

CHRISTMAS EVE

SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

6:00 P.M.

Christmas Music for Strings and Organ

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn 83 "O come, all ye faithful"

Adeste fideles

Gloria

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

The Holy Bible; NRSV, p. 624

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

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

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.**

Song of Praise: Hymn 96 "Angels we have heard on high"

The Collect of the Day p. 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.**

The First Reading: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Antiphon (The antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, then repeated by all)



Psalm chant:



Sing to the Lord a new / song, * for he has done marvelous / things. With his right hand and his holy / arm * has he won for himself the / victory.

Antiphon (sung by all)

The Lord has made known his / victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the / nations. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of / Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our / God.

Antiphon (sung by all)

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you / lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and / sing. Sing to the Lord with the / harp, * with the harp and the voice of / song.

Antiphon (sung by all)

The Epistle: Titus 2:11–14

NRSV, p. 1089

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 78

"O little town of Bethlehem" sts. 1-3

Forest Green

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1–20

NRSV, p. 935

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!" 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

The Nicene Creed p. 358

Officiant and People together

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 response to each petition:

...Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Solo "Gesu Bambino" Pietro Yon

~Bob Workmon, tenor

Presentation Hymn 380 "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" Old 100th

stanza 3

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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

Lift up your hearts.

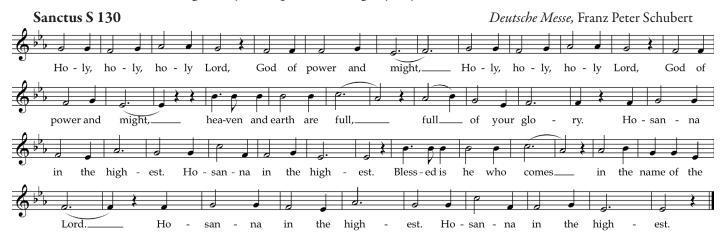
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise. Then, facing the Holy Table, 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 people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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;

The Celebrant continues

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 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,

The Lord's Prayer p. 364

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

p. 364

The Fraction Anthem S–152 "Christ our Passover"

Ambrosian chant

People There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu - ia.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion of the People

Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.

Communion Solos "Rise up, shepherd and follow"

~Sara Westermark, soprano

"I wonder as I wander"

John Jacob Niles

Traditional Spiritual

~Bob Workmon, tenor "The Virgin's Slumber Song"

Max Reger

~Sara Westermark, soprano

Communion Hymn 101

"Away in a manger"

Cradle Song

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.

At the dimming of the lights, individual candles will be lighted.

Hymn 111 (kneeling)

"Silent night, holy night"

Stille Nacht

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 87

"Hark! the herald angels sing"

Mendelssohn

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude







Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr. Assisting Priest: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan

ST. JAMES PARISH

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & MUSIC

POINSETTIAS IN HONOR OF

Kay Ballard Given by: Carol Chase Thomas

Our Grandchildren Given by: Bill & Mary Jo Cameron

Mr. & Mrs. R. Vernon Fulk Given by: The Fulk Family

Marion Hays McNair Given by: The Marr Family

Uncle Fields and Aunt Sophie Given by: Virginia & Jack Currin

Our Girls: Maegan, Lindley, & Anna Carlyle Given by: Mandy & Lin Spears Kaki, Adam, Mary Cromley, & Sarah Katherine Woodlief Linda & Hamilton Hicks

Marilyn Barmore Given by: Kathryn, James, Calder, & Henry Barmore

The Rev. C. Phillip Craig, Jr. Given by: Carl & Nancy Keller

Louise, Kevin, Jackson, Gareth, & Waller Hicks Linda & Hamilton Hicks

Lew, David, Harrison, Jack, Caroline, & Sally Anne & Alex Murchison

Jane M. Rippy Given by: Lauren B. Bell

Our Family Given by: Jack & Barbara Swann

The Prayer & Meal Train Heroes of SJP Given by: Jennifer Craig

John Boyd & Julia Goodman Given by: The Fulk Family

> Virginia & Jack Given by: Vi Vi

Jane Martin Given by: Bennett & Pamela Potter

Our Parents Given by: Anna & Kurt Taylor

> Jane Rippy Given by: Molly Roush

Mrs. Jane B. Tatum Given by: Amanda & RV Fulk

St James Music Ministry Given by: Dale & Billie Holland Corbett, Miller & Hap Brown Given by: Mom & Dad

Stephen Fuchs Given by: The Fulk Family

Our Grandchildren: Frank, Buddy, Jack & Charlie Kathy 🔗 Randy Coupland

Spencer Parker Given by: Cecilia & Virginia Parker

Sara, Kristen, Dee, Jason, Bryan, Lexie, Adam, Avery, & Hunter Given by: Billy & Jane Saunders

Knox and Anna Trask Given by: Ansley & William Trask

The St. James Clergy Given by: The Ruffner Family

All Christmas Visitors to St. James Given by: Ann & Steve Mueller

POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY OF

The Rt Rev. & Mrs. John A. Baden Given by: Their Family

Michael Corbett Brown, Sr. Given by: Elizabeth & Bill King

Chris Cammack Given by: Gillian & Allen Taylor

Mary Gilliam Clark Given by: Nancy Carr Korman

Charles Michael Gaines Given by: Alice Voss Gaines

Mrs. Louise Cameron Graham Given by: Helen, Steve, Rob & Tane

Louise & Dick Gwathmey Given by: Frank & Marietta Gwathmey

Emma Bellamy Hendren Given by: Bambi & Meg MacRae

Margaret & Bob Huffman Given by: Mary & Peter McClain

Dr. Albert Tyson Jennette Given by: Mr. & Mrs. John Victor Grainger IV

> Frances & Francis King Given by: King Family

Hugh MacRae, II Given by: Bambi & Meg MacRae

Our Grandmother, Patty Miller Given by: Corbett, Miller & Hap

Harry Muller, III Given by: Frank & Marietta Gwathmey

Opal Miller Nichols Given by: Opal Miller Nichols

Bob Parker Given by: Spencer, Claire, Cecilia & Virginia Parker

James Fred Rippy IV Given by: Elizabeth & Bill King

Robert & Mary Rissacher Given by: Bill & Mary Jo Cameron

Henry Pate Singletary, Sr. Given by: Watson, Greta, Elizabeth & Ian Barnes

Elizabeth Thompson Barnes Given by: Watson, Greta, Elizabeth & Ian Barnes

Elizabeth Metts Brown Given by: Elizabeth & Billy King

> J. Chris Cammack III Given by: Katherine Taylor Cammack

Mr & Mrs Thomas L. Crittenden, Sr. Given by: Their Family

John F. Gardner, Jr. Given by: Shari Gardner

Dr. Frances Powe Grainger Given by: Stuart & Anne Grainger

Mary Lou Watson Harley Given by: Don, Luci, Don & Robbie Harley

All of Our Loved Ones Given by: Mike & Lisa Hill

Mr & Mrs Kenneth Humphries Given by: Henry & Linda Brown

Dr. A. Tyson Jennette Given by: Stuart & Anne Grainger

> Donald B. Koonce, MD Given by: Alexander Koonce

Nelson MacRae Given by: Bambi & Meg MacRae

Roy Truslow Mitchell Given by: To our Grandfather Papa Roy, love Mitchell & Arthur

> Our Parents Given by: Anne & Alex Murchison

Elisabeth Burns Nimocks Given by: Don, Luci, Don 🜣 Robbie Harley

Donald Ellwyn Pike Given by: Gillian & Allen Taylor

James Rippy Given by: Gillian & Allen Taylor

Franklin Arthur Rouse Jr. Given by: To Daddy Frank Love, Mitchell & Arthur

Mrs. Erla Swain Stone Given by: Tom Crittenden, Ir & Becky C. Purnell

William Barnes, Sr. Given by: Watson, Greta, Elizabeth & Ian Barnes

Tracy Pieper Brown Given by: Henry & Linda Brown

Louise & Chalmer Carver, Sr. Given by: Ruth Carver

Pat Crittenden Given by: Tom Crittenden, Ir & Latane' C. Miller

Marguerite Bellamy MacRae Gillette

Given by: Bambi & Meg MacRae

John Victor Grainger, III Given by: Stuart & Anne Grainger

Donald Lee Harley Given by: Don, Luci, Don 🜣 Robbie Harley

Mary Ann & Cy Hogue, Jr. Given by: Their Children, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren

> Paul Ingle Given by: Ann Hale

Martha Gray Kimbrell Given by: Sue & Bill Kimbrell

Mary Bellamy Koonce Given by: Alexander Koonce

Anna Greene Marr Given by: The Marr Family

Sallie Settle Modlin Given by: Mollie & Graham Brice

Charlotte Murchison & David Murchison, III Anne & Alex Murchison

Carolyn Nonoy Given by: Nathaniel Nonoy & Julie Adams

Josephine (Phiney) Huntt Rhinehart Jane Rippy, Lousie & Jared Lane James Fred Rippy III & James Fred Rippy IV

Given by: Jane, Louise & Jared Bill and Deb Saunders Given by: Billy & Jane Saunders

Michael Corbett Stovall, Jr. Given by: Alexander Koonce

My Parents, John & Mary Bridgman Given by: Emily Bridgman

Mr & Mrs S.M. Brown Given by: Henry & Linda Brown

David Champney Given by: The Champney Family

Lem & Cornelia Doss Given by: Lemuel L. Doss, III

Dorothy Rhett Gore Given by: Her Loving Family

> Lou Yates Grissom Given by: Her Family

Lynne Carpenter Hart Given by: Mollie & Graham Brice

Mr & Mrs Bill Howell Given by: David & Charlotta Howell

Elizabeth & Charles Jaggers, Jr. Given by: Ruth Carver

Mr & Mrs George King Given by: David & Charlotta Howell

Betsy Edwards Leonard Given by: Christopher & Will Leonard

Birute & Bill McClain Given by: Mary & Peter McClain

Hillie & Harry Muller Given by: Frank & Marietta Gwathmey

Charlotte Murchison Given by: Her Family

Mary Jo Oakley Given by: Bill Oakley

James Rippy, IV Given by: David & Hannah Brownlow

J. Fred Rippy III Given by: Lauren B. Bell

Dr. Henry Singletary Given by: Gorda Singletary

Michael C. Stovall, Jr. Given by: Corbett, Kit & Kathy

POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY OF

Ethel and Walker Taylor Given by: Gillian & Allen Taylor

> Walker Taylor III Given by: His Family

J. Todd Turner Given by: Katherine Goodman

> Beth Lewis Williams Given by: Her Family

Our Godson, Henry Barmore Given by: Elizabeth & Ned Murchison

> Susan Ingle Given by: Ann Hale

My Uncle & Godfather, Ford Williams Given by: Catchie McDonald

David M. Blackwell Given by: Beth Crouch Blackwell

Peter A. Cooley Given by: Jean & Billy Smith

Mary Elizabeth Gaines Given by: Alice Voss Gaines

Juanita & Bill Landin Given by: Holland, Lillie, William, Amelia & Taylor

> Jocelyn Strange Lynch Given by: Katherine Taylor Cammack

Charlotte Murchison & David Murchison Given by: Their Family

> Daniel H. Penton Given by: Ann P. Longley

Joan Schaeffer Given by: The Schaeffers

Nathan Thompson Tayloe Given by: His Family

Margaret & Terry Turner
Given by: Anne & Alex
Murchison

Walker & Ethel Taylor Given by: Stuart & Anne Grainger

Grimes and Sara Thomas Given by: Billy & Jane Saunders

Mr. & Mrs. John J. Wilde Given by: John & Nancy Baden

Millie Workman Given by: Kathryn, James, Calder, & Henry Barmore James M. Taylor Given by: Bambi & Meg MacRae

Robert Martin Tracy Given by: His Loving Family

Our Mother & Grandmother, Beth Williams Betsy, Catchie, & Mae McDonald

Elizabeth "Bobo" Wright Given by: Anne & Alex Murchison Isabel Taylor Given by: Bambi & Meg MacRae

Mr. & Mrs. Terry F Turner Given by: Helen, Steve, Rob & Jane Wells

Mrs. Beth Williams Given by: Helen, Steve, Rob & Jane Wells

Sara Barrett Wright
Given by: Nancy Carr Korman

MUSIC IN HONOR OF

Dr. & Mrs. Robert V. Fulk, Jr. Given by: Amanda, Robert, & Monica Fulk

Anna, Margaret and Mark; Erin, Jennifer and Chad Given by: Mary and Peter McClain

St. James Day School Given by: Amy Crittenberger & Lee Williams Ann Hale Given by: Susan Ingle

Jane Mueller Given by: Ann & Steve Mueller

St. James Music Ministry Given by: Jean Smith Ginny, Sarah, Molly, Bradford, Ethan Given by: Jim & Gail Spruill

Jane B. Tatum, in honor of her 90th birthday Given by: Dawn Carter

The St. James Staff Given by: The Ruffner Family

MUSIC IN MEMORY OF

Mr. & Mrs. G. Lloyd Bray Given by: The Dodd Family

Ted & Dorothy Davis Given by: Michael & Kitty Davis

Catherine & George Gornto
Given by: Their Family

Frances Sutherland Lee Given by: Her Loving Family

Sam Mann Given by: Austin, Charlie, and Mary Ashburn Mann

Paul Conroy Parker Jr Given by: The Advent Group

Frances D. Penton Given by: Ann P. Longley

Bess & P.R. Smith Given by: Jean & Billy Smith

Ethel Avera Taylor Given by: Her Family

Ed & Adelaide Ward Given by: Michael & Kitty Davis Bonnie Sanders Burney Given by: Friends of the Burneys

Cornelia & Lem Doss Jr. Given by: Their Children

> Bill Hale Given by: Ann Hale

Steve Logan
Given by: The Cowden Family

William Y. McKenzie, Jr. Given by: His Family

Paul Conroy Parker, Jr. Given by: Jenny & Will Joyner & Family

Lynn Pollock Given by: Michael & Kitty Davis

John C. Stuart Given by: The Love of Your Life

Oleen Norman Tharpe Given by: Michael, Erin, & Alice Becker

> Feriba Weltin Given by: The Evangelism Commission

Chalmer W. Carver, Jr. Given by: Mary Beth & Bill Tallman

Stephen PC Fuchs Given by: Amanda RJ Fulk

Edith Holland Given by: Holland, Lillie, William, Amelia &Taylor

Henry E. Longley

Given by: Ann P. Longley

Jane Miller & Edwin Anderson Metts, Jr.

Given by: Jane, Louise & Jared

Paul Conroy Parker, Jr. Given by: Mildred, Patrick, Julia & John Long

Our Parents

Given by: Missy & Joel Pretlow

J. Dennis & Elaine H. Sullivan Given by: John Sullivan

Robert Martin Tracy Given by: His Loving Family

Winifred & Robert Whiting Given by: Jean & Billy Smith