

Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church

A Jubilee Ministry Center



The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Christmas Day
December 25, 2024
10 AM

Welcome To All Visitors

If you are a visitor today, we welcome you and thank you for worshipping with us! We hope that you are blessed by your visit.

The Right Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall, Bishop
 The Rev. Kim J. Litsey, Interim Rector
 Eunkyung Suh-Lee, Director of Music
 Ashley Phillips, Director of Children and Youth Ministry
 Axel Lopez, Ministry Assistant for Youth
 Kristine Kulesza, Parish Administrator
 Teresa Garnica, Sexton

Today's Ministry Schedule

Lector: Lynn Walsh
 Altar Servers: Lynn Walsh and David Boyd
 Ushers: Don & Marilyn Robbins
 Greeter: Audra Botwin

~Prelude ~

“Meditation For Christmas”

By: James Mansfield

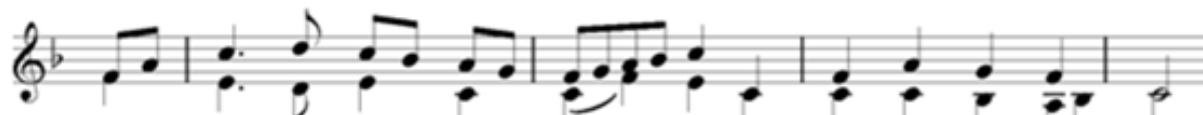
~Processional Hymn #78~
 “O Little Town Of Bethlehem”

Unison or harmony

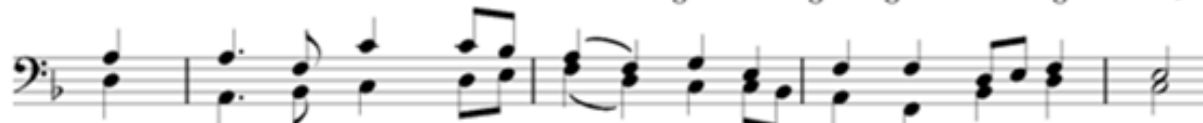
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 *4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



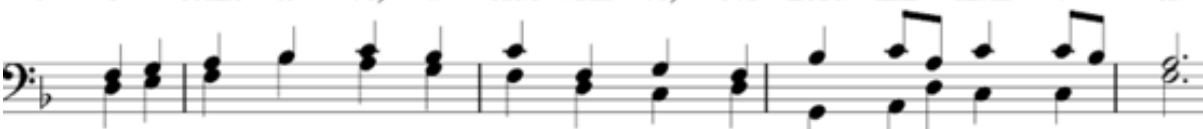
1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!



Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

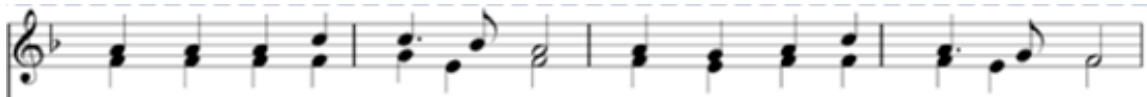
Opening Acclamation

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

~Song of Praise #96~

"Angels We Have Heard On High" (vss. 1 & 3)



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.



Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Lessons A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 98 (*Read In Unison*)

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the
nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of
Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of
our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Lessons A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son;
today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

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

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world,
he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire."

But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your
kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

And,

"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;
they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like clothing;
like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing
they will be changed.

But you are the same,
and your years will never end."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

~Gospel Hymn #112~

“In The Bleak Midwinter” (vs. 1 Before & vs. 2 After)

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor — earth sus - tain;
3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
4 What — can I give him, poor — as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim thron - ed the air;
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow — on — snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
if I were a wise — man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
the Lord — God in - car - nate, Je - sus - Christ.
wor - shipped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
yet what I can I give him — give my heart.

The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

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

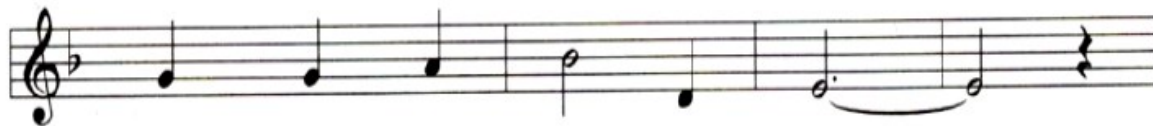
~Prayers Of The People~ #130 "While We Are Waiting"

CLAIRE CLONINGER

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1. While we are wait - ing, come; _____
 2. Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come; _____
 3. With pow'r and glo - ry, come; _____



While we are wait - ing, come. _____
 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come. _____
 With pow'r and glo - ry, come. _____



Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,



While we are wait - ing, come. _____

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Prayers of the People

Celebrant: As we gather this blessed day, fill our hearts with hope, peace, joy, and love given to us because you gave us a child born in a stable - Jesus Christ our Savior. Let us celebrate the good news the angels delivered to the humble shepherds long ago. Prince of Peace;

People: Receive our prayers

Lector: On this Christmas Day, we pray for the worldwide church, especially for peace in the Holy Land where your Light was brought into the world. May this Light give hope and comfort to the whole human family. Prince of Peace;

People: Receive our prayers

Lector: As we come to the end of another challenging year help us to be faithful in knowing we are surrounded by your love. Fill us with hope and strength to create a joyful new year filled with peace. Prince of Peace;

People: Receive our prayers

Lector: We saw your Light shine in acts of kindness, and in reaching out to those who were most vulnerable. May we always be grateful for the many blessings you have provided in our lives. Prince of Peace;

People: Receive our prayers

Lector: We pray for those who are weary, lonely, isolated and for those who have lost hope. We pray for those who are sick and suffering, whether in mind, body, or spirit, especially those close to our hearts. May they feel the presence of your love, comfort and healing. Prince of Peace;

People: Receive our prayers

Lector: We pray for those who have recently died. Christmas time, when there should be such joy, help those who mourn to bring their sorrows and heavy hearts to you, so that you may surround them with your love and peace.

People: Receive our prayers

Celebrant: Loving God, like the shepherds in the field, let us rejoice in the good news of hope, peace, joy and love at Christmas and throughout the year. May we glorify your name and honor you as our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

The Offering

The Offering is received and the altar is prepared.

~Offertory Anthem~

"Away In The Manger"

By: James R. Murray

The Doxology

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Holy Eucharist
Eucharistic Prayer B

The Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift 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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds:

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

S#130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes _____

_____ in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The people stand or kneel.

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,

Celebrant and People

**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.

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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: 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 of the People

All Baptized people are welcome to receive Holy Communion; if you prefer a blessing please cross your arms in front of your chest.



~Communion Hymn~

"He Is Born, The Holy Child" By: Traditional French Hymn

Post-Communion Prayer *Celebrant*: Let us pray.

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 Blessing

The Priest gives the 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 for ever.
Amen.**

~Recessional Hymn #93~
 “Angels From The Realms Of Glory”



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in



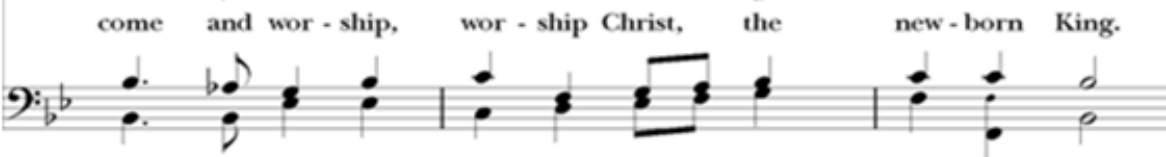
all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,



now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth: come and wor - ship,
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:



come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.



Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

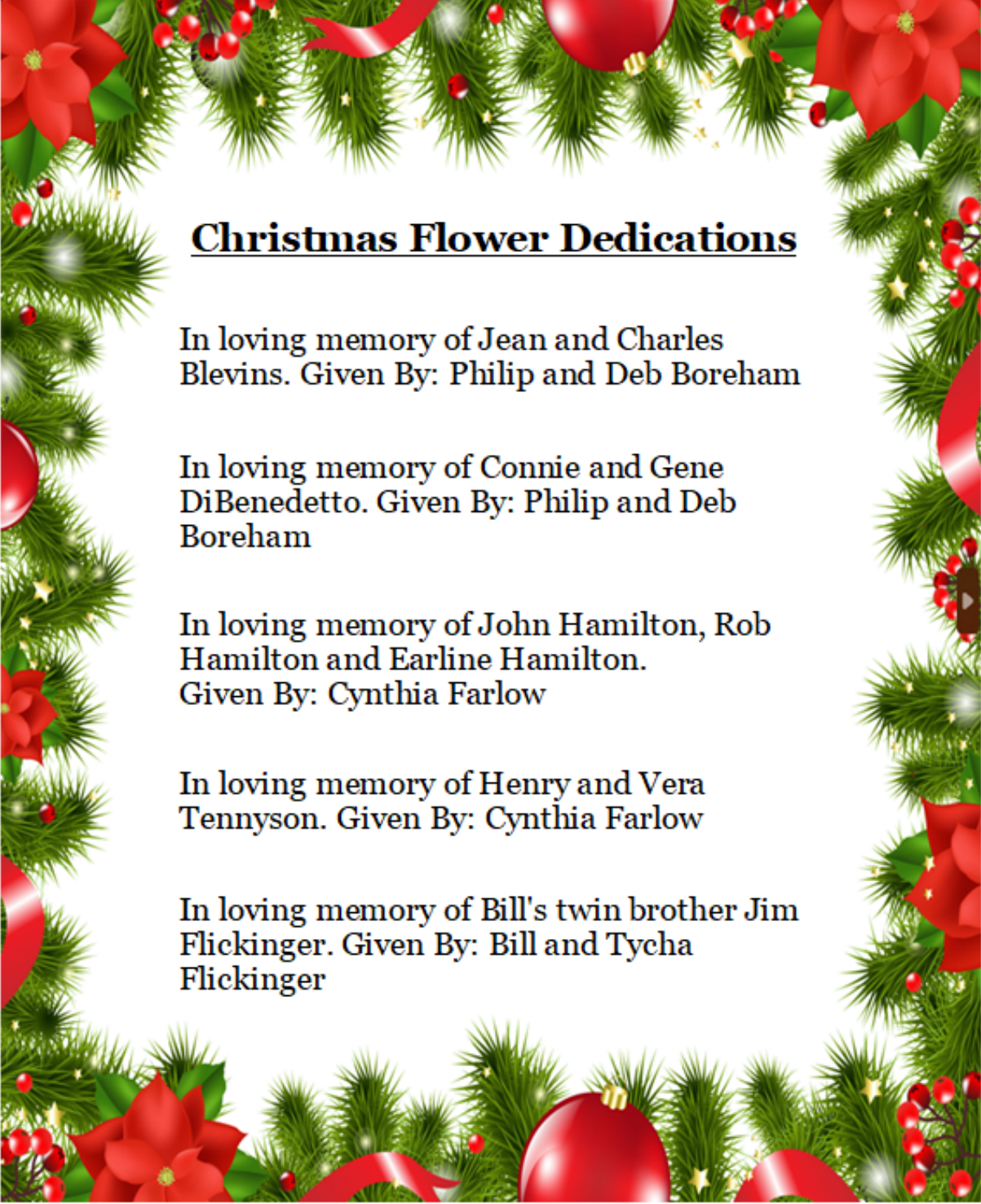
People : Thanks be to God.

~Postlude~

“Postlude On Gloria”

By: Jason D. Payne





Christmas Flower Dedications

In loving memory of Jean and Charles
Blevins. Given By: Philip and Deb Boreham

In loving memory of Connie and Gene
DiBenedetto. Given By: Philip and Deb
Boreham

In loving memory of John Hamilton, Rob
Hamilton and Earline Hamilton.
Given By: Cynthia Farlow

In loving memory of Henry and Vera
Tennyson. Given By: Cynthia Farlow

In loving memory of Bill's twin brother Jim
Flickinger. Given By: Bill and Tycha
Flickinger



Christmas Flower Dedications

Dedicated to Katelin, Noah, & Kenly with infinite love and gratitude. Given By: Grandma Bernie

In loving memory of my parents, Ken and Marilyn Montgomery.
Given By: Beth Hatcher

Dedicated to Jesus, our precious Lord and Savior. Happy Birthday with all our love now and forever! Given by: Nick and Sherron Hodgkinson

In loving memory of Carolyn Long.
Given By: Steve Long

We love and miss you Nic. Forever ours.
Our beloved sister, Nicole Engelbretson.
Given By: Ashley and Emilee

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