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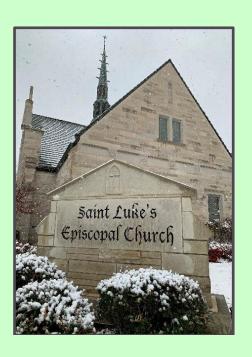
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The Steeple



The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Christmas at St. Luke's



Solitude for the Season

This is your time to revitalize your sense of the season time...to personally celebrate in the **Light that has come into the world** within the Christmasadorned beauty of our nave.

- Wednesday, Dec. 23 from 2 to 4 pm
- Thursday, Dec. 24 from 10 am to Noon

Come and go as you please. There will be soft carols and sacred music by Dolores during the first hour of each day's open house, and silence during the second hour.

No reservations are needed, but please wear your mask and follow seating guidelines. A vestry member will be present.

Family Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, Dec. 24 – 3:30 pm

The youth of St. Luke's will be presenting this year's family Christmas Eve Service. They will be reading and providing music during this beautiful service of stories, carols and communion. Fr. Mark Woods will be officiating with Keeli Droege coordinating youth participation.

The usual precautions will apply, including required masks and assigned seating. Please notify the church office of your plans to attend and how many will be in your party.

Stewardship Deadline Approaching

Our stewardship initiative to fund church operations in 2021 is wrapping up. **If you've not yet returned your pledge card of support, please try to do so this week.** You should have received your pledge card in a recent mailing. If not, please contact Roseanne at the church office, 918-336-1212 or email at <u>office@episcopalbartlesville.org</u>.

Because of the restrictions on Sunday attendance, you're encouraged to mail back your card in the enclosed envelope. Of course, if you're attending services in person, you can drop it in the offering plate or slip it into the locked mailbox outside the north door.



St. Luke's only exists because of the regular, predictable giving from our congregational family. Please join us, your vestry members, in supporting next year's budget goal. It's vitally important that – with our new rector and his family coming soon – we move into 2021 with the strong financial foundation that will help secure a bright future for St. Luke's.

The parish has provisions for receiving **gifts of stocks and bonds** for both pledging and as special gifts beyond the annual budget. Special gifts may be made for a particular purpose or undesignated to meet future needs. Estate gifts, including donations of physical property, are also possible. For assistance with these options, please contact Dennis Mueggenborg of the vestry finance committee at 918-440-5649 or <u>mdrmuegg@gmail.com</u>.

A CHRISTMAS OFFERING REQUEST IS INCLUDED IN THE STEWARDSHIP MAILING. PLEASE RETURN WITH YOUR PLEDGE CARD.





COVID PRECAUTION REMINDERS

When in the St. Luke's Building...

- 1) Wear your face mask
- 2) Exercise the 6-foot social distance rule.
- 3) Follow the pew seating guidelines.
- 4) Wash/sanitize your hands frequently.
- 5) Avoid coming if you feel ill or "not quite right."

Scam Alert

Be aware of a false email claiming to be from Father Gates in which the sender asks for donations to surprise the office staff. He did not send the email. Don't fall for this scam.



Information from Roseanne, Office Manager:

Roseanne's Updated Office Hours 9:30 – 1:30 Monday - Thursday.

Note that **church offices will be closed for holidays on Dec. 24 & 25 and Jan. 1.**

Please note that even during office hours, the doors are locked per COVID-19 protocol. If you need to come in, just ring the north entrance bell or call the office at 918-336-1212 or Roseanne's cell 918-287-8784.

Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

Thursday, Dec. 24:

Agape Mission Closed

Thursday, Jan. 14: 9-11 am: Jeanne Julstrom, Becky Liehr 10:45 am – 1 pm: Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky Liehr, Kathy Zervas, Dolores McCreary 1:00 – 2:45 p.m.: Peter Julstrom, Miriam Petrovich, Wendy Hall

St. Luke's Prayer List

Please keep the following persons in your prayers: Milton, Elizabeth, Georgia, Suzanne, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Michelle, Catherine, Sydney, Ed, Cheri, Rhonda, Liz, Evan, Joseph, Emily, Madelyn, Maxwell, Bruce, Clara, Juanita, Lynetta, Shellie, Peggy, Joe, Dale, Robin, Matt, Lysa, Donn, Helen, and all of our armed forces and their families. Call or email our office with prayer requests at 918-336-1212 or office@episcopalbartlesville.org.

Bereavement Team 1 Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Georgia Gates, Jeanne Julstrom.

Online & Mobile Giving Available

Online giving application is now available to St. Luke's members through the Tithe.ly mobile application or directly online from your home device. You can utilize either method of giving by going to this <u>Tithe.ly web page</u> (https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app). Complete instructions for using this convenience are provided on the home page of the <u>St. Luke's website</u>

(http://episcopalbartlesville.org) or by picking Online Giving in the right-side menu. Regardless of whether you can manage all or some of your normal giving, please continue to

support our community of faith. And if you're not comfortable with virtual giving, you can always mail a check to the church office: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 210 E 9th St, Bartlesville, OK 74003 *or* drop a check into our locked mail slot near north entrance.

Alert on solicitations...

• Be aware – No one from St. Luke's will request gift cards or other monetary support through email. If you receive such a message in your email, it is spam. All financial requests/special appeals at St. Luke's go through normal channels and any special requests will be made by phone or in person.

No in-person service will be held at St. Luke's on Dec. 27. Instead, the Diocese of Oklahoma will provide a virtual service on the St. Luke's website.

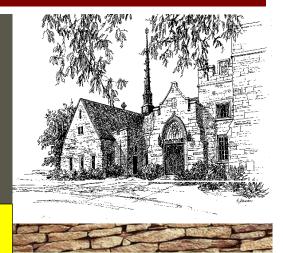
Birthdays and Anniversaries Dec. 23 – Dec. 31

Birthdays

Sheila Taylor, Dec. 24 Lauri Watkins, Dec. 29 David Miller, Dec. 31

Anniversaries

Doug & Connie Freebern, Dec. 23 Bill & Cheryl Bridendolph, Dec. 28 Travis & Erin Perry, Dec. 31 Mark & Mary Jo Peterson, Dec. 31



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Connecting with St. Luke's

To learn various ways to connect at St. Luke's, visit our website at: http://episcopalbartlesville.org/

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2020 3:30 p.m.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

210 Southeast Ninth Street Bartlesville, Oklahoma

3:15 p.m.

Piano Prelude:

Keeli Droege, Pianist

The First Noel

setting by David Lanz

O Little Town of Bethlehem setting by David Lanz

THE HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II The Rev. Mark Wood, celebrant

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Entrance Hymn 83 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

LITURGY OF THE WORD

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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.*

Hymn 96 "Angels We Have Heard On High"

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you. Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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*.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (9:2-7)

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 all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments

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rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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 for evermore. The zeal of the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{LORD}}$ of

hosts will do this.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.Solo by DeiryDroomeComeCome

Solo by Daisy Droege "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus 2:11-14

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 89 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

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A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Saint Luke 2:1-20

ReaderThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory 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.

Hymn "Away in a Manger"

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Christmas



Words: Traditional carol Music: Cradle Song, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

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!"

Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" verses 1 & 2 Hymn 87



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

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. Hymn



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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Mark Wood

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

(Please stand as you are able)

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 Form III

Lay Reader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Heavenly Father, your loving daughter, Mary Lloyd Martin.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others especially: Milton, Elizabeth, Georgia, Suzanne, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Michelle, Catherine, Sydney, Ed, Cheri, Rhonda, Liz, Evan, Joseph, Emily, Madelyn, Maxwell, Bruce, Clara, Juanita, Lynetta, Shellie, Peggy, Joe, Dale, Robin, Matt, Lysa, Donn and Helen.

Prayer for First Responders and Caregivers

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve, bless all first responders and caregivers who, following the example of Christ, are giving themselves to the care and needs of others. Bless them with wisdom, patience, skill and courage so that they may minister your love to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy. Embrace them with your loving mercy so they know they are not alone in the unrelenting challenges they are facing. Bless them with times of rest for the renewing of their physical and spiritual strength. Comfort them when they are burdened with sorrow. And always may your Spirit speak words of encouraging, sustaining love to their hearts.

We offer our prayer in the name of your blessed son, Jesus.

We pray for our new Rector, Father Nick Phares and his family. We give you all the glory, thanks and praise for how you so graciously wove the threads of our lives together and set us on this new journey for St. Luke's. Help us all to be of one body and mind and to continue to keep our eyes on you, Father, in all we do.

May your word be our light, and may we hold fast to your promise that whoever believes in you ... rivers of living water will flow from within them. *Amen*.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant

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 Peace

Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.

Announcements Dan Droege

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Trio "Christmas Medley" by Bob Cerulli

Charles Olsen, violin, Annabelle Droege, cello, Luke Olsen, bass

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.CelebrantLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.PeopleIt is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,Heaven and earth are full of your glory.Hosanna in the highest.Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive his holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. *Amen.*

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

Celebrant 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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

THE COMMUNION

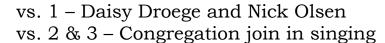
Invitation to Communion

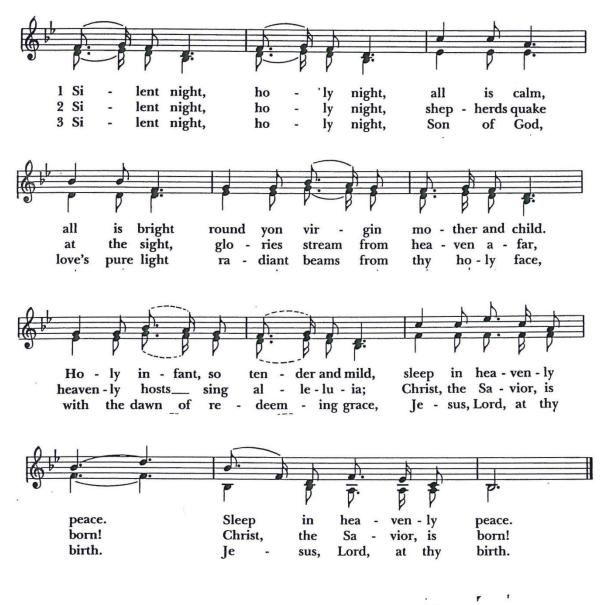
Post Communion Prayer

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.*

"Silent Night" Guitar Solo -- Nick Olsen





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)

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 100 "Joy to the World"

Dismissal

Reader	Let us bless the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

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Usher: Glenn Bonner **Layreader:** Darian Kedy Readers will also include: Nick Olsen, Luke Olsen, Charlie Olsen and Annabelle Droege

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St. Luke's Episcopal Church CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS AND GREENERY 2020

The Nativity on the north side of our building was given to St Luke's in loving memory of Greg Mueggenborg by his parents Dennis and Debbie Mueggenborg in Advent of 2015.

The wreath on the Courtyard gate is given by the Worten family in loving memory of Nancy, Jess and George Worten

The flowers on the High Altar and the Chapel are given TO THE GLORY OF GOD and as memorials and Thanksgivings from the following persons:

Gretchen Hoyt – In Honor of Dr. & Mrs. AA Freeburg and The John & Gretchen Hoyt Family Don Doty - In Memory of Cheri Doty

Jim & Becky Liehr - In thanksgiving for Jamie, Kim & Jackson and Skip, Melissa & Matthew

Elizabeth Rheingans - In Memory of Melburn Rheingans, my dear husband of 37 years Frank & Nancy VanDuker - In Honor of The Christ Child

Glenda Garrison - In Honor of a loving family

Karole Cozby - In Loving memory of my wonderful husband, Jerry, with whom I shared 54 years.

Dennis & Debbie Mueggenborg - In Honor of Jeff, Tess, Cate, John, & Samantha. In Memory of Greg.

Kris & Glenn Bonner - In Honor of our grandchildren, Lucy, Gavin, Daxton, & Fletcher. In Memory of Macoy.

Jeanne Rowlett - In Memory of Bob Rowlett

Roberta T. Johansen

Susie & Steve Clark - In memory of Barb & Dave Clark, Nancy Bivenour, Bob Rowlett, Madeleine Elwood, Cordy Liggett, Rosemary Stephens, Hugh Harrison, John Vaughan, Charlie Martin, Craig Woods, Max McCreary.

Nancy Megee - In Honor of my mom, Judy Henry Hunt

Bob & Georgia Gates - To the Glory of God and in Memory of Rev. Charles & Mrs. Carolyn Henry, Chuck Henry, Gene Henry, Bob & Dorothy Gates, Sharon Gates.

Nancy Woods - To the glory of God, giving thanks for the gift of His Holy Son. To the memory of all those we have loved....always and forever.

Jo and Bob Baughman - In memory of Paul B. Lindsay, H. Michael May, Paul Thomas, Albert E. Basinger, Ann B. Basinger, Faye Kittrell.

Allison Moore, and Lindy and Joe Hartman - Given to the glory of God and in loving remembrance of our parents, Jeanne and George Guthrie.

Cheryl & Bill Bridendolph - James Vail, John Foote, Marcie Harrey Bridendolph Sheila Taylor - In honor of my grandkids and great grandkids

Kathy & Dean Zervas - In memory of George, Maria, and Sperry Zervas and James Dunn Sandy Dale - In memory of Al Dale

Tim and Sally Lindsey - In memory of Tony, Mary Glover, and in thanksgiving for my family.

Robert Larkin

Glenn Blackburn - In Memory of Thelma Blackburn

Darian & David Kedy - In Memory of Loving Mother & Grandmother, Mary Lou Kedy.



WORDS: John Francis Wade, 1743; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841, and others MUSIC: John Francis Wade, 1743; desc. David Willcocks, 1961

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Christmas



Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: Gloria, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

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Christmas



Music: Carol, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900)

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