

# ST. PETER'S

# ELLICOTT CITY

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December 24, 2021 4:30 pm Family Mass It is our pleasure to welcome you to St. Peter's Church, we're glad you've found home here to celebrate this joyous Christmas Eve! Should you have any questions, our ushers, greeters and members are here to help.

Restrooms are located through the door to the left of the pulpit at the top and bottom of the stairs.

St. Peter's has Wi-Fi available on St. Peter's-GUEST (password: AveMaria!) and we encourage you to check in on Facebook, or Twitter @StPetersEC. Let your friends know you are here with us today!

## The Nativity of Our Lord

n this night we commemorate the humble and unseemly arrival of the infant Jesus into our world, marking the occasion by time spent with those we love and the singing of carols heralding joy and peace to all.

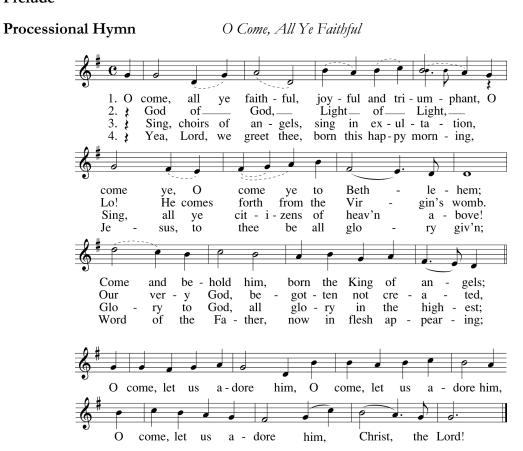
The whole world turns on this night. It is the time when heaven bends down to touch the earth. And nothing will be the same ever again. It is the night in which every "me" became "us" and every Christian community around the world is united in the life-changing proclamation the Christ the Messiah is born into our lives once more.

We hope that you will have a very Merry and blessed Christmas.

# First Mass of the Nativity of Jesus Christ

Designed with Children/Families in Mind 4:30

#### **Prelude**



Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

Hymn of Praise

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymnal 96 Verses 1 & 4



### Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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 people are seated.

First Reading 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 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.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

All stand as able for the singing of the sequence hymn and procession of the Holy Gospel.



All remain standing for the procession and proclamation of the Holy Gospel.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

At the end of the Gospel reading, the Gospeller and people say the following responsory:

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Silent Noisy Night

The Rev. Derek H. Miller

#### Creed

All stand and together say

We believe in God the Creator, by whom every person in heaven and earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. *Amen.* 

#### Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Gracious God, as a star rose, and drew people from great distances to Bethlehem that they might greet the Christ-child; Draw us, your Church, and all of your people to you – that we might be the Church and the People who you call us to be. Lord, in your mercy, *People: Hear our prayer.* 

As you gave Mary your Holy Spirit, filling her with the delight of your Presence; Fill us with your Spirit, and renew our lives. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

As Gentiles streamed to Jesus' Light, and Kings to the brightness of his rising; Draw our nation, our President, and all in authority, to His brightness. Lord, in your mercy, *People: Hear our prayer.* 

As angels sang 'glorias' to you and proclaimed peace on earth, and goodwill among all peoples; Bring us your peace, and bring an end to terror and strife. Lord, in your mercy, *People: Hear our prayer.* 

As shepherds were drawn away from their flocks by night; Draw those who do not know you yet to the knowledge and love of you. Lord, in your mercy, *People: Hear our prayer.* 

As your son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of Life Eternal; Give to the departed eternal rest and let Light perpetual shine on them. Lord, in your mercy, *People: Hear our prayer.* 

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

#### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, and then be seated for the announcements.

### **Holy Communion**

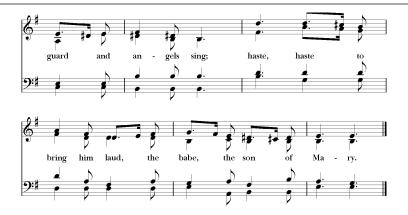
The priest says an offertory sentence. Representatives of the congregation bring forth bread and wine to the altar. After the table is set, all stand as able and join in singing the presentation hymn as the offerings are presented and placed on the high altar.

### Presentation Hymn

#### What Child is This

Hymnal 115





#### The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing as able.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The priest then continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

Celebrant and People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven

and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living

among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Blessed Peter and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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

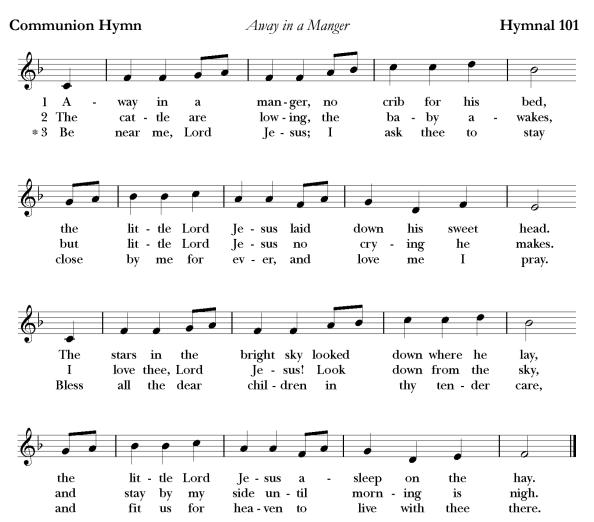
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

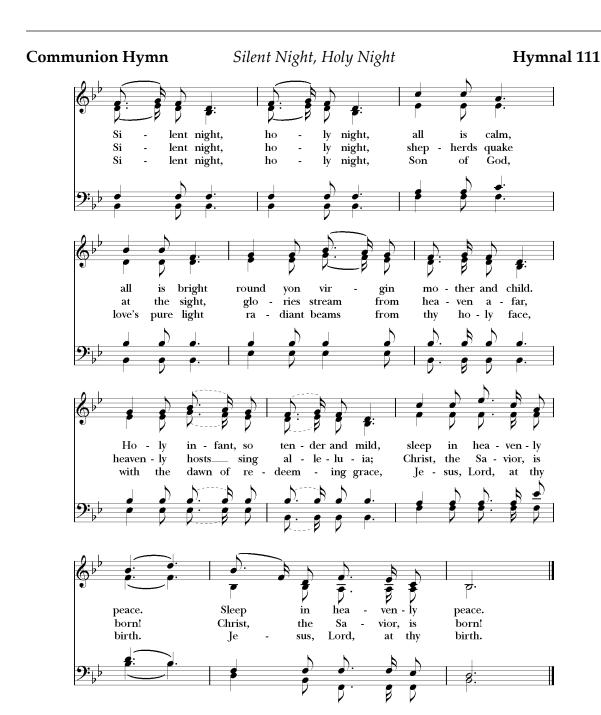
### The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### **Invitation to Communion**





#### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Celebrant Let us pray.

All stand or kneel as able. The Priest and People together say

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

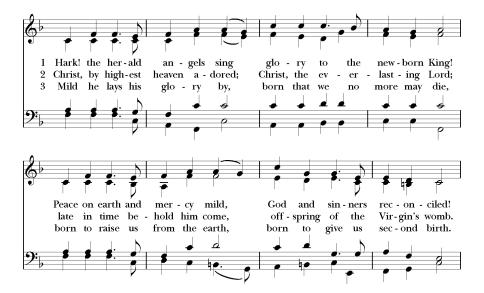
## **Christmas Blessing**

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.* 

Recessional Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymnal 87





### **Dismissal**

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.People Thanks be to God.

### **Postlude**

# St. Peter's Prayer List

**The Church:** Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Eugene, Bishop of Maryland; Derek, our Rector, Joy, our Assisting Priest

Recent Needs: Samantha Shaw, Nick McDuffie, Irene & Walter Closson, Sabita Debnath, Nick Temoshok

(Names remain on the Recent Needs Prayer List for 30 days unless notified otherwise.)

Ongoing Needs: Ian Jones, Denise & John Watts, Molly Lyn, Brian & Rick Kneeland George Spencer, ohn Jordan, Claudia Yanacek, John & Brenda (McDuffie) Tucker, Joe Bagwell, Allie & Dick Suelflow, Ron Brueggeman, Janet McCathren, Keith Dressell, Patrick McDonough, Arthur Ronald Parham

(Names remain on the Ongoing Needs Prayer List for 90 days unless notified otherwise.)

**Homebound Members:** Frieda Gregory, Earl Elliott, Irene & Walter Closson

**Repose of the Soul:** Joe Thoma, Indrani Nath, Barbara Hartig, Joette Waters

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Vestry and Officers: Doug Pryor, Katherine Schnorrenberg, Patti Shaffer, Bill Rodney, Stan Brown, Alexa Fair, Greg Busch, Jonnie Widener, John Francis, Katie Shaw

\*Would you like to add someone to the prayer list or have an announcement featured here? Please submit names/ announcements to the church office by email: parish.admin@stpetersec.org BY SUNDAY NIGHT.\*

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:** The church office will be closed December 25 to January 1. Normal hours will resume on Monday, January 2, 2022. Please contact Fr. Derek+ with any pastoral emergencies, by mobile: 443-756-2766 or via email: **rector@stpetersec.org** 

**ST. PETER'S CHRISTMAS CARD MAILBOX:** Please bring your seasonal greeting cards for fellow parishioners. You will be able to drop them in the box outside the sanctuary door. In lieu of stamps, you may make a donation to support our Outreach programs. Look for cards sent to you in the alphabetized box in St. Joseph's hall during coffee hour.

**PRESCHOOL FALL ENROLLMENT:** St. Peter's parishioners may start registering their children for Fall 2022 on January 2022. Contact Rita Wang (director@stpeterspreschool.org) with any questions.

HOSPITALITY HELP NEEDED: Coffee Hour is Resuming! As we resume coffee hour following our Sunday mass, we need people to help prepare and serve coffee and light refreshments. Members of the congregation are asked to serve during the Hospitality Hour each Sunday. It works well to have 2 people (or 2 families) to provide and serve together. Members provide treats, make coffee, serve juice and clean-up. Suggested: 1-2 dozen treats, such as, bagels, pastries, quiche, fruit salad, muffins, cupcakes, donuts, cookies, etc. They can be homemade or store bought. St. Peter's provides napkins, plates, utensils, cups, coffee and other drink items. Please contact Katherine Schnorrenberg <a href="mailto:kschnorrenberg@gmail.com">kschnorrenberg@gmail.com</a> for more info and to sign up.

**2022 FLOWER DONATIONS NEEDED:** Thank you to everyone who has graciously donated flowers and continues to donate! Flowers may be given in thanksgiving for, honor of, memory of or celebration of someone or

something. We ask for a donation of \$55 to cover the cost of the flowers each week, which are tax deductible and will be acknowledged in the corresponding Sunday Bulletin. Please sign up to donate by emailing the Parish Admin at **parish.admin@stpetersec.org**. Donations can be made by mailing a check or paying on-line at **bit.ly/DonateSPEC** If you have any questions or would like to donate please contact Katherine Schnorrenberg: **kschnorrenberg@gmail.com**.

**2022 MINISTRY PARTICIPANTS NEEDED:** St. Peter's Sunday worship cannot happen without the ministries of our laity. We are seeking people to serve as Subdeacons, Acolytes, Chalicists, Lectors, Bell Ringers, Ushers, and on the Hospitality teams. We will train you if you are new to any ministry. Pray about where you may be called to serve and contact *Father Derek+ at* rector@stpetersec.org and he can discuss which ministry you feel called.

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**FACEBOOK DONATIONS FOR ST. PETER'S:** Many of you have seen requests for donations to charities on Facebook for your friend's birthdays and asked about when we could do this for St. Peter's...well now you can! If you have a Facebook account, you can select St. Peter's as your charity of choice for donations. We also have a donate button on our page.

# Christmas Memorials and Honoraria

**Katie S. Shaw:** In Loving Memory of Parker R. Scott, Pauline Shaw, John Shaw, B.J. Wilson.

**Stacie Parsells:** In Loving Memory of Paige Parsells, Barbara Baker, Ronald Baker, Dorothy Forsyth, Dorothy Young.

**Rick Kneeland:** In Loving Memory of Connie Kneeland & Mary Groves.

**Kaye Pryor and Doug Pryor:** In Loving Memory of Peter and Elizabeth Alfonsi & Charles and Anna Pryor.

**Richard and Allie Suelflow:** In Loving Memory of our parents, Leila and Clarence Suelflow and Robert and Allie Baker.

Mary and Guv Mitchell: In Loving Memory of Keith Mitchell, Thelma Black, Johnny Drayton and Mamie Cummings.

Kennette and Guv Mitchell: In Honoraria and Thanksgiving for our parents, Richard and Allie Suelflow and Mary Mitchell. The clergy, vestry and members of St. Peter's Church welcome you to this most joyous celebration and wish you a very blessed Christmas and joyous New Year.

We hope you will think of St. Peter's as your spiritual home. If you are seeking a faith community, we invite you to learn more about the mission and ministry of St. Peter's Church by speaking to our clergy or members, or by visiting our web site at **stpetersec.org**.

You can connect with us on YouTube at YouTube.com/StPetersEllicottCity, follow us on Twitter @StPetersEC, and like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/StPetersEC. St. Peter's is a community rooted in Christ who welcomes all and serves the world in his name.



#### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Christmas Day ● Saturday, December 25 10:00 AM Mass

Christmas I ● Sunday, December 26 9:45 AM Lessons and Carols w/ Communion

Holy Name • Saturday, January 1 7:00 PM Mass

Christmas II ● Sunday, January 2 9:45 AM Mass

Epiphany • Thursday, January 6, 2022
7 PM Mass

Baptism of our Lord ● January 9, 2022 9:45 AM Mass

Confession of St. Peter ● January 18, 2022
7 PM Mass

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