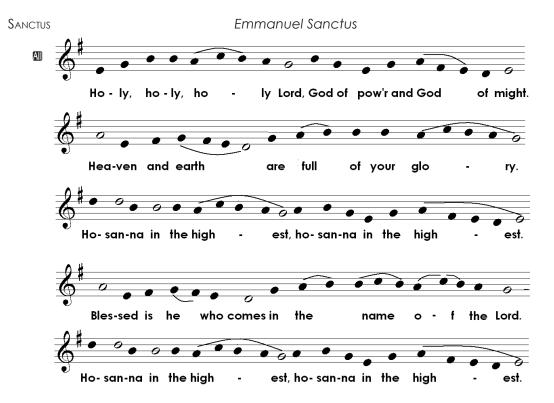
Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three. full rev'rently upon their knee, and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. Refrain

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P 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:



[Please stand or kneel as you prefer.]

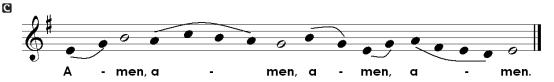
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the 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.

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."

- P 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."
- P Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
- We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory; 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 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.

P 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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P As our Savior Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say...
- 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

- P Alleluia. The bread we break makes us one in Christ.
- **B**e known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may have the person with the cup dip it in the wine and place it in your mouth, or you may dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]

INVITATION

P The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Away in a Manger

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.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

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

What Child Is This

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What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain This, this is Christ the King,

whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Refrain

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. Refrain

[if needed] In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful [Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER [Please stand or kneel, as you prefer.]

P Let us pray...

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.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES [Please stand.]

HYMN Silent Night 111

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, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

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.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

[Please blow out your candles.]

- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth, and we have seen his glory.
- P In him was life, and that life was the light of all.
- The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to extinguish it.
- P The light and life of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you close in the days and nights unfolding before us.
- Amen.

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

DISMISSAL

- Alleluia, alleluia! Behold, unto us a Savior is born. Let us go into the world proclaiming this good news of great joy.
- Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude In Dulci Jubilo J. S. Bach

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Our thanks to Robert Moncrief, our organist; Adrienne Clover, Flute; The Bells of Hope, and our Choir for their wonderful offering of music for our Christmas Eve service.

Our thanks to the Altar Guild for their dedicated ministry during this Christmas season.

Christmas Day service is tomorrow, December 25th, at 10:00 a.m.

The church **office will be closed** December 25 through January 1. The staff wishes you a blessed Christmas.

2018 CHRISTMAS FLOWER AND MUSIC MEMORIALS

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts given in thanksgiving for the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the adornment of the Church and the festal music of the Christmas Season.

FLOWERS AND GARLANDS

- by Shirl Ahrens in memory of Ezra and Geraldine Ahrens.
- by Laurel Banta in memory of Fred Banta.
- by Judy and Heinz Bertram in memory of Bette Ann Kern and Anni Pongratz.
- by Deborah Bouvier in memory of her family.
- by Betty Davis in memory of The Rev. Canon John Davis and Carol Mulcahy.
- by Ted and Mary Anne Dorner in memory of their parents and loved ones.
- by Leon and Jocelyne Duntley in memory of Philip and Marjorie Taylor, Rigby Dale, and Lloyd and Mary Duntley.
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- by Richard Harvey in memory of June Harvey and Sharlotte Harvey.
- by Jean Herbert to the glory of God.
- by Nancy Heuer in memory of Mae and George Heuer.
- by the Hopwood family in memory of Stephen Hopwood, Dave Baker, and Evelyn Myers.
- by Joe Huber to the glory of God.
- by the Kirk family in memory of Frank Kirk.
- by Ann Marie Kuratnick in memory of Michael and Catherine Kuratnick and Robert and Evelyn Colpitts.
- by Joe and Betty Lombardo in memory of mother and father.
- by Christine McLaughlin in memory of Craig Morrison, Esther and Richard Gould, Ian McLaughlin, and Ann Gould.
- by Sylvia Peacock in memory of Glen Hawkins.
- by Ron and Donna Pylman in memory of their parents, Henry and Elsie Pylman, and Ron's wife, Rochelle Pylman.
- by Pauline Savage in memory of LeRoy Savage.
- by Charles Shannon in memory of Joanie Shannon.
- by Mike and Briony Tomalesky in loving memory of Mary and Lloyd Aaron and Melba and Peter Tomalesky.
- by Marc and Mary Ann Wigmore in memory of their family.
- by Andrea Zahn and Dan Depies in memory of Greg Zahn, Jeanette Statler, Reuben Zahn, Jason Zahn, and Elroy Depies.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

- by Deborah Bouvier in memory of her family.
- by Nancy Cerwin in memory of Watson and Elsa Andrus and George F. Cerwin.
- by Nancy and Jim Downs in memory of Stephen and Mary Thomas.
- by Lynne Henderson in memory of Mark Henderson.
- by Martha and Vic Howarth in memory of Danny Howarth.
- by Brian and Mildred Levy to the glory of God.
- by Dr. Paul W. Martin, Jr. in memory of Ethel and Paul Martin Sr.
- by Christine McLaughlin in memory of Craig Morrison, Esther and Richard Gould, Ian McLaughlin, and Ann Gould.
- by Judy Warner in memory of Josephine and Frederick Warner.
- by Marc and Mary Ann Wigmore in memory of their family.
- by Shirley Wood in memory of Forrest Wood.

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant Becky Robbins-Penniman

Deacon Cindy Roehl Robert Moncrief Organist Flute Adrienne Clover

Chalicists Joe and Miriam Nixon

Acolyte Vic Howarth Lectors Judith Auger Carolyn Hughes

Judy Warner Prayers of the People