

CHRISTMAS EVE



DECEMBER 24, 2021
4:00 o'clock P.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Christmas Music for Strings

Welcome and announcements

Processional Hymn 83: "O come, all ye faithful"

Adeste fideles

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.*

God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only-begotten Son of the Father; *Refrain*

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

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain*

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

The Word of God

The Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Response: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Hymn 87: "Hark! the herald angels sing"

Mendelssohn

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 th' angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark, the herald-angels sing glory to the new-born King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see: hail th' incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark, the herald-angels sing glory to the new-born 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.
Ris'n 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 new-born King.

The Collect

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.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7

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 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Solo: "O men from the fields" (Bob Workmon, tenor)

T.B.D.

Arnold Cooke

The Second Reading

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 96: "Angels we have heard on high" (stanzas 1 & 2)

Gloria

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

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria...

See Him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria...

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Luke 2:1-14

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!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn 79: "O Little town of Bethlehem"

St. Louis

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.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
 while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
 O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
 and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
 So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
 No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
 where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
 cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

The Nicene Creed

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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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader ...Lord in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Concluding Collect

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Anthem: "Gesù Bambino" (Sara Westermarck, soprano)

T.B.D.

Pietro Yon

Presentation Hymn 380: (stanza 3)

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer B

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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:

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Fraction Anthem (S-164):

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Communion of the People

Solos at Communion:

"Jesus, Jesus rest your head" (Bob Workmon, tenor)

T.B.D.

John Jacob Niles

"The Virgin's Slumber Song" (Sara Westermarck, soprano)

Max Reger

101 "Away in a manger"

Cradle Song

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.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

The Post Communion Prayer

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Priest 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.

Hymn 111: "Silent night, holy night" (*all kneeling*)

Stille Nacht

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!

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 Blessing

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Hymn 100: "Joy to the world"

Antioch

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

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found...

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love...

The Dismissal
Postlude "Noël"

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Louis-Claude Daquin



Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard
Preacher: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., DEC. 20-24

MORNING PRAYER

8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

SJDS CHRISTMAS BREAK

SJDS Closed through January 4, 2022

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF

5:00 P.M. | ZOOM or Graham Parlor

FELLOWSHIP AA

7:00 PM | Great Hall

CLASSICAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

7:30 P.M. | St. James Sanctuary *(free)*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

9:00-11:30 AM | Great Hall or Zoom

MEN'S AL ANON

5:15-7:00 PM | Great Hall

WILM. DISABLED ATHL. ASSOC.

6:30-8:30 PM | Perry Hall *(basketball)*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

HOLY EUCHARIST

12:10 PM | St. James Sanctuary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:00 PM | Church Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

SJP Church Office Closes at 12:00 PM

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

4:00 PM | St. James Sanctuary

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

6:00 PM | St. James Sanctuary

ONLINE RITE II LIVE STREAM

6:00 PM | St. James Website or Facebook

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:30 PM | St. James Parish

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:30 AM | St. James Sanctuary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

8:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

with Christmas Lessons & Carols

10:30 AM | St. James Sanctuary

ONLINE RITE II LIVE STREAM

10:30 AM | St. James Website or Facebook

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