

Dismissal

BCP 366

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.
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Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
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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.
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Enjoy the celebration of Christ's birth with your families and friends.

We will worship again on Saturday, December 31, at 6:00 p.m. with Evening Prayer Rite II. Please join us!

Christ Episcopal Church
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Evening of Our Lord's Nativity
December 24, 2016

Prelude

THE HYMNS

O Come, All Ye Faithful	Hymnal 83
Hark! The herald angels sing	Hymnal 87
It came upon a midnight clear	Hymnal 89
God rest you merry gentlemen	Hymnal 105
Good Christian friends, rejoice	Hymnal 107
The first Nowell	Hymnal 109
Joy to the world!	Hymnal 100

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The Opening Acclamation "Blessed be God..."	BCP 355
Angels we have heard on high	Hymnal 96 v1
The Collect of the Day	BCP 212

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson	Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalms 98	BCP 727
The Second Lesson	Hebrews 1:1-12
The Gradual "O little town of Bethlehem"	Hymnal 79 v1
The Gospel	John 1:1-14
Words of Faith	The Rev. Dan Buchin
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Preface to Prayers	
The Prayers of the People	

The following form of Prayers of the People is used at New Song for Christmas:

Leader

God of the One who has come, your Star rises in our hearts as we make our own journey to greet you. Bring us to the humility of the stable as we join our voices in prayer.

For the church. For your people gathered here in joy, and for those gathered throughout the world. Remind us of what it means to be faithful, even as Mary offered her womb, Joseph, the strength of his protection, and the shepherds their awe and wonder. *(Silence)*

God of hope and promise,
We gather to greet you in love.

For the world. For our nation and for all nations. Keep us mindful that the hopes and fears of all time, of all hearts, and of all spirits are met in You, and that you are Emmanuel, God with us.
(Silence)

God of hope and promise,
We gather to greet you in love.

For this community. Let the light of your star illumine the shadows that hide the needs of those around us. Bring us your vision of justice and the courage to live it; the willingness to learn the names of those in need, and the compassion to respond as we discover you in each other. *(Silence)*

God of hope and promise,
We gather to greet you in love.

For ourselves. Open us ever more deeply to your Presence. Open our eyes to see by the stable lamp that we are created in your own image. Open our ears to hear the stars that bend their voices, and blend our voices with the stones that cry in praise of you. *(Silence)*

God of hope and promise,
We gather to greet you in love.

For our children and for children everywhere. That even as we greet the Holy Child, we may know the holy and joyous gift of their presence in our lives, and that we may come to know the

Truth of your Love together. *(Silence)*

God of hope and promise,
We gather to greet you in love.

For those who suffer. Show them, through us, the brightness of your Star, the promise of your presence, and the Hope of your healing, that they may know, in special ways, grace upon grace.
(Silence)

God of hope and promise,
We gather to greet you in love.

For those who have died. We rejoice that because of your birth, they now live in perfect joy, their spirit voices praising your name and reminding us that the absence we know is, by your grace, made full and holy. *(Silence)*

God of hope and promise,
With all your saints, we praise you.

The Collect at the Prayers
The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offering of the Bread and Wine, Ourselves, and Alms	
Offertory Anthem	New Star Shining
The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer D	BCP 372
Sanctus	Hymnal S-129
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Holy Communion of the People of God	
Communion Hymn "What child is this"	Hymnal 115
Postcommunion Thanksgiving	BCP 366
The Blessing	
Recessional Hymn "Silent Night"	Hymnal 111

(Please gather together in the aisles and form a circle as we sing this song. The hymn is printed in your bulletin.)