



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

RESTORING ALL PEOPLE TO UNITY WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER IN CHRIST

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Saturday, December 24, 2011

In Celebration of The Birth of Christ

10:00 pm

Communion Hymns

About Receiving Communion

We welcome all who are baptized in any Christian tradition to receive Communion at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit.

To do so, please come forward, after being directed by an usher, down the center aisle to the altar area. The priest will then offer the consecrated bread for you to receive in the palm of your outstretched hands. The Lay Eucharist Minister will then offer you with the consecrated wine. You may retain the bread to dip lightly into the wine or, having consumed the wafer, sip from the common cup.

If you prefer not to receive Communion please still come forward to receive a Christian blessing. The priest will know that you would like a Christian blessing when you cross your arms over your chest. Once you receive this blessing, you may return to your seat.

Communion Hymn: *Love came down at Christmas*

1 Love came down at Christ - mas, love all love - ly, love di - vine;
 2 Wor - ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate, love di - vine;
 3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine,

love was born at Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the sign.
 wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where - with for sa - cred sign?
 love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

Communion Hymn: *In the bleak midwinter*

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 ser - a - phim throng - ed the air;
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, 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 - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
yet what I can I give him — give my heart.

Communion Song: *Away in a manger*




F Dm Am F Gm

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
*3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay



Bb C F Gm C

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.



F Am Dm Gm

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,



C F Gm C F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Communion Hymn: *O little town of Bethlehem*

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

1 lie! A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the
 2 bove, while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their
 3 given! So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the
 4 Child, where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son be
 5 pray; cast out our sin and en - ter in, be

1 si - lent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets
 2 watch of won - dering love. O morn - ing stars, to -
 3 bless - ings of his heaven. No ear may hear his
 4 of the mo - ther mild; where char - i - ty stands
 5 born in us to - day. We hear the Christ - mas

1 shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light; the
 2 geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth! and
 3 com - ing, but in this world of sin, where
 4 watch - ing and faith holds wide the door, the
 5 an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell; O

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