

Recessional Hymn      "Silent Night"      Hymnal 111  
*(Please gather together in the aisles and form a circle as we  
sing this song. The carol is printed below.)*  
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.  
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!  
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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.  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Enjoy the celebration of Christ's birth with your families and friends.

We will worship again on Sunday, December 31, at 9:30 a.m.  
with Morning Prayer Rite II. Please join us!

Thank you for worshipping with us tonight!  
Christ Church, Adrian  
720 Riverside Ave  
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**Christ Episcopal Church**  
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
The Evening of Our Lord's Nativity  
December 24, 2017

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
What child is this	Hymnal 115
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 9:2-7
Psalms 96	BCP 725
The Second Lesson	Titus 2:11-14
The Gradual "O little town of Bethlehem"	Hymnal 79 v1
The Gospel	Luke 2:1-20
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  
*Tonight's offering will be donated to the Daily Bread, to help with the mission to the homeless. Please be generous.*  
Offertory Anthem Sweet Little Jesus Boy"  
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  
*(All baptized persons are welcome at the altar)*  
Communion Hymn "Love came down at Christmas" Hymnal 84  
Post communion Thanksgiving BCP 366  
The Blessing