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CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2022
5:30 PM



THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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A Blessed and Joyful Christmas to You!

May the Lord fill you with joy in this holy season. We are glad you have joined us for the celebration of Christmas Eve. Our regular Sunday services are at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM. Visitor/newcomer cards are in the pew racks. Please complete a card and drop it in the collection plate, or give it to one of the ushers or clergy at the door.

About this Christmas Eve Family Eucharist

Our child-friendly Family Christmas Eve service incorporates all the necessary parts of the liturgy, but adapts them for a congregation likely to include a large number of young children. There are two readings from Holy Scripture – a First Lesson from the Old Testament and the traditional Christmas Gospel – and both are from an easy-to-understand translation of the Bible. The Rector's homily at this service is meant for the youngsters. We invite you to receive Holy Communion if you hunger for God. Children of any age are welcome to receive the Sacrament. Simply follow the directions of the ushers.

5:30 PM **FAMILY SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST**

Prelude *Rejoice! He Is Here*, Arr. Mark Hayes
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All standing the Presider says from the church door:

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

People: **And Blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Entrance Hymn **Hymnal 83, vs. 1, 2, 3, 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 Kind of angels; (Refrain)**

(Refrain)

**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)**



Christmas Flowers and Music are Given To The Glory Of God

*Flowers and Music are given in loving memory of
Dr. Lucien Tcheng, Rosemary Tcheng, and Karl Larson
by Madeleine Larson*

*Flowers and Music are given to the Glory of God
by Eric Pelander*

*Flowers and Music are given in loving memory of Amy Davis and Billy Russell
by Lynn Russell and Stoney Davis*

*Flowers and Music are given in loving memory of Keith and Margo Gardner, and MJ Elisha
by Dr. Austin and Georgie Gleason*

*Flowers are given in Thanksgiving for my Family,
and Music in loving memory of my Parents
by Linda Ho*

*Flowers and Music are given in loving memory of our Parents
by Mary and Paul Fee*

*Music is given in grateful Thanksgiving for our Marriage and Patti's Confirmation
by Patti and Jay Webster*

*Music is given in memory of loved ones passed
by Diana Rumsey*





Serving at this Christmas Eve Celebration

The Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer, *Presiding*

Molly Noel, *Director of Music*

Molly Noel, *Piano and Organ*

Donna Rowlands, *Acolyte*

Diana Rumsey, *Reader*

Donna Rowlands & Diana Rumsey, *Altar Guild*

Lynn Russell & Stoney Davis, *Greeters/Ushers*

Warren Klug, *"St. Nicholas"*



Altar Flowers Are Given To The Glory Of God

*In loving memory of Campbell Lincicome and Geraldine Webster Dellenback
by Patti and Jay Webster*

*In loving memory of my Parents and Family
by Diana Rumsey*



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

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Gloria

Hymnal 96, vs. 1, 2 *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.
Glo—ria in excelsis Deo, Glo—ria 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?
Glo—ria in excelsis Deo, Glo—ria in excelsis Deo.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson, 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

Hymnal 87, *Hark! The herald angels sing*

**1. 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!**

(Refrain)
**Hark! the herald angels sing,
glory to the newborn King!**

**2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell;
Jesus, our Immanuel! (Refrain)**

**3. 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! (Refrain)**

Recessional Hymn **Hymnal 100, vs. 1, 2, 4, *Joy to the world***
**1. 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.**

**2. 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, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

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

Dismissal
The Presider: Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works,
and give glory to God.
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude *Ding Dong! Merrily on High.* Arr. Lloyd Larson
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*Wishing you a
Holy and Blessed Christmas!*

*Join us
Christmas Day at 10 AM*

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.
Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation, “The gifts of God for the People of God...etc.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

All people who hunger for God are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Please indicate a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest when you come to the altar.

Communion Music *Holy Child in a Manger*, Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
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The Post-communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.
All: **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.**

Candlelight Hymn **Hymnal 111, *Silent Night***
Sing as directed, while holding candles.

- 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.**

A Blessing By The Priest

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

A Special Visit from St. Nicholas

A Christmas Homily for Children The Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor: On this holy night as we come to give thanks to God for loving us so deeply that he made himself known to us in his son Jesus.

Loving God, as we celebrate the birth of your son Jesus, help us remember that in his birth you have given us the gift of yourself; and let your Spirit arouse in our hearts a joy so great that we know the wonders of your love and be filled with comfort, hope, joy and peace.
-May we see in Christ’s birth your Divine light
-and rejoice with the heavens on this holy night.

Gracious God, as we ponder the mystery and miracle of Jesus’ birth, give us the humility to offer to others the same compassion, forgiveness, mercy, love and grace you give to us.
-May we follow your star and reflect its light
-and rejoice in your love on this holy night.

Merciful God, comfort, heal, and give your peace to all who are suffering, especially those for whom this season is a time of grief. We lift up to you now those we hold in our hearts [*names may be offered aloud*]. We also ask that you guide and protect our nation and leaders, your Church in this place and throughout the world, our families, and all of us who are seeking to glorify you, not only with our words but with our lives.
-May we be transformed by your love and your light
-and rejoice in the peace of this holy night.

Presider: Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for the gift of your son Jesus. May all who hear our words share our wonder and joy and set forth on a journey that leads them to you.
-In the name of your son Jesus we pray to you, O Lord.
-AMEN.

The Peace
All stand.
Presider: The peace of the Christ be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**
We greet one another in the Lord’s name.

Welcome / Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory *Away in a Manger*, Arr. Heather Sorenson
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Doxology **Hymnal 380 vs. 4, Praise God from whom all blessings flow**
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; / Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

People: **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 every- where to give thanks to you, Fa-
ther 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:

Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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, 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.*

Let us now pray in the words our Saviour Christ has taught us to pray:

**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 tempta-
tion, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**