

# The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord

**December 24, 2024, 5PM**

*Festival Holy Eucharist, Rite II*  
*The Pageant of the Holy Nativity*



Grace Church



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## *The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord*

### Prelude

Organ Improvisations  
*Henry Marinovic, organ*

“Cornish Wassail”  
*School Choirs, The Gargoyles, Bells*

Traditional English

*Sung by all and choir, seated.*

### Congregational Carol

“What Child is This”  
*(Greensleeves)*

Hymnal 115

- 1 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.**

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

- 3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*

### Congregational Carol

“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”  
*(God Rest You Merry)*

Hymnal 105  
Verses 1 & 4

- 1 God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;  
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,  
to save us all from Satan’s power when we were gone astray.

*Refrain* **O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy!**

- 4 Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
and with true love and charity each other now embrace;  
this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace.

*Refrain*



## Bell Choir

“Casabel”

arr. Susan T. Nelson

“Away in a Manger/Jingle Bells”

arr. Thompson & Callahan

## Anthems

“Gloria A Dios”

Traditional Peruvian

*The Gargoyles*

“Daughter of Zion”

G. F. Handel

*Daughters of Zion*

## The Liturgy of the Word

*The people stand.*

### Processional Hymn

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Hymnal 83

*(Adeste fideles)*

Verses 1, 3 & 6

1 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;  
**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.**

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest;  
**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.**

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.**

### Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

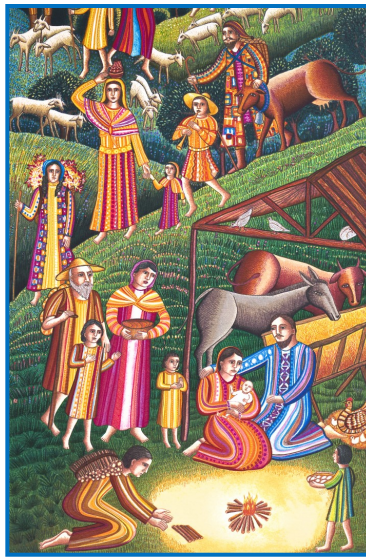
### Collect For Christmas Eve

BCP, p. 212

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Presider prays the Collect, after which all respond* **Amen.**



## The Pageant of the Holy Nativity

*The congregation remains seated during the Pageant,  
and joins the Congregational Carol singing.*

### Congregational Carol & Chapel Choir Procession

“The First Nowell”  
(*The First Nowell*)

Hymnal 109  
Verses 1 & 2

- 1 The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.  
**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**
  
- 2 They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.  
**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

### Congregational Carol

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
(*Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*)

Hymnal 56  
Verse 1

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

### Choir Carols

“The Angel Gabriel”

Basque Carol

“This is the Truth”

arr. Betty Berteaux

“Rejoice”

Richard Gieseke

## Congregational Carol

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Hymnal 79

*Sung by all.*

Verse 1

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

## Chapel Choir Carol

“Away in a Manger”

William James Kirkpatrick

*(Cradle Song)*

## Choir Carol

“Gloria in Excelsis”

French Carol

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Hymnal 128

*(Three Kings of Orient)*

**Refrain—sung by all**

King solos: *Ian Finlay, Peter Munter, Wynn Waterstredt*

*Refrain* O . . . star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!

## Choir Carol

“Still, Still, Still”

Traditional German Carol

*Choirs, Bells*

## All Choirs & Cast Carol

“The Snow Lay on the Ground”

C. W. Douglas

*(Venite adoremus)*

✘ ✘ ✘ **Here Ends the Pageant** ✘ ✘ ✘

*Pageant tableau will remain in place for the prayers.*

*The people stand.*

## Prayers of the People

*The Leader offers intercessions on behalf of the congregation;  
during the silences the people may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.*

*Each petition concludes* Lord, in your mercy,

*People respond* **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude* ... who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
in glory everlasting.

*People respond* **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The people greet each other in the name of the Lord.*

*The Chapel Choir return to the parents during The Peace. The Choir remains in the choir stalls.*

## Words of Welcome

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory Anthem

“Ukrainian Bell Carol”  
Choirs

arr. Wilhousky



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Half our Christmas Offering will be shared with the Diocese of Newark for the Bishop's initiative for Hispanic/Latino Ministry with the goal to make Christ known through the Episcopal Church in the Hispanic/Latino community. ¡Feliz Navidad!

*The people stand.*

## Offertory Hymn

“On This Day”  
(*Personent hodie*)

Hymnal 92

- 1 On this day earth shall ring  
with the song children sing  
to the Lord, Christ our King,  
born on earth to save us;  
him the Father gave us.

*Refrain* **Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o,  
Id-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo!**

- 2 His the doom, ours the mirth;  
when he came down to earth  
Bethlehem saw his birth;  
ox and ass beside him  
from the cold would hide him. *Refrain*

- 3 God's bright star, o'er his head,  
Wise Men three to him led;  
kneel they low by his bed,  
lay their gifts before him,  
praise him and adore him. *Refrain*

- 4 On this day angels sing;  
with their song earth shall ring,  
praising Christ, heaven's King,  
born on earth to save us;  
peace and love he gave us. *Refrain*







**Communion Music**

“Cherry Tree Carol”  
*The Gargoyles*

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Communion Hymn**

“Once in Royal David’s City”  
*(Irby)*

Hymnal 102  
Verses 2, 4 & 6

- 1 *Sung by School Choirs*
- 2 He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.
- 4 For he is our lifelong pattern; daily, when on earth he grew,  
He was tempted, scorned, rejected, tears and smiles like us he knew.  
Thus he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.
- 6 Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing round,  
we shall see him; but in heaven, where his saints his throne surround:  
Christ revealed to faithful eye, set at God’s right hand on high.

**Communion Hymn**

“Silent Night”  
*(Stille Nacht)*

Hymnal 111

*After verse 3, the school choirs sing a verse in German.*

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

*The people stand.*

BCP, p. 365

### Post-Communion Prayer

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider 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.**

### Christmas Blessing

*The Presider invokes God's blessing upon all, to which the people respond* **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

*"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"  
(Mendelssohn)*

Hymnal 87  
Verses 1 & 2

- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the new-born King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
**Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the new-born King!**
  
- 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come, off-spring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
**Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the new-born King!**

### Dismissal

*Response* **Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude

*"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"  
organ*

David Cherwien

# TREE OF LIGHT

*The Tree of Light in front of the church holds lights that were given by members of Grace Church to honor and remember those we love.*

## IN MEMORY OF

Joseph Maione  
Jill Rapp  
Jim Kempe  
Thelma Kempe  
*by Ginger Maione*

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Benjamin Ironside  
*by The Rev. Susan R. Ironside*

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Andrew Link, Jr.  
Magdalena Barna  
Andrew Barna  
*by Maureen E. Link*

Jill Massey  
Diane Massey  
Pam Massey  
Martin Huth  
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Elsi Maier  
Toni Maier  
*by Alex Maier & Sandy Spatola*

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Edith Mills  
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Ann Jurgensen  
Charles Jurgensen  
*by Judy & Charlie Jurgensen*

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Pam Massey  
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Walter Chwazik  
Gail Chwazik  
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*by Marie Baptist-Horton*





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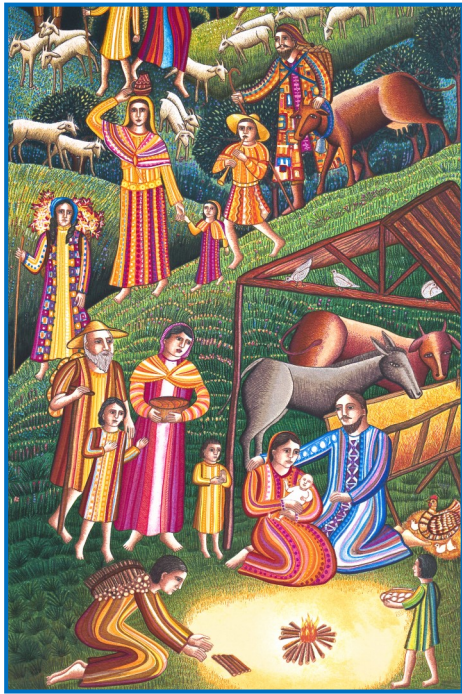
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## Pageant Cast & Participants

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|---|---|
| <b>Angel Gabriel</b>                        | Annabelle Daley*  |
| <b>Mary</b>                                 | Chloe McKeever*   |
| <b>Joseph</b>                               | Andrew Finlay*  |
| <b>Narrator</b>                             | Annabelle Palmer*   |
| <b>Elizabeth</b>                            | Olivia Harter*  |
| <b>Roman Centurion</b>                      | Jack Daley  |
| <b>Star</b>                                 | Olivia Towle*   |
| <b>King #1</b>                              | Seb Towle*  |
| <b>King #2</b>                              | Jack Daley  |
| <b>King #3</b>                              | Noah Horton*  |
| <b>Shepherd #1</b>                          | Ellie Horton  |
| <b>Shepherd #2</b>                          | Abby Muccifori  |
| <b>Shepherd #3</b>                          | Margaret Petite*  |
| <b>Shepherds</b>                            | Gianna Ciolino, Sydney Kosoy*, Felicity Labiner,<br>Maddie Muldoon * <i>School Choir Members</i>  |
| <b>Angels &amp; Animals</b>                 | Remy Battaglia, Dominic Ciolino, Cate Donough,<br>John Hirsch, Lulu Hirsch, Nate Kosoy, Hudson Labiner,<br>Weston Labiner, Maya Lynch, Sienna Lynch,<br>Joey Muldoon, Madeleine O'Keefe, Red O'Keefe,<br>Audrey Petite, Genevieve Towle |
| <b>Additional School Choir</b>              | Eve Albiston, Hadley Bendelius, Vivienne Cole,<br>Maggie Donough, Katelyn Finlay  |
| <b>Daughters of Zion</b>                    | Anne Bolt**, Meredith McKeever, Libby McManus,<br>Mia Melchior**, Peri Munter**, Presley Sacher,<br>Elizabeth Wielandy**, Henri Wielandy**  |
| <b>The Gargoyles</b>                        | Nicholas Huang, Peter Munter, Ian Finlay,<br>Henry Marinovic**, William Marinovic**, Wynn Waterstredt<br>Matthew North-The <i>Gargoyles Director</i> ** <i>Alumna/Alumnus</i>   |
| <b>Bell Choir</b><br><i>(left to right)</i> | Gianna Ciolino, Hadley Bendelius, Annabelle Palmer,<br>Eve Albiston, Meredith McKeever, Andrew Finlay,<br>Katelyn Finlay, Libby McManus, Ian Finlay, Anne Bolt,<br>Wynn Waterstredt, William Marinovic, Peter Munter                    |
| <b>Director</b>                             | Kathryn McManus   |
| <b>Music Director</b>                       | Anne Matlack  |
| <b>Children's Choir Assistant</b>           | Camille Bourland  |
| <b>Chapel Choir</b>                         | Linda Bowden  |



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**Christmas Day - December 25**

**10AM** Carols & Communion

**Christmas I - December 29**

**8AM** Spoken Eucharist

*9:15AM* Choir rehearsal, all welcome

**10AM** Lessons & Carols

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