

Word from the Brothers: **Manger**

As we wait in hope for the light of Christ to come, we can do our best to ensure our heart is less a bustle of activity, and more a humble manger, a suitable place for giving birth to our Lord Jesus Christ.
Br. Nicholas Bartoli, Society of Saint John the Evangelist.



December 24, 2018 – Christmas Eve

Mon 3:30 pm Carol Singing
4:00 pm Family Service Holy Eucharist
8:00 pm Holy Eucharist (BAS)

December 25, 2018 Christmas Day

Tue 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
with Rev. Rob Harnish

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**Open minds and loving hearts
All are Welcome**

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

10:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT
AND HOLY EUCHARIST
BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES**



A warm welcome to all, especially those who are worshipping with us for the first time this morning. We hope your time here today will be a blessing to you, as your presence is a blessing to us. All who seek closeness with God are welcome to receive Holy Communion this morning.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Lay Ministers: Danny Ray, Margery Cotterell, Taunya Dawson

GATHERING

Processional Hymn: **O Come Little Children**
Common Praise #127

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

(together)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,

all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.

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.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Heavenly Father,

who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace,

to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour,

now fill us with your grace,

that we in all things may embrace your will,

and with her rejoice in your salvation,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION: SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT *Plaid Tidings*

People's Refrain:

**Sing at Christmas time, Sing the Christmas story,
Sing at Christmas time, Sing the Christmas story**

People's Refrain:

**Walk to Bethlehem, Joseph helping Mary
Walk to Bethlehem, Joseph helping Mary**

Hymn:

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy.

People's Refrain:

**Need a place to rest, There's no room for you here
Need a place to rest, There's no room for you here**

People's Refrain:

**With the animals, in a shed they shelter.
With the animals, in a shed they shelter**

People's Refrain:

**Baby Jesus born, Lay him in a manger
Baby Jesus Born, Lay him in a manger**

Hymn:

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus, look down from on high
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Solo: What Child Is This *Colleen Austin*

Hymn:

Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, Behold
throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born;
And God sent our salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

People's Refrain:

**All the angels sing To the frightened shepherds
All the angels sing To the frightened shepherds**

Calypso Carol

The virgin Mary had a baby boy, (x3)
and they say that his name is Jesus.

Refrain

He come from the glory, (clap, clap)
he come from the glorious kingdom; (x2)
O yes, believer! O yes, believer!
He come from the glory, (clap, clap)
he come from the glorious kingdom.

The angels sang when the baby was born, (x3)
and they sang that his name is Jesus.

Refrain

People's Refrain:

**Wise men saw a star, followed it to Jesus
Wise men saw a star, followed it to Jesus**

The Little Drummer Boy

Verse 1 *Harold Boutilier, Brian George & Charles Bull*

Verses 2, 3 *Sam Swain*

Drum *Ben Leitao*

Lighting The Fourth Advent Candle (see purple insert)

Sermon

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

CELEBRATION

Offertory Hymn: Christ Be Our Light (see bulletin insert)

Prayer over the Gifts

**Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit
who sanctified the mother of your Son,
make holy all we offer you this day.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #2

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread #5

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The Communion

Communion Hymn: Common Praise #89

SENDING

Prayer after Communion

**Faithful God, in this sacrament
we receive the promise of salvation.
May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen**

Doxology

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Benediction

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: Common Praise #109

Dismissal

St. Margaret of Scotland Mission Statement:

To be a Christ-centered, mission minded community embracing all people across the spectrum of cultural, ethnic, racial, gender, sexual orientation, ages and class diversity as full members of the family of God.

Week at a Glance (Dec 23 - Dec 30)

Sun	10:30 am	Sunday School Pageant
Mon	3:30 pm	Carol Singing
	4:00 pm	Family Service Holy Eucharist
	8:00 pm	Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Tues	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP) with Rev. Rob Harnish
Sat	7:00 pm	Baptismal Vigil, Church
Sun	10:30 am	Lessons & Carols Eucharist with Holy Baptism

Thank you

To Susan Crouse and to her helpers, Gordon, Mike and all the others for putting together today's Sunday School Christmas Pageant. And thank you to all the children, who contribute so much to the life of our parish.

Next Sunday December 30th at 10:30 a.m. we will welcome in Holy Baptism Mehki ("M^cKye") Tench. His mother is Deanne Tench, granddaughter of Rae and Carrie Tench, who were members of St. Margaret of Scotland. Come and welcome him, and enjoy our Christmas Carols Eucharist.