The Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea
Palm Beach, Florida

Christmas Eve 2022
A Word of Welcome

Welcome to the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ through prayer, music, the reading of Scripture, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are visiting this evening, please know that there is always a place for you when you enter through these doors.

If you are seeking a church home or would like more information about Bethesda, we would enjoy hearing from you. Please feel free to fill out a pew card and either hand it to an usher or place it in the collection plate. You may also want to log onto our web page at BBTS.org. Again, welcome to Bethesda-by-the-Sea. We’re glad you are here with us this evening and we wish you a joyous and Christ-filled Christmas season.

Pre-Service Music

The congregation remains seated and all sing.

Hymn 82 Of the Father’s Love Begotten Divinum mysterium

Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,

he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,

of the things that are, that have been and that future years shall see,

evermore and evermore!

O that birth for ever blessèd, when the Virgin, full of grace,

by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;

and the Babe, the world’s Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,

evermore and evermore!

Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;

powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King;

let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,

evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,

hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be;

honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,

evermore and evermore! Amen.

Choir Angels visit when we sing Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

Angels visit when we sing, and the morning stars rejoice, we can hear them echoing in each faithful heart and voice: Alleluia, alleluia! Angels visit when we sing, as they did at Jesus’ birth, and the music that they bring links the heavens with the earth: Alleluia, alleluia! Angels visit when we sing, and remind us with their praise, sin and death have lost their sting, for the crucified is raised: Alleluia, alleluia! Angels visit when we sing, and our hearts are touched by fire as our hymns and anthems ring with the sound of heaven’s choir: Alleluia, alleluia!

—Thomas Troeger (1945—2022)

The bells never sound sweeter than at Christmas-time: It’s as if angels would sing again of peace and joy, How they sang that blessed night, how they sang that blessed night! Bells with their holy ringing, the earth chimes along! Oh, when the bells ring out, as soon as the Christ child hears them, he swings from the sky hastily down to earth. He blesses the father, the mother, the child, he blesses the father, the mother, the child. Bells with their holy ringing, the earth chimes along! It chimes with a sweet sound far across the seas, so that all will take delight in the blessed Christmas-time. All rejoice with beautiful song, all rejoice with beautiful song, bells with their holy ringing, the earth chimes along!

— Friedrich Wilhelm Kritzinger (1816–1890)

Now may we singen

This Babe to us that now is born, wonderful works He hath ywrought, He would not lose what was forlorn, but boldly again it brought; And thus it is forsooth ywis, He asketh nought but that is His. Now may we singen as it is. Quod puer natus est nobis. [because a boy is born to us.] This bargain loved He right well, the price was high and bought full dear. Who would suffer and for us feel as did that Prince withouten peer? His ransom for us hath ypaid; good reason have we to be His. Be mercy asked and He be prayed, who may deserve the heavenly bliss. To some purpose God made man; I trust well to salvation. What was his blood that from him ran but fence against damnation? Almighty God in Trinity, Thy mercy we pray with whole heart, Thy mercy may all woe make fell and dangerous dread from us to start.

— English (15th century)

See amid the winter’s snow

See amid the winter’s snow, Born for us on earth below; See the tender Lamb appears, Promis’d from eternal years: Hail thou ever blessed morn; Hail, redemption’s happy dawn; Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem. Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies; He who, throned in height sublime, Sits amid the cherubim: Say, ye holy shepherds, say What your joyful news today; Wherefore have ye left your sheep On the lonely mountain steep? ‘As we watch’d at dead of night, Lo, we saw a wondrous light; Angels singing “Peace on earth” Told us of the Saviour’s birth.’ Sacred infant, all divine, What a tender love was thine, Thus to come from highest bliss Down to such a world as this: Teach, O teach us, Holy Child, By thy face so meek and mild, Teach us to resemble thee, In thy sweet humility:

— Edward Caswall (1814–1878)
The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

**HYMN 83**  
O Come, All Ye Faithful

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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.

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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**

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; **Refrain**

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? **Refrain**

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; **Refrain**

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

**CHRISTMAS ACCLAMATION**

**Celebrant**  
Alleluia. Unto us a child is born.

**People**  
O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.
Gloria  Sung by the chior.  (from Communion Service in A minor)  Harold Darke (1888—1976)

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant  The Lord be with you.
People  And also with you.
Celebrant  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.

The congregation is seated.

Lesson  Isaiah 9:2—7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.  People  Thanks be to God.
Psalm 96

Sung by the choir.

Anglican chant by Gerald Knight (1908–1979)

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascibe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.”

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

Lesson

Titus 2:11–14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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


**The Gospel Procession**

_The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced._

**HYMN 87**  Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  

Mendelssohn  


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 th’ angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!  

**Refrain**  _Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!_

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  

late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb.  

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th’ incarnate Deity.  

Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!  

**Refrain**

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.  

**Refrain**

**Gospel**  Luke 2:1–14  

Deacon  The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ  

according to Luke.  

People  _Glory to you, Lord Christ._

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus,  

that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was  
governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph  
also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David,  
which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be  
taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while  
they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she  
brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in  
a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same  
country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo,  
the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about  
them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, “Fear not, for behold, I  
bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born  
this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign  
unto you; You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.” And  

suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and  
saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”  

Deacon  The Gospel of the Lord.  

People  _Praise to you, Lord Christ._
The Sermon

The Rev. Tim Schenck

A brief period of silence follows the sermon. Please stand when the Celebrant stands for the Creed.

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.

All standing, the Leader and People pray responsively.

Prayers of the People: A Christmas Litany

On this holy occasion when we celebrate the Incarnation of our Lord, let us pray for the peace, joy, hope, and strength offered by God’s Word made flesh:

For the Church, that it may faithfully and boldly proclaim to every human heart the Good News made known this Christmas that salvation has come to God’s holy people.
    Lord, empower your Church.

For peace in our troubled world, that every darkness of war, injustice, persecution, and oppression may be cast out by light shed into the world by the Prince of Peace.
    Lord, grant peace to all.

For our families and all those, far and near, to whom we are blessed by the love of Christ, that the bonds which unite us may be strengthened.
    Lord, build our love.
For all those in need, those whom we might otherwise forget at this joyous time: the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry, the sick, the grieving, those in prison, those caught by addiction, and all who know any great trial or sadness this Christmas. 

*Lord, comfort them.*

For all who labor during this season on behalf of others: physicians, nurses, medical technicians, police officers, firefighters, the military, and those whose duty prevents them from sharing this holy time with those they love. 

*Lord, sustain them.*

For all who have known the wonder of God’s presence in their earthly pilgrimages and who now live in larger life, remembering especially those in whose loving memory the church and chapels are adorned, that following their example we may remain faithful to the end of this earthly life and live forever in the light of Christ’s eternal glory. 

*Lord, hear our prayers.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**THE PEACE**

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

*People*  
And also with you.

**WELCOME**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY**

*Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.*

**ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY**

Rejoice and sing  
John Rutter (b. 1945)

Rejoice and sing! glad news I bring on Christmas Day in the morning. I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day in the morning. *Rejoice and sing Nowell, nowell! Earth’s day of gladness is dawning, for Christ is born in Bethlehem on Christmas Day in the morning.* And what was in those ships all three on Christmas Day in the morning? Our Saviour Christ and his lady on Christmas Day in the morning. Pray, whither sailed those ships all three on Christmas Day in the morning? O, they sailed into Bethlehem on Christmas Day in the morning. And all the bells on earth shall ring on Christmas Day in the morning. And all the angel host shall sing on Christmas Day in the morning. And all the souls on earth shall sing on Christmas Day in the morning. Then let us all rejoice amain on Christmas Day in the morning.

— John Rutter (b. 1945), incorporating a traditional carol text
At the Presentation

Regent Square

As the gifts are presented, the congregation stands and joins in singing

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

The Celebrant proceeds

Sanctus and Benedictus

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Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

All creation, join in praising God, Creator, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Ho-
The congregation kneels or remains standing, and the Celebrant continues

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.”

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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and 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.
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. Amen.

Celebrant

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

Celebrant and People

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  Christmas Fraction Anthem  Mendelssohn, arr. Pysher

Antiphon

Al-le-lu-ia! He is born! Christ the Lord is born this day!

Cantor

People

Choir

People

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

Everyone is invited to Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please request one from the minister.

During the Communion

Anthem  O holy night  arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of our dear Savior’s birth; long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appeared, and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by his cradle we stand; so, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here came the wise men from Orient land. The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, in all our trials born to be our friend; He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger; Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another; his law is love, and his Gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in His name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise his holy Name. Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we, his pow’r and glory evermore proclaim.

— Cappeau de Roquemaure (1808–1877), tr. John S. Dwight (1813–1893)
Anthem    Jesus Christ the apple tree    Elizabeth Poston (1905–1987)
Amanda Goldberg, Soprano

The tree of life my soul hath seen laden with fruit and always green. The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know but ne’er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought and pleasure dearly I have bought. I missed of all but now I see ‘tis found in Christ the apple tree. I’m weary with my former toil; here will I sit and rest awhile: under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive; it keeps my dying faith alive, which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

— Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs (1784)


Infant holy, Infant lowly, For his bed a cattle stall; Oxen lowing, Little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging Angels singing, Nowells ringing, Tidings bringing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new; Saw the glory, Heard the story, Tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow, Praises voicing, Greet the morrow, Christ the Babe was born for you!

— Traditional Polish, tr. Edith Reed (1883–1933)

As the lights dim, the congregation kneels and joins in singing

Hymn 111    Silent Night, Holy Night

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.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; 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.

The Last Gospel    John 1:1–14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.
The congregation remains kneeling.

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

**Celebrant and People**

*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.*

**THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING**

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior’s birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

*Please stand.*

**HYMN 100**

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come*

*Antioch*

arr. Robert Hobby (b. 1962)

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

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, 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.

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

**THE DISMISSAL**

**Deacon**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People**

*Thanks be to God.*

**POSTLUDE**

March of the Three Kings  
arr. Robert MacDonald (1936—2014)

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*The altar trees are given in memory of*  
Richard S. Johnson
Blessed Christmas to all & Happy New Year!

From the Clergy and Staff of
The Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea

Our office will be closed on
Monday, December 26, Tuesday, December 27, and Monday, January 2.

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
Sunday, January 1, 2023 † 11:00 a.m.
The Bethesda Choir leads this traditional Christmas service, made famous by the recordings and annual live broadcast from King’s College, Cambridge, England. A free-will offering will be received.

BOAR’S HEAD & YULE LOG FESTIVAL
Saturday, January 7 | 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 8 | 2:00 & 4:30 p.m.

The Holiday Favorite Returns! Mark your calendars for the upcoming Boar’s Head and Yule Log Festival, which is Bethesda-by-the-Sea’s beloved re-creation of an ancient drama celebrating Epiphany. Pipes and Drums, Beefeaters, Sprites, Shepherds, the Three Kings and their Pages, Mary and Joseph, Flag Bearers, Jesters, the Herald, King Wenceslas and his Page, a Brass Quintet, the mighty Austin organ, and the Bethesda Choir . . . all will be in place as our Festival takes place on the Saturday and Sunday, January 7 and 8.

A requested donation of $25 will be received at the door or get priority seating at bbts.org.
Christmas Memorial Flowers
Christmas decorations in the Church and Columbarium are given by members and friends of the parish to the glory of God and in loving memory of

C. Richard Alfred
Patricia Warren Allen
John Kober Allen
William Robert Allen
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Joseph Bastin
Mary Glover Bastin
Daphne Beautyman
William Beautyman
Charles Emory Bennett
Ruth Lawrence Bennett
Mary Driscoll Birmingham
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Joan Blair
Dietrich Von Bothmer
Joyce Von Bothmer
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