

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO**  
**DECEMBER 18, 2022 ■ 10:30 A.M.**



**Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church has worshipped on this corner of North James and Mulberry Streets in Goldsboro since 1857 — in the same building! We welcome you to our historic building, but more than that, we are happy to have you worship with us.

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**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**VOLUNTARY**

**HYMN 68**

*Rejoice! rejoice believers*

Llangloffan

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

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

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.**

## S100 TRISAGION

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -

mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS (Please be seated.)

**The First Reading:** *Isaiah 7:10-16*

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give

you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18** *Qui regis Israel*

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?**

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

**18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the  
beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.**

**The Gospel:** *Matthew 1:18-25* (Please stand.)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**THE NICENE CREED** (All stand.)

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 FORM III**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially, Joe, our President, Roy, our Governor, and David, our Mayor.

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially our parishioners: Gene Carpenter, Margie Clarke, Glenda Futch, Ed Futch, Debby Hickey, Sue McDonald, John Peacock, Margaret Sharp, Dorisenia Thompson, Betsy Toomey and John Wolfe.

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Gwyn LaFave, Marjorie Snyder, Nancy Musser, Charlotte Weaver, Mac Thompson, Frances Brame, JoAnn Logan, Betty Duncan, Spencer Lewis, and those celebrating anniversaries. May we always remember everything is a blessing from you.

Give to the departed eternal rest,

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence may be kept and a Collect or other ending may be said.*

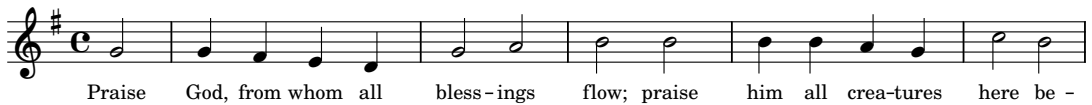
## THE PEACE

Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

### AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

**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.

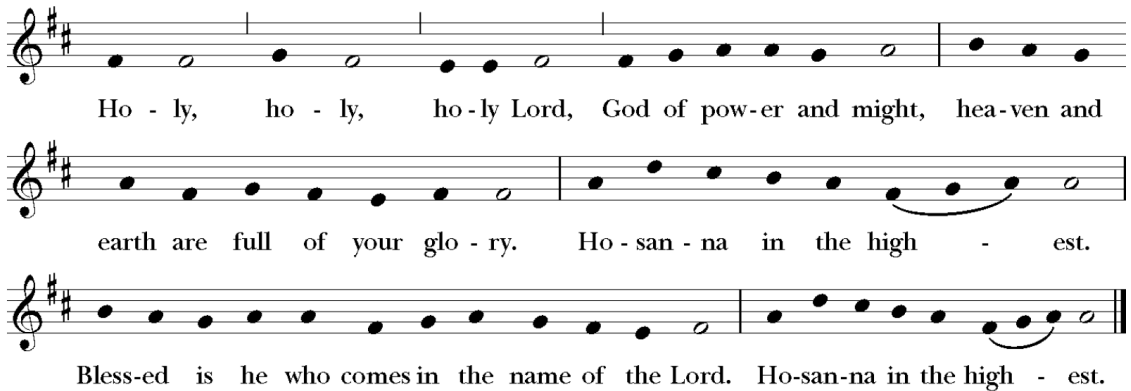
**People:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(Here a Proper Preface is added.)*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

## SANCTUS S124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Celebrant and People:**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

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**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.



## FRACTION ANTHEM (S161)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The image shows the musical notation for the Fraction Anthem (S161). It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.' The music ends with a double bar line.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*  
The Gifts of God for the People of God

**HYMN 77** *From east to west, from shore to shore* Von Himmel kam der Engel Schar

Let us pray.

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

## SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

### THE BLESSING

**HYMN 73**

*The King shall come when morning dawns*

St. Stephen

## THE DISMISSAL

**Priest:** Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY

### FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar this **Sunday, December 18** are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the wonderful memories with the Logan, Peacock and Tollison families during this joyous season by Bob and JoAnn Logan.

### SERVING TODAY

**Celebrant:** The Rev. David Wyly

**Crucifer:** Kate Harris

**Torch Bearers:** Sallie Brown Fleming and Sarah Wahl

**Ushers:** David Huard and Paul Rutter

**Lectors:** Linda Huard and Mike Saylors

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Linda Huard and Kate Harris

**Eucharistic Visitors:** Paul Rutter

**Live Stream Technician:** Steven Smith

**Organist:** Patrick Ritsch

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

I am new to the parish, I would like the Clergy to call.

I am interested in \_\_\_\_\_ ministry.

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism Date and Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Date and Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the people who reside with you and their ages:

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Any additional information you wish to include?

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Please tear off this sheet with your information entered and place in the offering plate or give to an usher or greeter. Thank you! We look forward to meeting you!



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Susan Brown, Betty Duncan, Bruce Griffin, David Huard, Gwyn LaFave, Sallie Wahl