

CHRISTMAS EVE

SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 P.M.

Christmas Music for Strings and Organ

What Child Is This? See, amid the winter's snow Whence is that goodly fragrance What Sweeter Music Infant Holy, Infant Lowly traditional English, arr. Malcolm Archer John Goss traditional French, arr. John Sullivan Ralph Vaughn Williams, arr. Mark Schweizer Polish carol; arr. David Willcocks

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn 83

"O come, all ye faithful"

Adeste fideles

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

The Collect for Purity

Monotoned

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.**

Song of Praise: Hymn 96 "Angels we have heard on high"

Gloria

The Collect of the Day

Sung on a monotone

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CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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**.

The First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

The Holy Bible; NRSV, p. 624

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 (continued overleaf)

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 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 forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98: 1-6

"Sing to the LORD a new song"

Cantate Domino

Antiphon (The antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, then repeated by all)



Psalm chant:



Sing to the Lord a new / song, * for he has done marvelous / things. With his right hand and his holy / arm * has he won for himself the / victory.

Antiphon (sung by all)

The Lord has made known his / victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the / nations. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of / Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our / God.

Antiphon (sung by all)

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you / lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and / sing. Sing to the Lord with the / harp, * with the harp and the voice of / song.

Antiphon (sung by all)

The Epistle: Titus 2:11–14

NRSV, p. 1089

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. People

Sequence Hymn 78

"O little town of Bethlehem" sts. 1 - 3

Forest Green

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1–20

NRSV, p. 935

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory 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. 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!" 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. 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

The Nicene Creed p. 358

Officiant and People together

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.

Prayers of the People

The response to each petition:

...Holy God,

Hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Bob Workmon, tenor

Pietro A. Yon

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows Upon a winter night, Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, The King of Love and Light.

The angels sang, the shepherds sang, The grateful earth rejoiced; And at His blessed birth the stars Their exultation voiced.

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him. Christ the Lord.

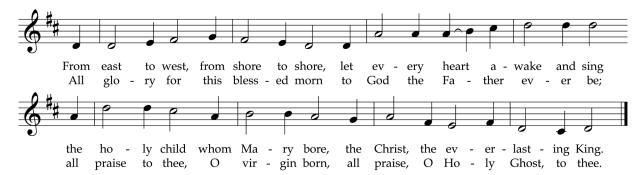
Again the heart with rapture glows To greet the holy night, That gave the world its Christmas Rose, Its King of Love and Light.

Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name, The grateful chorus swell. From paradise to earth He came That we with Him might dwell.

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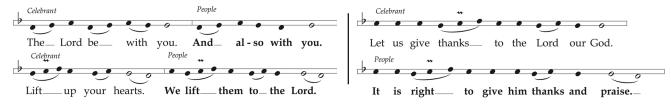
Presentation Hymn

Puer nobis



The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

Sanctus S 130

Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert





The people stand or kneel.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the Celebrant says the following words

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the Celebrant sings the following words

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.

A-MEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer p. 364

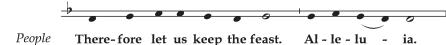
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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The Fraction Anthem S-152

Cantor Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



The Communion of the People

Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.

Communion Solos

Motet

"Sweet Little Jesus Boy"

Sara Westermark, soprano

Robert MacGimsey

"Mille Cherubini in Coro"

Bob Workmon, tenor

Franz Schubert Harold Darke

In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,

In the bleak mid-winter Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him Nor earth sustain, Heaven and earth shall flee away

When He comes to reign: In the bleak mid-winter A stable-place sufficed The Lord God Almighty

Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom Cherubim Worship night and day, A breastful of milk And a mangerful of hay; Enough for Him, whom Angels Fall down before, The ox and ass and camel Which adore.

What can I give Him, Poor as I am? If I were a Shepherd I would bring a lamb; If I were a Wise Man I would do my part, Yet what I can I give Him, Give my heart.

~Christina Rossetti

Cradle Song

"Away in a manger"

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

At the dimming of the lights, individual candles will be lighted.

Hymn 111 (kneeling)

"Silent night, holy night"

Stille Nacht

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light oh his holiness. Amen.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. Amen.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. Amen.

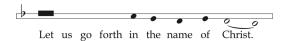
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

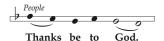
Closing Hymn 87

"Hark! the herald angels sing"

Mendelssohn

The Dismissal





Postlude







Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr. Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan

MUSIC IN HONOR OF

Boo, Honk, Lulu, & Pops Given By: Calder & Henry

John Flay Gardner Jr. Given By: Todd & Elizabeth Hinshaw

Anna McClain Given By: Mary & Peter McClain

Mrs. Jane B. Tatum Given By: Amanda RJ Fulk

Wesley Clewis & Sexton Staff

Given By: Robert & Ruth Bayley

David M. Blackwell Given By: Beth Crouch Blackwell

Chalmer W. Carver, Jr Given By: Mary Beth & Bill Tallman

> Helen & Paschal Creech Given By: Claybourn Creech

Jennifer, Erin & Families Given By: Mary & Peter McClain

> Ann Hale Given By: Susan Ingle

Our Grandparents Given By: David, Jack & Caroline Murchison

Knox & Anna Trask Given By: Ansley and William

John Sullivan Given By: Doris & Bob Ruffner

Pastors Phillip, Cheryl & Gray Given By: Robert and Ruth Bayley

Margaret & Mark Forest Given By: Mary & Peter McClain

Billie Holland Given By: Karen & Scott Clark

Our Godchildren Given By: Elizabeth & Ned Murchison

Ford Williams, my godfather Given By: Catchie McDonald

John Sullivan & St. James Choir Given By: Virginia & Wilson Hardy

Our Beloved Christmas Visitors Given By: Ann & Steve Mueller

MUSIC IN MEMORY OF

Kristina Crittenberger Brockmeier Given By: Lee Williams & Amy Crittenberger

> Jim & Barbara Cobb Given By: Tom & Beth Lilly

Robert T. Davis Given By: Michael & Kitty Davis

Sanders Burney Given By: Michael & Kitty Davis

Peter A. Cooley Given By: Jean & Billy Smith

Dorothy C. Davis Given By: Michael & Kitty Davis Given By: Amanda RJ Fulk Susan Ingle Given By: Ann Hale

Dr. and Mrs. R.V. Fulk, Jr.

Jim Spruill Given By: Ann & Steve Mueller

Blessings for all those touched by St James Care Guild in 2023 Given By: Ted & Di Chamblee Poucher

> The Choirs Given By: Gorda Singletary

Chalmer W. Carver Jr. Given By: Ruth Carver

Randy Coupland Given By: The Calder Family & The Barmore Family

Wilbur & Lil Dovle Given By: Wright & Gail Doyle Smith

MUSIC IN MEMORY OF

Stephen P.C. Fuchs Given By: Amanda RJ Fulk

Margaret & Bob Huffman Given By: Mary & Peter McClain

Adam Langlais Given By: Tom & Catherine Schmid

Sam Mann Given By: Austin, Charlie & Mary Ashburn Mann

Charlotte & David Murchison Given By: Their Family

Lynn W. Pollock Given By: Michael & Kitty Davis

Michael Stovall Given By: Kathy, Kit, & Corbett Stovall

Charles Nathan Thompson Given By: The Tayloe Family

Adelaide J. Ward Given By: Michael & Kitty Davis Catherine & George Gornto Given By: Their Family

> Sandy Johnston Given By: Lainie Johnston

Charles Langpaul Given By: Lori Langpaul Beebe

Birute & Bill McClain Given By: Mary & Peter McClain

> Charlotte Murchison Given By: Their Family

Joan Harrell Schaeffer Given By: Schaeffer Family

Nathan Thompson Tayloe Given By: The Tayloe Family

Mary Brumback Thompson Given By: The Tayloe Family

Winifred & Robert Whiting Given By: Jean & Billy Smith

Elizabeth (Beth) Lewis Williams Given By: Lee Williams & Amy Crittenberger Bill Hale Given By: Ann Hale

George & Charlotta King Given By: David & Charlotta Howell

> John Latta Given By: Sharon Latta

Dr. James A. & Weezie McFarland Given By: Your family who love and miss you

David Murchison, III Given By: Their Family

Bess & PR Smith Given By: Jean & Billy Smith

Ethel Avera Taylor Given By: Katherine Taylor Cammack

Margaret & Terry Turner Given By: Anne & Alex Murchison

> Mom Given By: Ford

Elizabeth (Bobo) Wright Given By: Anne & Alex Murchison Bill & Sarah Howell Given By: David & Charlotta Howell

Vukan & Louise Kuic Given By: Your family who love and miss you

Dev & Gay Lippitt Given By: Cece Snow & family

Hugh MacRae Given By: his daughter, Meg

Josephine Crittenberger Nall Given By: Lee Williams & Amy Crittenberger

> Jim Spruill Given By: His Family

Emerson Teer Given By: Jane Rippy

Edward L. Ward Given By: Michael & Kitty Davis

Mr. & Mrs. William L. Williams Jr. Given By: Lee Williams & Amy Crittenberger

POINSETTIAS IN HONOR OF

Our Five Granddaughters Given By: John & Nancy Baden

Mr. & Mrs. Robert V. Fulk, | | | Given By: Amanda RJ Fulk

Mariana, Gabriella & Ian McFarland Given By: Sonja & Jim McFarland

Lew, David, Harrison, Jack, Caroline, & Sallie Given By: Anne & Alex Murchison

> Jane Metts Rippy Given By: A cousin

Our Godparents Given By: Lew, Harrison & Sallie Williams Ron & Alyx Copley Given By: Wanda Copley

Margaret Gossweiler Given By: Bob Lanham

Murphy McFarland & Kristen Crouch Given By:Sonja & Jim McFarland

Cecilia & Virginia Parker Given By:Mom & Dad

Jane Rippy Given By:Karen, Scott, Sarah & Nick

Catchie, Mae, David, Jack & Caroline Given By: Aunt Anne/Monk & Uncle Ford/Fun

St. James Day School Given By: Lee Williams & Amy Crittenberger Our Families & Friends Given By: Leo & Mary Beth Corbin

Our Parents Given By:Todd & Elizabeth Hinshaw

Abigail McFarland & Kyle Neuman Given By: Sonja & Jim McFarland

Marilyn & Net Reilly, our parents Given By: Karen & Scott Clark

> Overton Stokes Suiter Given By: Virginia Pierce

Blessings for all those touched by St James Care Guild in 2023 Given By: Ted & Di Chamblee Poucher

Samuel, EllaKathryn, & LucyWest Craig Given By: Their Grateful Parents Daddy Buck Given By: The Currin Family

Our Children Given By: Todd & Elizabeth Hinshaw

Nancy Hansen Milligan Given By: Bob & Nancy Uzzell

> Jane M. Rippy Given By: Lauren Bell

Brandon Candler Tully, Conard & Hughes Henderson Given By:Tom Tully

The Clergy Given By: Doris & Bob Ruffner

POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY OF

Bill Atkinson Given By: Peggy Atkinson and Family

Bonnie Sanders Burney Given By: Alexander Koonce

David Champney Given By: The Champney Family Elizabeth Thompson Barnes Given By: Watson & Greta Barnes

J. Chris Cammack III Given By: Katherine Taylor Cammack

Mrs. Mary Gilliam Clark Given By: Nancy C Korman & Elizabeth C Stallworth William Watson Barnes Given By: Watson & Greta Barnes

Chris Cammack Given By: Gillian & Allen Taylor

> Bob Cook Given By: Bill Oakley

Elizabeth Metts Brown & Michael Corbett Brown, Sr Given By: Elizabeth & Billy King

> Louise & Chalmer Carver Given By: Ruth Carver

Randy Coupland Given By: Ann & Steve Mueller

POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY OF

Pat Crittenden Given By: Tom Crittenden, Jr. & Latane C. Miller

Florence Jeffress Dunn Given By: William, Annie and Burr

Mary Lou Watson Harley Given By: Don, Luci, Don & Robbie Harley

> Paul Ingle Given By: Ann Hale

Tessa Kane Given By: Jack, Emily, Molly & Mary

> Eddie & Betty Jo Knox Given By: The Knox Family

Frank Rahm Liggett III Given By: Margaret, Louise & Virginia Sprunt

> Hugh MacRae, II Given By: Bambi

Alice Courtney Egerton Miller Given By: The Egerton family

> Opal Miller Nichols Given By: Schaeffer Family

Donald Ellwyn Pike Given By: Gillian & Allen Taylor

Fred & James Rippy Given By: Jane, Louise, & Jared

John A. & Rosemary W. Russo Given By: Greg Soltis & Rosemary Russo

Laurence Gray Sprunt Given By: Margaret, Louise & Virginia Sprunt

Michael Stovall Given By: Kathy, Kit, & Corbett Stovall

Mr. & Mrs. George Thomas Swain, Sr. Given By: Their Family

Mr & Mrs James M. Taylor Given By: Bambi Taylor MacRae

Beth "BeBe" Williams Given By: Catchie, Mae & Betsy Mr. & Mrs. Thomas L. Crittenden, Sr. Given By: Their Family

Katherine & J.C. Early Given By: Kay & David Dougherty

Donald Lee Harley Given By: Don, Luci, Don & Robbie Harley

Elizabeth & Charles Jaggers Given By: Ruth Carver

Tessa Catherine Kane Given By: Ansley & William Trask

> Dr. Donald B. Koonce Given By: Alexander Koonce

> Tom and Kathleen Lilly Given By: Tom & Beth Lilly

Mary Penton Maliga Given By: Beverly & Russell Clark

Our Parents Given By: Anne & Alex Murchison

Elisabeth Burns Nimocks Given By: Don, Luci, Don & Robbie Harley

Nancy Creighton Wheeler Poe Given By: Barry Poe & Virginia Poe Ancillotti

> J. Fred Rippy, III Given By: Lauren B. Bell

Dr. Henry Singletary Given By: Gorda Singletary

Elizabeth Harriss Sprunt Given By: Margaret, Louise & Virginia Sprunt

Elizabeth Sapp Suiter Given By: Virginia Pierce

Carole & Craig Tallman Given By: Mary Beth & Bill Tallman

> Walker & Ethel Taylor Given By: Stuart Grainger

Elizabeth Aldridge Williams Given By: The Williams Family

Walter L. Crouch M.D. Given By: Beth Crouch Blackwell

Frances Powe Grainger Given By: Stuart Grainger

Grandpa Dave Hash Given By: Charlotte, Henry & Andrew Jarrett

Peggy Paul Jennette Given By: Victor & Jennifer Grainger

Departed loved ones Given By: Carl & Nancy Keller

Mary Bellamy Koonce Given By: Alexander Koonce

Jocelyn Strange Lynch Given By: Her Family

Herb & Catherine McKim Given By: Leo & Mary Beth Corbin

Charlotte Murchison & David Murchison Given By: Anne & Alex Murchison

> Mary Jo Oakley Given By: Bill Oakley

Sarah L. Pretlow Given By: Alexander Koonce

James Fred Rippy IV Given By: Elizabeth & Billy King

Henry Pate Singletary Given By: Watson & Greta Barnes

Mrs. Erla Swain Stone Given By: Tom Crittenden, Jr. & Becky C. Purnell

> Elizabeth Sapp Suiter Given By: Virginia Pierce

Walker Taylor III Given By: Katherine Taylor Cammack

> Robert Tracy Given By: Judy & Bill Tracy

Adair Wright Given By: Adair Wright

Doris & Frank Dougherty Given By: Kay & David Dougherty

> John Victor Grainger III Given By: Stuart Grainger

Mr. & Mrs. G. Dudley Humphrey Given By: Mr. & Mrs. Ted

> Tyson a& Peggy Jennette Given By: Stuart Grainger

Frances & Francis King Given By: The King Family

John Latta Given By: Sharon Latta

Jocelyn Strange Lynch Given By: Jane Woodbury

Jane Miller & Edwin Anderson Metts, Jr. Given By: Jane, Louise, & Jared

Mr. & Mrs. J.F. Newber, Sr. Given By: J.F. Newber, Jr.

Robert S. (Bob) Parker, Sr. --"Poppy" Given By: Cecilia & Virginia Parker

Sarah Pretlow Given By: Jane Rippy, Louise & Jared Lane

Peg Rorison Given By: Cece Snow, Mike Schultz & family

Jim Spruill Given By: his daughters, Beth Spruill Barr, Kathy Spruill Elliott & their families

> Michael C. Stovall, Jr. Given By: Alexander Koonce

George Thomas Swain Jr. & Virginia Swain Given By: Mary Virginia Swain

Ethel & Walker Taylor Given By: Gillian & Allen Taylor

Alexander MacDonald Wessell Given By: Neill, Charlotte, Lee, & Wren

Jack Curlett & Molly Wright Given By: Anne Curlett

Eloise H. Wyatt Given By: Beverly & Russell Clark

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