



# Starlight

SERVICE OF REMEMBERING

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*December 5, 2023*

*7:00 p.m. in the Chapel*

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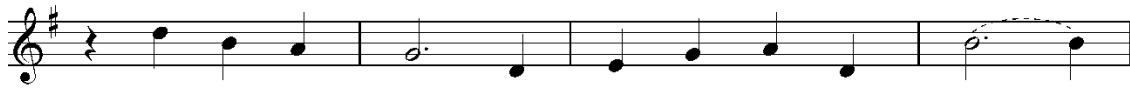
Presider: The Rev. Thomas Szczerba, Jr.  
Preacher: MS. Emily Given  
Organist: Dr. Elaine Sonnenberg Whitelock  
Soloist: Mr. Stephen Christner

**Voluntary**

Hymn 287 (vss. 1, 2, 7 & 8)

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine



1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:—  
 3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, —  
 4 O blest communion, fellowship divine! —



thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; —  
 fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and  
 We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet



Name, O — Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.  
 win, with — them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
 all are — one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



\*5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the  
 \*6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful

dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are — brave a - gain, and arms are  
war - riors com - eth rest; — sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the

strong. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
blest.

\*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the  
\*8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through

saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the  
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host —

King of — glo - ry pass - es on his way.  
sing - ing to fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897). Music: *Sine Nomine*, Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

*Officiant* Jesus said, “I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12

### The Salutation, Confession and Absolution

*Officiant* You are invited to stand or kneel as you are able.  
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together*

**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.**

*Officiant*      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 Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant*            O God, make speed to save us.  
*People*                O Lord, make haste to help us.  
*All*                      **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.**

### **A Collect for Remembering**

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day those who have died. We thank you for giving them to us, family and friends, to know and to love as companions on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson**

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Psalm 23 *said in unison*

(King James Version)

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

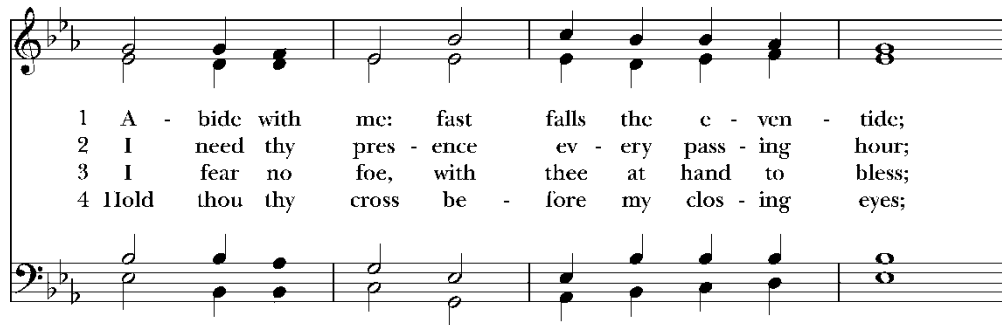
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

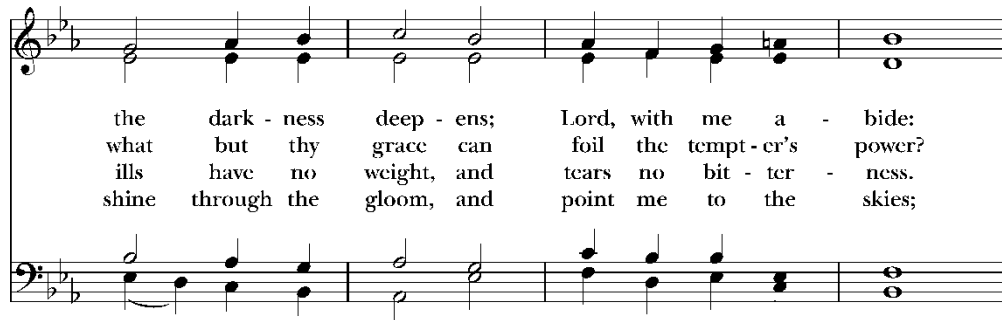
The Second Lesson                      Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.



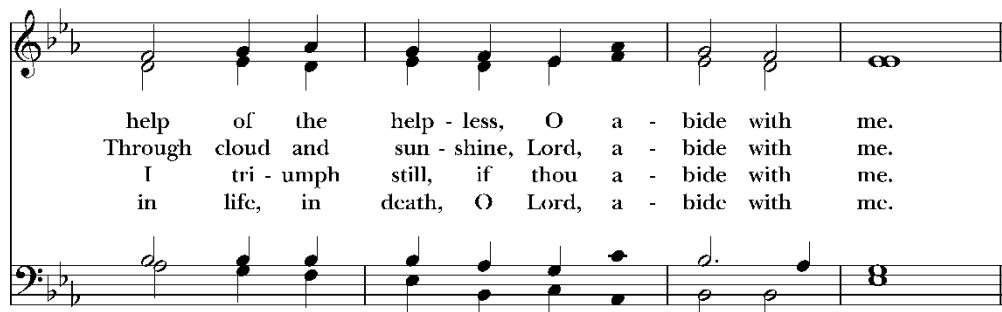
1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;



help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Words: Henry Frances Lyte (1793-1847). Music: *Eventide*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).



### **Third Lesson     John 14:1-6**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

### **The Homily**

### **The Apostles Creed**

*The Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Prayers

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Officiant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Officiant*     Let us pray.

*Officiant 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.**

*Officiant*     Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People*        **And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**Let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**For only in you can we live in safety.**

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth;

**Your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## Thanksgiving for Loved Ones

*When invited, the people say the names of loved ones in remembering.*

## Collect for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. *Amen.*

## General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

## Hymn 111

## Silent Night

## Stille Nacht

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885). Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910).

Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Stephen Christner, Soloist

**The Sending**

*Priest* Let us bless the Lord!

*People* Thanks be to God!

**Hymn 66**

**Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

*Stuttgart*

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears  
and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art: dear desire of  
every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king, born to reign in us  
for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient  
merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

**Postlude**

**Prelude in A Minor, BWV 543**

J. S. Bach

*The people gathered are invited to hang their stars on the Starlight Tree. Following the service  
please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Narthex.*

# Advent & Christmas

*Advent Mini Retreat:  
A Thrill of Hope\**

SATURDAY, 12/09/23  
10:30 AM | CHAPEL

*MaryPalooza:  
An Intergenerational Event  
Learning about Jesus' Mother*

SUNDAY, 12/10/23  
10:30AM | UNDERCROFT

*Nine Lessons & Carols*

SUNDAY, 12/10/23  
3 PM | CHAPEL

Followed by *Miles of Sweet  
Memories Tea* in honor of  
The Rev. Frank & Amy Allen

*Christmas Pageant*

SUNDAY, 12/17/23  
11:30AM | CHAPEL

MONDAY, 12/18/23  
7PM | CHAPEL

*Advent 4*

SUNDAY, 12/24/23

8AM | OLD CHURCH  
9:15 AM | CHAPEL

9:30 AM | ST. DAVID'S HALL

*Christmas Eve*

SUNDAY, 12/24/23

3PM, 6PM, 8PM | OLD CHURCH  
3PM, 6PM, 11PM | CHAPEL

*Christmas Day*

MONDAY, 12/25/23  
8AM & 10AM | CHURCH

*Christmas I*

SUNDAY, 12/31/23

8AM | OLD CHURCH  
9:15 AM | CHAPEL  
9:30 AM | ST. DAVID'S HALL

All Chapel services will be livestreamed

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