THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024 4:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.

(Christmas Music Begins at 3:30 P.M. and 10:30 P.M.) Holy Eucharist, Rite II



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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PRELUDE MUSIC

A Medley of Christmas Carols

-Arr. Gilliam/McCaskill Julia McCallum, flute

Puer nobis nascitur -Pierre Dandrieu

The congregation is invited to join in singing carols as part of the pre-service music.

Hymnal 79	O Little town of Bethlehem	St. Louis
Hymnal 89	It came upon the midnight clear	Carol
Hymnal 101	Away in a manger	Cradle song
Hymnal 102	Once in royal David's city	Irby

O Holy Night -Adolphe Adam

Sam Sparrow, clarinet

Carol of the Birds -Jacques Berthier

Julia McCallum, flute

Gesu Bambino -Pietro Yon

Sam Sparrow, clarinet

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Processional Hymn: O come, all ye faithful *Adeste fideles*

Hymnal 83



Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others Music: Adeste fideles, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

Celebrant: Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

People: O come, let us adore him.

The 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.

Gloria: S 278



Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

A Collect of Christmas

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 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 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.



Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

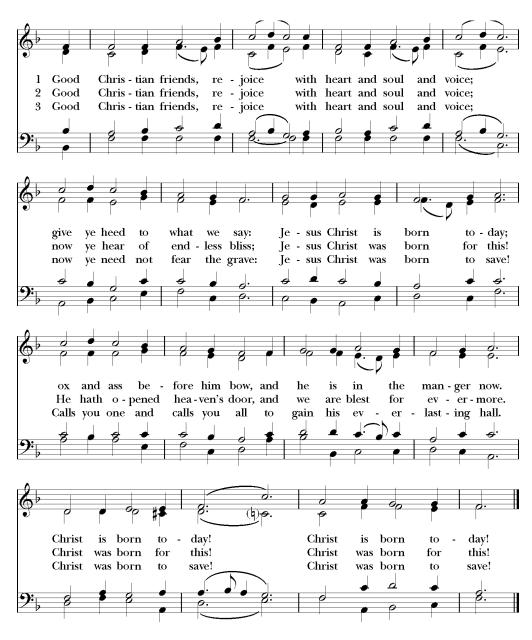


- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; * sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; * 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 therein.
- 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.

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: Good Christian friends, rejoice In dulci jubilo Hymnal 107



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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 Saviour, 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 favours!'

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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon Fr. Ray

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

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

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

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

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest.*People:* Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;*People:* May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The congregation is invited to add their petitions either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant will add a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Fr. Ray's two-minute children's Conversation (4:00 PM Service Only)
"Sing Happy Birthday to Jesus"

Of the Father's heart begotten, Ere the world from chaos rose, He is Alpha: from that Fountain All that is and hath been flows; He is Omega, of all things Yet to come the mystic Close, *Evermore and evermore.*

By his word was all created; He commanded and 'twas done; Earth and sky and boundless ocean, Universe of three in one, All that sees the moon's soft radiance, All that breathes beneath the sun, Evermore and evermore

He assumed this mortal body, Frail and feeble, doomed to die, That the race from dust created Might not perish utterly, Which the dreadful Law had sentenced In the depths of hell to lie, Evermore and evermore.

O how blest that wondrous birthday, When the Maid the curse retrieved, Brought to birth mankind's salvation, By the Holy Ghost conceived; And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, In her loving arms received, *Evermore and evermore*.

This is he, whom seer and sybil Sang in ages long gone by; This is he of old revealed In the page of prophecy; Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour; Let the world his prasies cry! Evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heav'n his praises; Angels and Archangels, sing! Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful, Let your joyous anthems ring, Ev'ry tongue his name confessing, Countless voices answering, Evermore and evermore.



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B

The people remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.

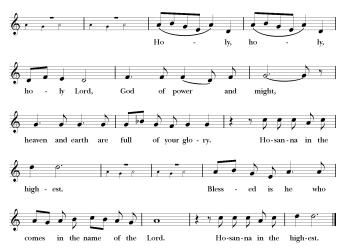
The Celebrant proceeds

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:

The Sanctus S 128



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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,

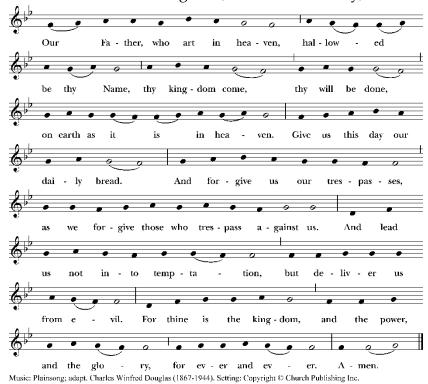
We await his coming in glory;

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, Blessed Joseph, 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 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**.

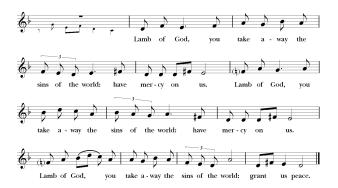
And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



Celebrant: [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

The Fraction Anthem S 163



Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Anthem:

In the Bleak Midwinter

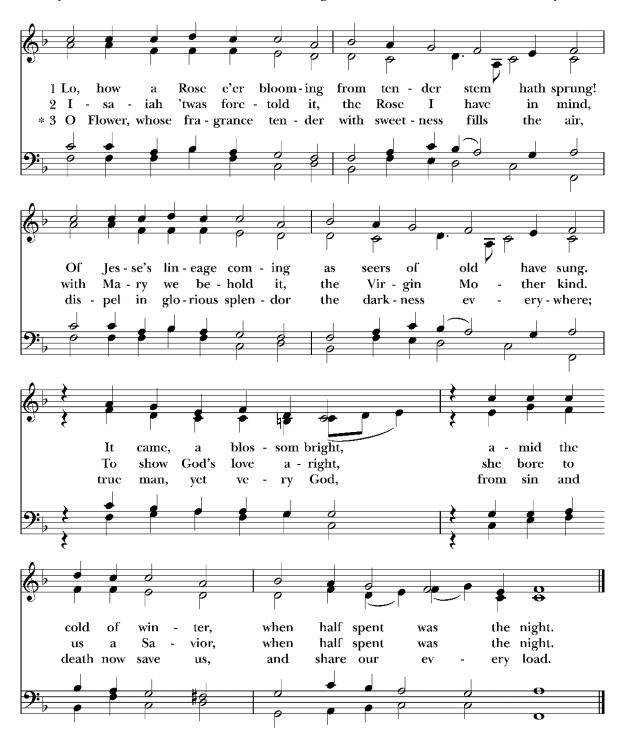
-Arr. Harold Darke Poem by Christina Rossetti

In the bleak midwinter, 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 midwinter, 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 midwinter a stable place sufficed The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for him whom cherubim worship night and day, A breast full of milk and a manger full 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.



Words: St. 1-2 German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). St. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859): tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925); ver. Hymnal 1940. St. 3, Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: Es ist ein Ros, melody from Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621).

As the last people return from communion, please light your candles and the ushers will turn off the lights.

We will sing Silent Night kneeling together in the darkened church.



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.

A Christmas Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

The Closing Hymn: Hark! the herald angels sing Mendelssohn Hymnal 87



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

The Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary: Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day -Douglas E. Wagner

POINSETTIA GIFTS

given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

James Layton Richardson, Jr	Lindsey and Nicole Richardson			
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Kathy's Parents Stewart & Lillian Mattix and Siblings Stewart	art, & Robert, and brother-in-			
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Our time with Fr. Ray	Doris and Mac Leitner
Chip Mays and the Choir	Martha Macdonald
Fr. Ray and Lisa	Martha Macdonald
Dr. Rick Hanners and Mrs. Suzie Owen	Martha Macdonald
Carol and Pick Freeman	Martha Macdonald
Lou and Joan Amzler	Martha Macdonald
Genevieve Long	Martha Macdonald
Pattie Watson	Martha Macdonald
The Goonen Family	Martha Macdonald
AnnWalton Townsend	Martha Macdonald
John Wallace	Martha Macdonald
David and Linda Caines	Martha Macdonald
My Children and Grandchildren	Martha Macdonald
Chip Mays and the Choir	Luke Upchurch and Ben Boyles
My blessings too many to begin to count	Carole Tiedeman

OUR MINISTERS

Acolytes: 4:00 Service: Noah Burgess, Carolina Ardis, Ella Burgess,

Lawson Miller, Logan Baker

11:00 Service: Amelia Okey, Colin Okey, Wesley Hane,

George Hane

Greeter: 11:00 Service: Dottie White

Altar Guild: Linda Campfield, Linda Craig, Karen Lambruschi,

Sheilah Kimmel, Betsy Rock, Reesa McCrorey

Eucharist Ministers: 4:00 Service: Manning Kimmel, James Hale Burgess

11:00 Service: Wendy Hope, Jeff Couick

Lectors: 4:00 Service: Manning Kimmel, James Hale Burgess

11:00 Service: Houston Craighead, Jeff Couick

Audio/Video: 4:00 Service: Terry and Tami Windell

11:00 Service: Terry and Tami Windell

Musicians: Julia McCallum, flute,

Sam Sparrow, clarinet ECOOS Adult Choir

Ushers: 4:00 Service: Mike Dutra, Christy Dutra

11:00 Service: Robert Carter, John Stewart