CHRISTMAS EVE CHRISTMAS DAY

5:00 p.m.

December 24, 2020



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Welcome.

Wherever you are on your faith journey, we are delighted you are here and welcome you into fellowship with all who seek the presence of Christ in their lives.

Prelude

The People stand.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. To us a Child is born:
People Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

The People stand

Processional Hymn O Come all ye faithful Verses 1,3,6 HYMN 83 (P10 LEAFLET)

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light the Christ candle to symbolize God's promise fulfilled. 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.

Song of Praise Angels we have heard on high HYMN 96 (P12 LEAFLET)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

People And we beheld his glory.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen**.

The First Lesson: 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 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.

Lector The word of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96:1-4, 11-12 (Sung in unison)

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song;
 - sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name:

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day today.

- 3 Declare his glory among the nations
 - and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;

he is more to be feared than all gods.

- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
 - but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *

Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
 - ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth tremble before him.

- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
 - he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity."

- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
 - let the sea thunder and all that is in it:
 - let the field be joyful and all that is there in.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy

before the LORD when he comes.

- when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

The Second Lesson: 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.

Lector The word of God for the People of God. People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Proclamation

What Child is this HYMN 115 (P14 LEAFLET)

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2:1-20).

People Praise to you, O 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 God 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 God 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.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord. People Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon The Rt. Rev. J. Scott

Mayer

The Nicene Creed
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; who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified; who 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

God of glory, by your grace a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests on his shoulders, and in his name we pray. Amen.

Wonderful Counselor, we pray for wisdom for the world's leaders, that they may use their power to lift burdens and break the bonds of oppression. **Amen.**

Mighty God, we pray for the church of Jesus Christ our Lord, that you will multiply and increase our joy as we share in the harvest you have gathered. **Amen.** Everlasting Father, we pray for families, friends, and loved ones, that those who now walk in deep darkness may see the great light of your saving love. Amen.

Prince of Peace, we pray for an end to violence and warfare, that your authority may continue to grow until there is endless peace in every land. Lord of All, establish your holy realm with justice and righteousness, from this time on and forevermore. Amen.

Please stand

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of Emmanuel be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem Silent Night Hymn 111 (P16 LEAFLET)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God 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 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 forever 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 remain standing or kneel as able.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God, We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

All 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 Fraction

Presider Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

If you have a consecrated host at home, please join us in sharing communion at this time. If you do not have a consecrated host at home, join us by sharing spiritual communion with the following prayer.

In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The People stand or kneel for

The Post Communion Prayer
Loving Word of God,
By your holy Incarnation,
You have shown us the fullness of your glory
through your birth in Bethlehem.
We thank you for this holy night
And for the holiness of your Presence in the
Sacrament of your Body and Blood.
Send us out filled with Your mercy and grace,
To dwell in your Love,
To walk in the fullness of your Light,
That through the overshadowing of your Spirit,
We may be God-bearers to our world,
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

The Christmas Blessing

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

Processional Hymn

Joy to the World

HYMN 100 (P18 LEAFLET)

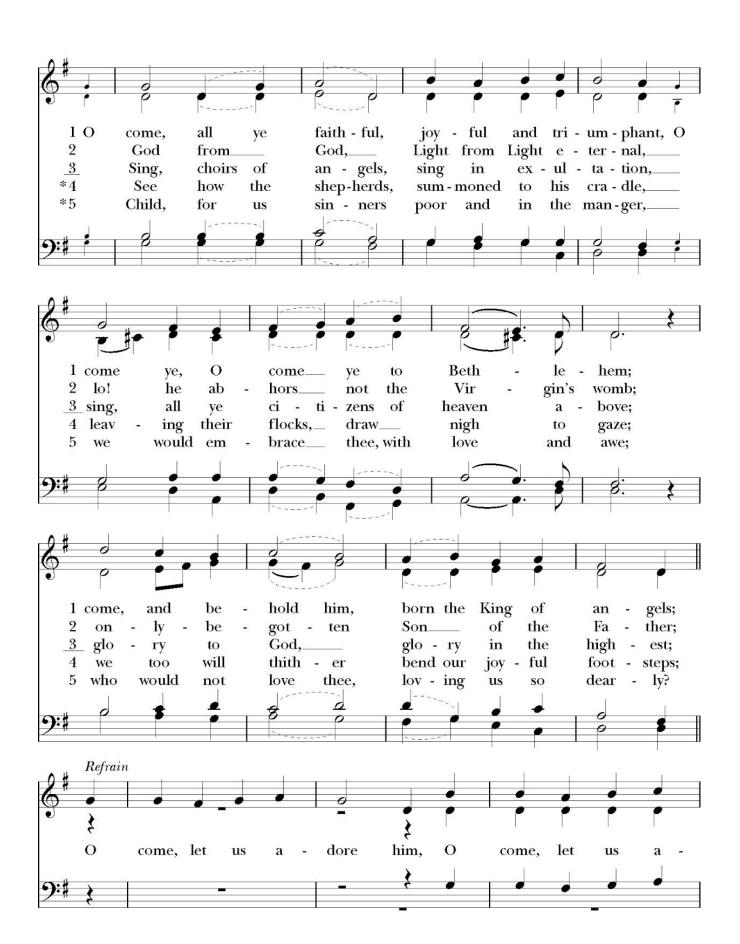
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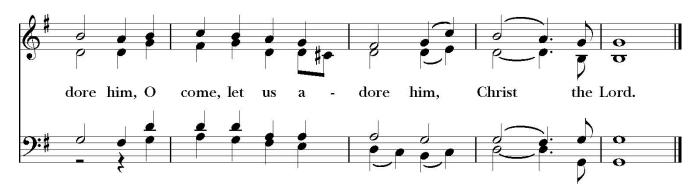
Celebrant Alleluia, to us a child is born, a Son is given.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude

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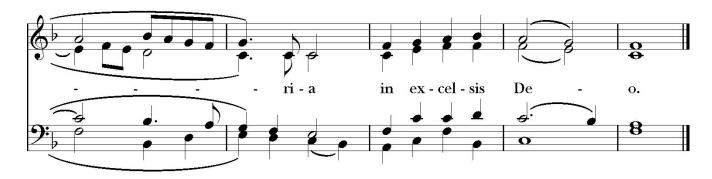


6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

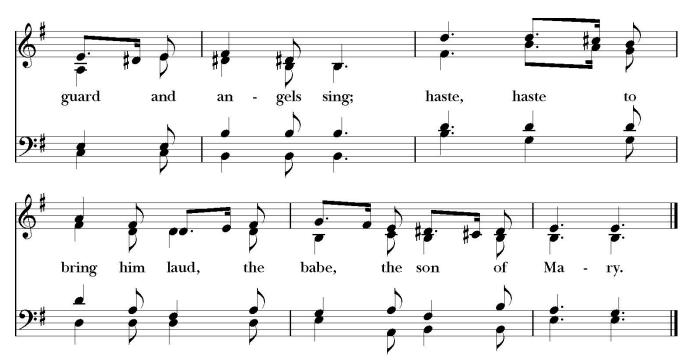
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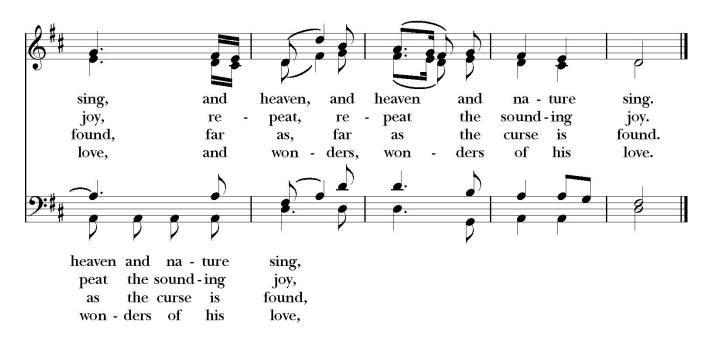


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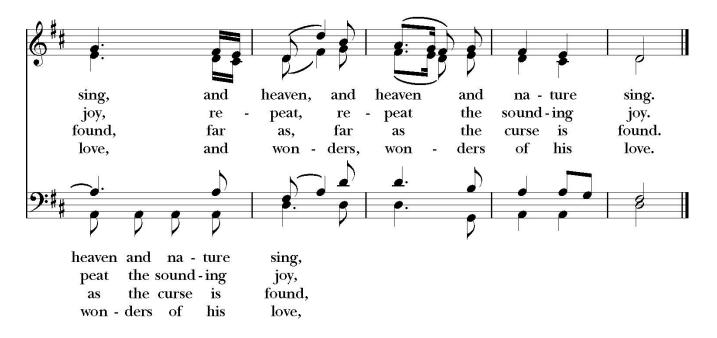
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