

St. Peter's Church
Lindell Boulevard and Spring Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Christmas Eve
and Christmas Day Services

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SILENT NIGHT

(To be sung after the Benediction)

Silent night, Holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night, Holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
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Silent night, Holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Christmas Eve

Service of the Holy Communion

Opening Voluntary: "Pastorale in A".....	Guilmant
Processional: Hymn 49	Reading
Kyrie	Parker
The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the Nativity of Our Lord, is found on page 60 of the Prayer Book.	
Gloria Tibi	Parker
Gratia Tibi	Parker
Christmas Carols	Sung by Congregation
Hymn No. 58.....	Redner
Sermon	The Rector

Offertory Anthems:

"LISTEN TO THE LAMBS"	Dett
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Listen to the Lambs! All a crying!
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd,
And carry the young lambs in his bosom.

"O COME TO MY HEART".....	Ambrose
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Thou didst leave Thy throne, and Thy kingly crown,
When Thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
For Thy holy nativity.
Oh, come to my heart, Lord Jesus!
There is room in my heart for Thee.

The foxes found rest, and the birds had their nest
In the shade of the forest tree;
But Thy couch was the sod, O Thou Son of God,
In the desert of Galilee.
Oh, come to my heart, Lord Jesus!
There is room in my heart for Thee.

When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing
At the coming of victory!
Let Thy voice call me home, saying, "yet, there is room,
There is room at My side for thee."
And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
When Thou comest and callest for me,

Doxology	Old Hundred
Sanctus	De Rille
Gloria in Excelsis	Old Chant
Silent Night (congregation kneeling).....	Haydn
Nunc Dimittis	Barry
Closing Voluntary: "Carillon".....	Vierne

And when they came to Bethlehem
Where our dear Saviour lay,
They found Him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His Mother Mary kneeling down,
Unto the Lord did pray.

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brother-
hood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth deface.

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WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain,
Moor and mountain,
Following yonder Star.

CHORUS:

O Star of Wonder, Star of Night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, Still proceed-
ing,
Guide us to Thy perfect Light.

MELCHIOR:

Born a King of Bethlehem plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever,
Ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

CASPAR:

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising,
All men raising,
Worship Him, God most High.

BALTHAZAR:

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorr'wing, sighing,
Bleeding, dying,
Seal'd in the stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and sacrifice.
Heav'n sings Alleluia!
Alleluias! the earth replies.

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CHOIR

Sopranos

Miss Marie Becker, soloist
Miss Jean Bronenkamp
Miss Mildred Packwood
Miss Mildred Paule
Mrs. Philip Weinheimer
Miss Dorothy Zimmer

Altos

Mrs. E. C. Marting, soloist
Miss Blanche Hennessy
Miss Edith Varney

Tenors

Mr. Fred E. Superior, soloist
Mr. Wallace Bassford
Mr. C. C. Culbertson
Dr. C. A. Rosenbaum

Basses

Mr. Arthur Brigham, soloist
Mr. Ollie Babcock
Mr. Clark Clifford
Mr. E. F. Willrich

TENOR SOLO:

"Bring me flesh, and bring me
wine,
Bring me pine-logs hither;
Thou and I will see him dine,
When we bear them thither."

SOPRANO SOLO:

"Sire, the night is darker now,
And the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer."

CHORUS:

Page and monarch forth they
went,
Forth they went together;
Through the rude wind's wild
lament;
And the bitter weather.

TENOR SOLO:

"Mark my footsteps, my good page
Tread thou in them boldly:
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly."

CHORUS:

In his master's steps he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
Which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
Shall yourselves find blessing.

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GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

God rest you merry, Gentlemen!
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ, our Saviour,
Was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r,
When we were gone astray.

From God, our Heav'nly Father,
A blessed Angel came,
And unto certain Shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by Name.

CHORUS:

O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

"Fear not, then," said the Angel,
"Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Saviour,
Of a pure Virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's pow'r and might."

In Bethlehem, in Jewry,
This blessed Babe was born,
And laid within a manger,
Upon this blessed morn;
The which His mother Mary
Did nothing take in scorn.

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding,
In tempest, storm, and wind:
And went to Bethlehem straight-
way,
The Son of God to find.

Christmas Carols

Sung by Congregation

THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in
fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping
their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was
so deep.

CHORUS:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east, beyond them
far,
And to the earth it gave great
light,
And so it continued both day and
night.

And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from coun-
try far;
To seek for a king was their
intent,

And to follow the star wherever it
went.

This star drew nigh to the north-
west,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and
stay,
Right over the place where Jesus
lay.

Then entered in those wise men
three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there, in His presence,
Their gold, and myrrh, and frank-
incense.

Then let us all, with one accord,
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
Who hath made heav'n and earth
of nought,
And with His Blood mankind hath
bought.

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GOOD KING WENCESLAS

CHORUS:

Good King Wencelas looked out
On the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay around about,
Deep, and crisp, and even:
Brightly shone the moon that
night,
Though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight,
Gath'ring winter fuel.

TENOR SOLO:

"Hither, page, and stand by me,
If thou know'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"

SOPRANO SOLO:

"Sire, he lives a good league
hence,
Underneath the mountain;
Right against the forest fence,
By Saint Agnes' fountain."

Christmas Day

Service of Morning Prayer and the Holy Communion

Opening Voluntary: "Christmas Bells".....	Lemare
Processional: Hymn 49	Reading
Venite	Crotch
The Psalm selected for Christmas Day is the 45th Psalm found on page 381 of the Prayer Book.	
Benedictus es Domine	Matthews
Kyrie	Parker
Gloria Tibi	Parker
Gratia Tibi	Parker
Hymn 59	Willis
Sermon	The Rector
Offertory Anthem: "Christmas Bells".....	Forsyth

Clash and clang, ye iron bells!
 Unfold to the sun
 Your glorious tidings;
 Ring and roar,
 Pealing evermore
 With clash and clang ye iron bells!

Eastward carry the story,
 Westward herald the glory,
 Southward fly,
 Northward cry
 That Christ is born this day to save us all!

Clang and clash, ye brazen bells!
 Salute with a song
 The glittering sunrise,
 Sing and soar
 Skyward, as you pour
 Your clang and clash, ye brazen bells!

Clash and clang, ye Christmas bells!
 Impart to the air
 Your Myriad rapture;
 Spread it far.
 Wake the morning star
 With clash and clang, ye Christmas bells!

Doxology	Old Hundred
Sanctus	Kinder
Gloria in Excelsis	Old Chant
Silent Night (congregation kneeling).....	Haydn
Nunc Dimittis.....	Barry
Closing Voluntary: "Languedocian Noel".....	Guilmant