

# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

*Unto us a child is born;  
O come let us worship!*

## CHRISTMAS DAY

*10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist of the Nativity*

♪♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	733 (Irby)
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect:	page 104
Epistle:	page 105
♪♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	741 (In Dulci Jubilo)
The Holy Gospel:	page 106
♪♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (refrain only):	747 (Iris)
The Creed:	page 71
The Homily	
♪♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	736 (See amid the Winter's Snow)
The Consecration:	page 82
♪♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	82 (Forest Green)



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### On the Morning of Christ's Nativity

That glorious form, that light insufferable,  
And that far-beaming blaze majesty,  
Wherewith he wont at Heaven's high council-table  
To sit the midst of Trinal Unity  
He laid aside, and, here with us to be.  
Forsook the courts of everlasting day,  
And chose with us a darksome house of mortal clay.

*John Milton*



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### DECEMBER 26: ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

#### DECEMBER 27: ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

#### DECEMBER 28: THE HOLY INNOCENTS

9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

#### DECEMBER 29: THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

#### DECEMBER 30: THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages!

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

*Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Hall*

**MEMBERS OF ALL THREE CONGREGATIONS ARE INVITED TO A PRESENTATION** regarding the proposed entrance and kitchen renovation on *Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>*, following Coffee & Conversation. Come join us as we review the design concept and see how proposed plan can serve as a solution to several building issues that we wrestled with in recent years. For more information please speak to one of the wardens, James & Thomas, or the Rector.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Everyone is warmly invited to join us for a *Parish Breakfast* on *Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>* between our two Sunday morning Celebrations. It's our hope that members of both congregations will gather together as members of one Parish Family. The breakfast will start at approximately 9:45 a.m. and run to about 10:30. We'll be looking for some members of the 10:30 congregation who will work during the first service to prepare a delicious, as well as members of the 9:00 a.m. congregation who will help with clean up during the second service. You'll hear more over the next couple of weeks but, in the meantime, please mark your calendars so that you'll be sure to join us on the 13<sup>th</sup>!

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## The Song of the Shepherds

Richard Bauckham

We were familiar with the night.  
We knew its favourite colours,  
its sullen silence  
and its small, disturbing sounds,  
its unprovoked rages,  
its savage dreams.

We slept by turns,  
attentive to the flock.

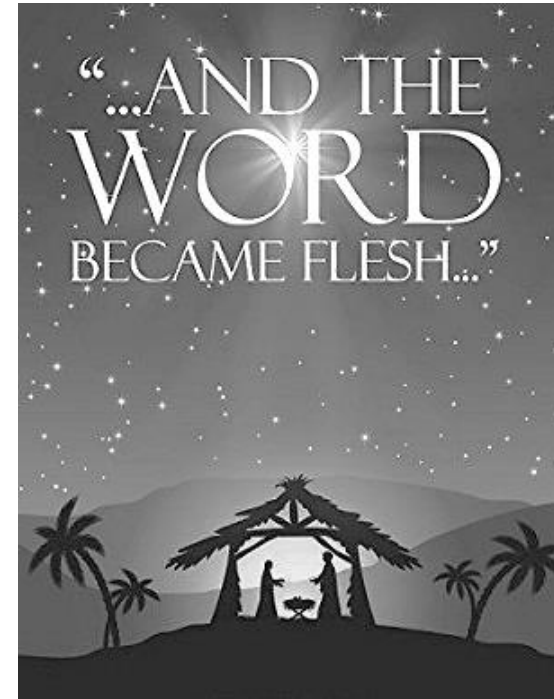
We said little.  
Night after night, there was little to  
say.  
But sometimes one of us,  
skilled in that way,  
would pipe a tune of how things were  
for us.

They say that once, almost before time,  
the stars with shining voices  
serenaded  
the new born world.  
The night could not contain their  
boundless praise.

We thought that just a poem —  
until the night  
a song of solar glory,  
unutterable, unearthly,  
eclipsed the luminaries of the night,  
as though the world were exorcised  
of dark  
and, coming to itself, began again.

Later we returned to the flock.  
The night was ominously black.  
The stars were silent as the sheep.  
Nights pass, year on year.  
We clutch our meagre cloaks against  
the cold.  
Our aging piper's fumbling fingers  
play,  
night after night,  
an earthly echo of the song that  
banished dark.  
It has stayed with us.

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DO YOU HEAR what the shipwrecked are saying? Let go of your paltry desires and expand your expectations. Christmas means that God has given us nothing less than himself and his name is Jesus Christ. Be unwilling next Christmas to settle for anything else. Don't order "just a piece of toast" when eggs Benedict are on the menu. Don't come with a thimble when God has nothing less to give you than the ocean of himself. Don't be contented with a "nice" Christmas when Jesus says, "it has pleased my Father to give you the Kingdom."

Brennan Manning

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