



St. John's Episcopal Church

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:
CHRISTMAS EVE
HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE II
DECEMBER 24, 2020
1:00, 4:00, & 8:00 PM

Voluntary

Prelude on Greensleeves

Richard Purvis

Entrance Hymn 83, vv. 1 & 3 (*Sung by the choir*)

O come, all ye faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest, *Refrain*

The Opening Acclamation

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn 96, vv. 1 & 2 (*Sung by all*)

Angels we have heard on high

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo

The Collect for the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sequence Hymn 100, vv.1-2 (*Standing*)

Joy to the world!

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

The Lesson Luke 2:1-14 (*Standing*)

Clergy: 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!"

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon (*Seated*)

The Reverend C. Wallace Marsh (1:00)

The Rev. David C. Killeen (4:00)

The Reverend Abigail W. Moon (8:00)

The Prayers of the People (*Kneeling or standing*)

Father, on this holy night your Son our Savior was born in human form.

Renew your Church as the body of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

On this holy night Christians the world over are celebrating his birth.

Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

On this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn.
Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

On this holy night the angels sang “Peace to God’s people on earth.”
Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

On this holy night strangers found the Holy Family and saw the baby lying in
the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

On this holy night heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven.
Keep in safety all those who have gone through death in the hope of heaven. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

On this holy night angels and shepherds worshiped at the manger throne.
Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Blessed Mary and all the saints.

Leader: Merciful Father,

People: **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory

In the bleak midwinter

Harold Darke

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The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer B

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It 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 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 the 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:

Holy, holy, holy

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

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,

Priest 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 John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first born 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:

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Invitation to Communion: *All baptized people are welcome to receive the consecrated bread of the Eucharist. Please come forward to the priest to receive. Please receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. Please know that the Episcopal Church maintains that the full blessing of the Eucharist is available in only one element. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those not receiving the bread are invited to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms in front of your chest.*

Hymn 101, vv. 1-2

Away in a manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay;
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Hymn 115, vv. 1-2

What child is this

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain*

Postcommunion Prayer *(Said by all, kneeling)*

Priest: Let us pray.

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.

Hymn 111, vv.1-2

Silent night

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 Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 87, vv. 1 & 3 (*Standing*)

Hark! the herald angels sing

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings, Light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!

The Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

J. S. Bach

Tower Bells

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Poinsettias Given in Memory of

Nell and Bob Godfrey, given by Ruth Godfrey-Sigler
Olga Castro "Yaya", given by The Minton Family
Arthur Kennerly, given by Bob & Jan Porter
Frank Carter, given by Linda Carter
My parents, given by Linda Carter
In loving memory of my dear parents, Carol and George Lewis, given by Beth Lewis
Douglas Fields II, given by Lori Fields
Jackie Sharkey "Queen", given by Will Grubbs
Francis Watson, given by Jane Watson
Becky Proctor, Paxton Briley, Ruth & John A. Henderson, Helen & Morris Briley, and Ralph Proctor, Jr., given by George and Gwen Henderson
Our parents, Gordon and Laura Long and William and Frances Dean, given by John and Teresa Dean
Our parents, given by Phil and Betty Ashler
Norman Hagen, given by Bill Hagen
Jack D. Kane, Sr., given by Betty Kane
Betty R. Daniels, given by Danny and Mary Shuler
Anthony Walterson and Brian Walterson, given by Georgette Walterson
Herbert and Lucille Jones, given by Richard and Jo Ann McAdams
Ervin and Clara McAdams, given by Richard and Jo Ann McAdams
Sarah Moor Davis and Margaret Moor Reynolds, given by their family
William and Geneva Catledge, given by Stephen and Patricia C. Peters
Lucia Quintiliani, given by Janice Fleischer
Yayo and Don Kahl, Mary Noel Childers, given by Vickie Childers
John A. Lauder, Jr., given by Wilma Lauder
Canby Lauder Lewis, given by Wilma Lauder
Kay Huddleston McNab, given by Wilma Lauder
Rosetta and Emerson Tully, given by Martin and Susan Proctor
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Ralph, Louise and Dianne Ketcham, given by Bruce Ketcham
Alvin Frazier and Annie Frazier, given by Hilda Frazier
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Mr. and Mrs. R. Tom Joyner, Jr., given by Steve and Mary Bryan
Bonita Mitchell, given by Cheryle and Claire Dodd
Robert and Geneva Maddox, given by Cheryle Dodd

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Giles, Shelby, Dan, Ella B, and Audrey, given by Brooke Kennerly
Melissa Devereaux, given by Melissa, Nate, Lily and James Conable
Mary Grubbs, given by Will Grubbs
Adam, Jenny, Anna and Eleanor Blalock, given by Joanne Blalock
For our family and our many blessings, given by George and Gwen Henderson
Our children and grandchildren, given by Doug and Cindy Sessions
Mary Hagen, given by Bill Hagen
Marc Jason Patton, given by Jean, Mary-Margaret, Jon, Kate, Charlie and Nick Davis
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My blessings, Sara Noel and Corbett Proctor, Miles Childers and Emily Harmer, given by Vickie Childers

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John A. Lauder, III and Osborne O. Wheaton, Jr., given by Wilma Lauder

Music Dedications in Memory of

Jack Sigler, given by Ruth Godfrey-Sigler

Alfred Boyce Devereaux, Jr., given by Melissa, Nate, Lily and James Conable

Anna Breland Bailey, given by Betsy Calhoun

Anna Bailey, given by Donald Bourassa

My precious daughter Mary K. Abberton, given by Sallie K. Brown

My parents, given by Jane Watson

In loving memory of Rupert Williams, given by Winifred Williams, daughters and granddaughters

Arthur Kennerly, given by George and Gwen Henderson

Bill and Mary Ella Sessions and Jim and Jimmie Lee Coram, given by Doug and Cindy Sessions

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Kay Huddleston McNab, given by Wilma Lauder

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In memory of our parents, given by Nancy Brand and Lonnie Sweat

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