St. Clement's by-the-Sea, Episcopal Church

Christmas Eve



Adoration of the shepherds, 1622, by Gerard van Honthorst, Pomeranian State Museum, Germany

10:00 pm • December 24, 2022

"This Church of Ours is Open To All…There Will Be No Outcasts." -The Most Rev. Edmund Browning *Emeritus Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church*

Parish Mission:

Follow Christ through the way we live and love, spreading the good news of God in Christ, opening our hearts to all, and experience and spread joy in the process.





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Christmas Carol Sing-along

- #79 Olíttle town of Bethlehem (vs. 1-3)
- #89 It came upon the midnight clear (omit vs. 3)
 - **#99** Go tell it on the mountain (Refrain congregation, Verses 1-3: solos)
- #107 Good Christian friends, rejoice (vs. 2&3)
- #105 God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen (2nd verse - men / 3rd verse - women)
 - **#115** What child is this (vs. 1 solo, vs. 2&3 congregation)
- **#109** The first Nowell the angel did say (vs. 1-3)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Congregational Candles "Still, Still, Still"

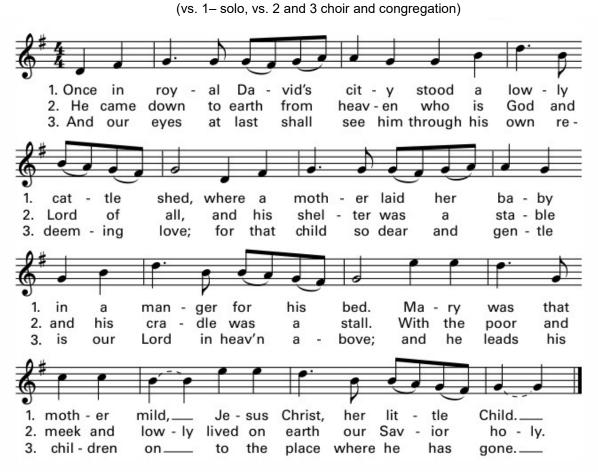
Austrian Carol / arr. Lubofff

Processional

"Once in a royal David's city"

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Hymnal 102



Text: Cecil Francis Alexander, 1818-1895. Music: Henry John Gauntlett, 1805-1876

Salutation

CelebrantAlleluia, to us a Child is born.PeopleCome, let us adore Him. Alleluia!

Celebrant and People

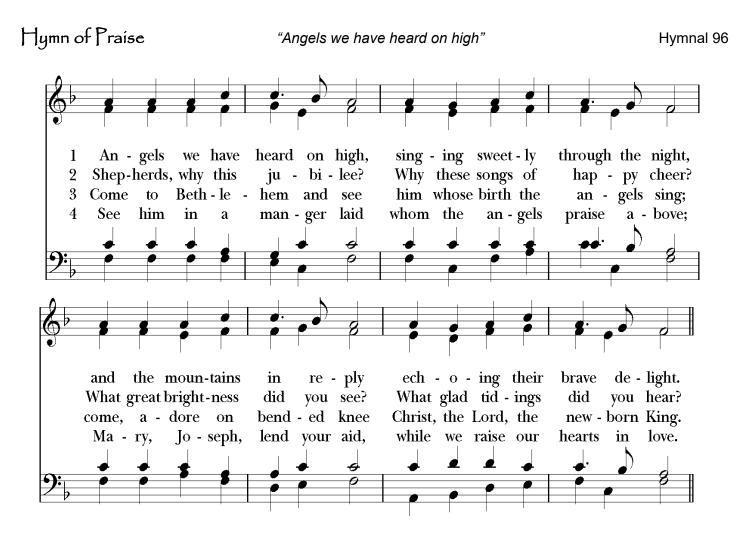
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

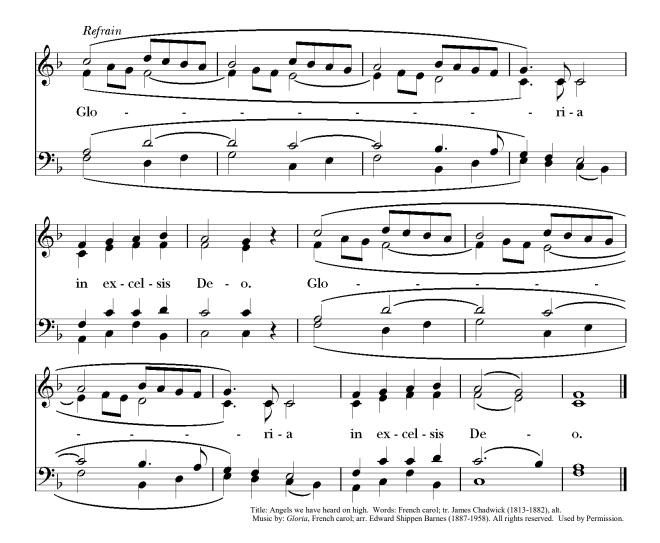
The Blessing of the Crèche

As the people remain standing, the Celebrant says

Brothers and Sisters, we declare good news glad tidings of great joy to be shared by all people.

All This day Christ is born: Today the Savior has appeared. This day the angels are singing on earth: archangels are rejoicing. Today the just are glad and say, "Glory to God in the highest heaven." Celebrant The glory of the Lord has been revealed. All And all shall see the salvation of our God. Celebrant Let us pray. Most merciful and loving God, you have made this day holy by the incarnation of your Son, Jesus Christ, and by the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Grant that we your people may enter with joy into the celebration of this day, and may also rejoice for ever as your adopted sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord. All Amen. Celebrant And now, we join with the angels who sang in glory...





The Collect

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet 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 may be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

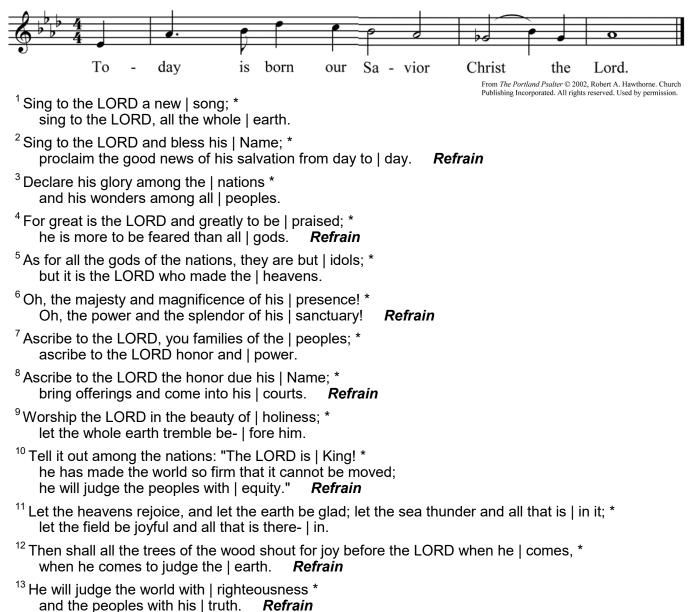
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their 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.

LectorHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.PeopleThanks be to God.

The congregation may remain seated for the Psalm.

Psalm 96

Cantor sings verses, congregation joins on refrain.



The Second Lesson

Titus 2:11-14

Lector A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Titus.

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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. **People** Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.



Luke 2:1-20

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint 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.

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Christmas Message

Fr. Patrick

Please stand, as you are able.

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.

The Prayers of the People

God sent his Son to live among us: let us pray in the confidence of our new life in him.

Rejoicing in the birth of our Lord and Savior, we pray that the Church may be continually reborn. Let us share the humility of the manger, the adoration of the shepherds, and the love of the Holy Family, in the light of him who is the Light of the World.

Pity and pardon this world of conflict, deaf to the message of peace. Bring harmony where there is strife between nations and where people are divided by suspicion and bitterness. Heal those who have no peace within themselves.

We pray for the families and friends with whom we celebrate this happy time. Give us true love, unselfish desires and grateful hearts. We pray especially for children, and for their unclouded joy at this time. **Create in us a pattern of human love that will lead them to the love of God who sent his Son as a little child.**

We pray for those who cannot feel the joy of Christmas, through the burden of sickness, bereavement or other distress. Comfort with your presence all who are separated at this time from those they love. Bring the light of Christ into the lives of the afflicted.

Have mercy on the departed who, having shared with Christ their human birth and infancy, have shared with him also the death of the body. Make their joy complete, in the Kingdom where there is neither suffering nor sorrowsbut abundant life without end.

(Here other intercessions may be offered)

Through Christ who is the hope of the nations and the joy of all people, we make our prayers to God who is most wonderfully with us. **Amen**.

The Peace

Our Savior Christ is the Prince of Peace: of the increase of his governance and peace there shall be no end.

CelebrantThe Peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Announcements

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Thanksgivings, Welcome Newcomers, and General Information

Offertory Sentence

We are so very grateful for your offerings to St. Clement's by-the-Sea to support our ministry in the world. Your gifts are essential. You may place your offering in the alms basins as they are passed. If you prefer, you can scan the QR code to the right with your phone, and you will be taken to PayPal where you can easily contribute by credit or debit card.



Offertory Anthem

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

Holst / arr. Wagner Lily Roza, cello

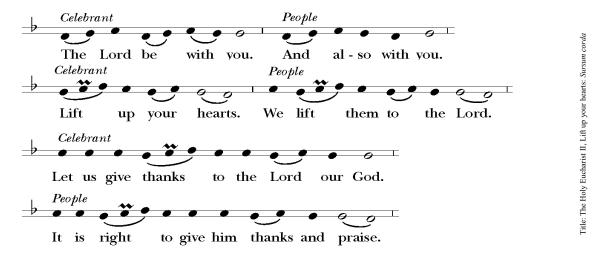
Please stand, as you are able. Offertory Hymn "Hark! The herald angels sing" Hymnal 87 Hark! the her-ald glo - ry 1 an - gels sing to the new-born King! 2 Christ, by high-est Christ, the heaven a - dored; last - ing Lord; ev - er -Mild he lays his 3 glo - ry by, born that we more may die, no 4 and Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God sin - ners rec - on - ciled! Vir-gin's womb. late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth. ₫ all the tri-umph Joy - ful, na - tions, rise, join of the skies; ye Veiled in flesh the hail the in-car - nate God - head see; De - i - ty. Risen with heal-ing light and life in his wings, to all he brings, 4 6 Christ is in Beth - le - hem! with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim born Em - man - u - el! Pleased as man with to dwell; Je - sus, us our hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Refrain the her - ald an - gels sing the new-born King! Hark! glo - ry to

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelszohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

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The Great Thanksgiving

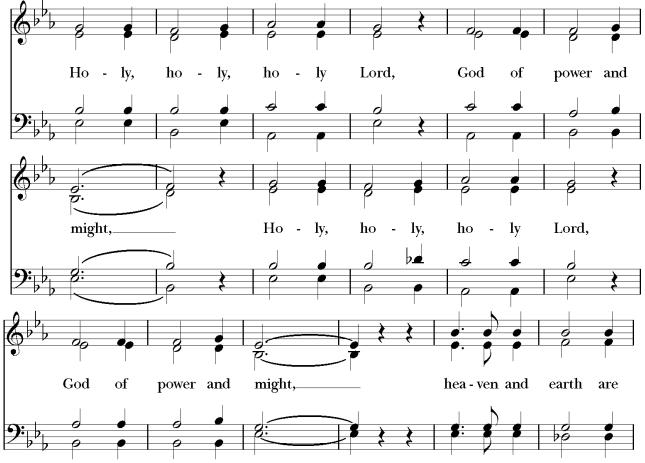
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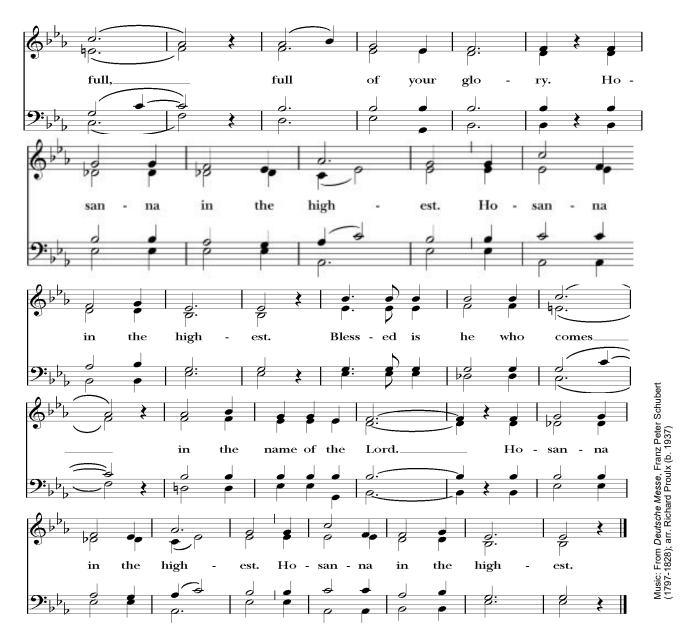
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; 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:

Sanctus

Celebrant and People



Hymnal S130



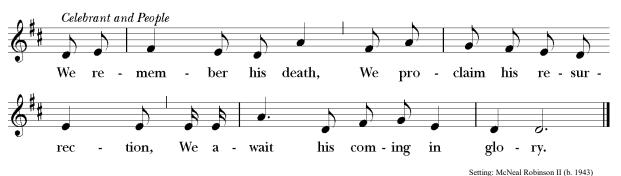
The people kneel, as you are able.

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,



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 blessed Mary, Joseph, 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.



The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

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

Hymnal S164

Hvmnal S147

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

PriestThis is the true bread which comes down from heaven and
Whosoever eats of this bread will live forever.gives life to the world.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following InvitationCelebrantThe Gifts of God for the People of God.

All who seek Christ or a deeper relationship with Christ are welcome to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available for those with Gluten allergies. If you are physically unable to come to the altar rail, please alert an usher, and Communion will be brought to you in your pew. To receive the consecrated bread, please extend your hands, one atop the other. To receive the consecrated wine, please help the chalice bearer to guide the chalice to your lips. You may also intinct (dip) the bread into the wine and then consume them together. If you wish not to receive Communion but rather a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you. Communion is given and received with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.** The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**



Title: Silent night, holy night. Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885). Music by: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910). All rights reserved. Used by Permission.

Please kneel, as you are able.

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.

Please remain kneeling.

John 1:1-14

Final Gospel

Celebrant A Reading from the Holy Gospel, according to Saint John.

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.

Blessing

The celebrant gives the blessing

May God, who sent the angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



Dismissal	
Celebrant	Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

"Joy to the World"

arr. by Tomoko Sato



Flowers given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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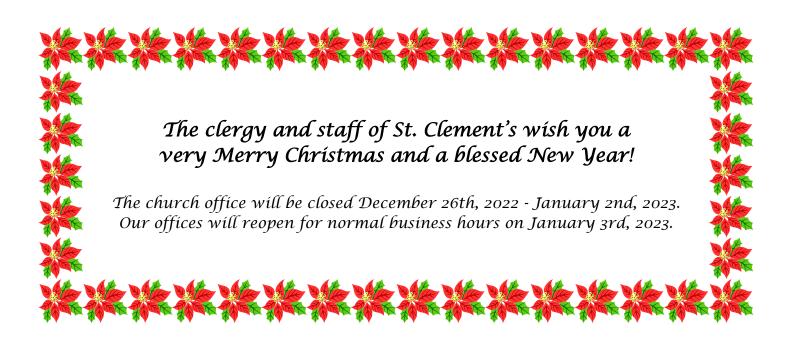


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MINISTERS SERVING YOU TODAY				
Celebrant		The Rev. Patrick Crerar		
Music Director		Larry Gates		
Guest Musicians		Tomoko Sato, Harpist Lily Roza, cellist		
МС	Tina and Russ Inglish			
Lectors	1st	Pat Hensler		
	2nd	Mike Marcu		
Intercession	Cynthia Kartman			

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