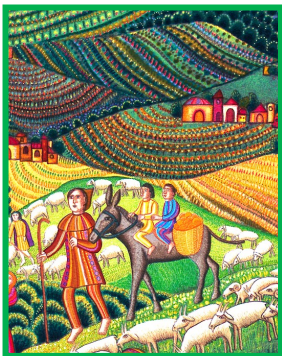


The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord

December 24, 2024, 9PM

Festival Holy Eucharist by Candlelight





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CAROL PRELUDE

“Reflection” <i>organ</i>	Michael Helman
“Masters in this Hall”	arr. David Willcocks
“Adam Lay Ybounden”	Boris Ord
“Down in Yon Forest”	arr. John Rutter
“Patapan”	Traditional French
“As I Went Down to David’s Town”	Leo Sowerby
“As Joseph Was A-Walking”	Ulysses Kay

BELL CHOIR

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”	arr. Barbara Kinyon
“Sans Day Carol”	arr. Kenneth Lowenberg

ENTRANCE RITE

The people stand as the procession enters.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
(*Adeste fideles*)

Hymnal 83

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, p. 355

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Joy to the World!”
(*Antioch*)

Hymnal 100

THE CHRISTMAS COLLECT

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector The Word of the Lord.
Response **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE CAROL

“How Far Is It to Bethlehem”
Choir

arr. Alice Parker

THE SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

Lector The Word of the Lord.
Response **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

GRADUAL HYMN

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
(*Gloria*)

Hymnal 96
Verses 1-3

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

GRADUAL HYMN

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Hymnal 96
Verse 4

THE SERMON

The people sit.

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing.

BCP, p. 358

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

<i>Each petition concludes</i>	Lord, in your mercy,
<i>People respond</i>	hear our prayer.
<i>The prayers conclude</i>	... who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.
<i>People respond</i>	Amen.

THE PEACE

<i>Presider</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WORDS OF WELCOME

The people remain standing.

Presider

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love...
...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

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

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you...
... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

Presider

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

**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

A period of silence is kept.

Presider

Christ our Passover

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

2 People

There fore let us keep the feast.

All

Al - le - lu - ia

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is for the Presider, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat major). The melody is: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The second staff is for the People, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

FRACTION ANTHEM

“Joseph lieber, Joseph mein”

J. G. Walther

Joseph, my dear Joseph,
help me rock my little child.
God will recompense you
in heaven, the Virgin Mary’s child.

Now let all sing together,
sing to the newborn king,
saying with devout voice,
“Glory be to Christ our babe!”

Hey, hey! The Virgin has given birth to God
whom the divine mercy willed.

Today the one whom Gabriel predicted
has appeared in Israel, has been born king.

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion. Our custom is to receive the bread
on extended hands and to help guide the chalice to the mouth by touching its base.*

Intinction— dipping the wafer in the wine—is not practiced.

*To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, cross your arms over your chest.
If you need to have Communion brought to you at your seat, please inform an usher.
Gluten-free bread is available upon request.*

ORGAN

“Christ is Born”
(Joseph Lieber)

June Nixon

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”
(Picardy)

Hymnal 324
Verses 1 & 4—All
Verse 2—Men
Verse 3—Trebles

The people kneel.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

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.**

Sung by all in candlelight, kneeling.

HYMN

“Silent Night, Holy Night”
(*Stille Nacht*)

Hymnal 111

THE 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

DISMISSAL

Response **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“*Von Himmel hoch*”
(*From Heaven Above*)

Johann Pachelbel

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.

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