

*An Order of Service for
The Feast of the Nativity
of Our Savior Jesus Christ*



CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2022 ♦ 11:00pm
With Carols and Music at 10:30pm

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

130 First Avenue, Nyack, NY 10960

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The Rev. Judy Ferguson, *Guest Celebrant*
Brandon N. Beachamp, *Organist & Choirmaster*

WELCOME

Wherever you are in your faith journey, we are glad you are joining us for worship today.

For your convenience, the entire service is included in this leaflet. All (including children) are welcome to receive either communion or a blessing. If you need to have communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

If you are looking for a parish home, a place for worship, fellowship, spiritual growth, and service to the community, please send us an email (parishoffice@gracechurchnyack.org), or call the office at 845-358-1297.

We hope you will join us for worship on Sundays at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am. (1/1/23 at 10:00am)

Copies of our newsletter can be found in the back of the church. Our website is www.gracechurchnyack.org.

Find us on Facebook at Grace Episcopal Church, Nyack, NY.

Restrooms are located down the left aisle (as you face the altar) through the doors, turn right, go to the end of the hall and turn right again.

Please remember to silence your cell phones.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Bradford M. & Lulu Johnson
Deceased Members of the Friendly Society
Sallie & Fred Schuchardt
The Rev. Franklin Babbitt (honorary)
Katharine S. Schuchardt
Katharine S. Minor
Sippell Family
Halliday & Gambetti Families
Alice Zanerra
Glyndora B. Campbell
Raymond F. Campbell
Peter J. Mascioli
Virginia Parkhurst
Dorothea & William Henry Hope
Mr. & Mrs. C. T. Henson
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Curtis G. Marshall
Helen P. and Rocco P. Scalici
Joseph & Helen Pribyl
Viola Pribyl
Kelsey D. Graham
Eugenia A. Duryea
Evelyn Lombardi & Jeanette Matthews
Meg Engel
Violet Engel
Paul and Leona Ruffin
Bruce Ruffin
Susie, Benjamin & Travis Jackson

Ella and David Ruffin
Guy Mathews
Elizabeth and Harry Sydor
Vincent and Elizabeth Ernst, and Olga Peterson
Stephan Sydor
Nancy Zafris
Joy Dicker
Norma Gougeon
Wil Lindgren
Conn, or Vasquez
Bryan Northam
Susan Northcutt
Kathleen Stroh
Jean Dixon
Donald Dixon
Gloria A. Hill
Geoffrey & Doris Harries
Edward & Inez Webster
Jean Boutin
Babcock Family
Fulmor Family
Bergen Family
Juliana Frank
People of Ukraine
Judy D'Errico
Vivian D'Errico
Arthur D'Errico
Marian Gemmill
Huber Gemmill
Robert Hawley
Wayne H. Phelan
Thomas Blaydes
Michael Johnston
GySt. Robert L. Gilbert II

William F. DeFrancis
Semo Sennas
Stacey Sennas McGowan
Christopher Sennas
Mariam & George Nikola
Doris, Peter, Fay Sennas
Madeline Randolph Lawrence
Mary Frances Wanamaker
Carter F. Murdock
Harry A. Chalke
William Mirko Ceccolini
Sam Monroe
Debbie Laliberte
Robert & Lydia Challacombe
Varrasso Family
Chella Family
Margaret, Frank, John & Kevin Hyland
Max & Phyllis Weng
Stuart Weng
John & Kathleen Holgerson
Eileen Holgerson
James & Marianne Deleven
Ruth & Buddy Mock
Robert Mock
Ruth & George Fee, Jr.
George Fee III
Ralph Hinsch
Georg & Janet Wohlers
Lilo & Kurt Hinsch
Clifford, Betty, Margo, & Susan Barraclough
Charles, Mary, & Michael Cross

Roy E. & Mabel Kepler
George & Clara Lawrence
Laura Antonetti
MacQueen & Freeburn Families
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Joe Kissinger
Mathew Sheppard
Nathaniel Bittig
Elizabeth (Betsy) Growney
Erminio & Jane Federico
Nicholas & Marjorie Weber
Edward & Evelyn Rockwell
William Thomas Weber
Robert Fuchs
Paul and Leona Ruffin
Claire Olivo Wilson
Claire Olivo
Tom Olivo
Mark Olivo
Mary Thompson
Sam Meo
Richie Souter
Tom Valentine
Gertrude Hall

Christmas Trees were donated in memory of loved ones by the Crowther and Wanamaker families.

Caroling Prelude - 10:30pm

All join in singing the carols - please remain seated

CAROL 105 *God Rest You Merry*

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 pow'r
when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

2. *From God our heav'nly Father
a blessed angel came
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same;
how that in Bethlehem was born
the son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

3. *"Fear not," then said the angel,
"Let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior
of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in Him
from Satan's pow'r and might."
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 brotherhood
each other new embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
all other doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;*

ANTHEM *Sung by the choir*

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, As men of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright, Amid the cold of winter, When half spent was the night.
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The Rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, She bore to men a Savior, When half spent was the night.
This Flow'r, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God, From sin and death He saves us, And lightens every load.

Music: Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

INTERLUDE *Prelude on Greensleeves* *Words and tune found at Hymn 115*

Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

CAROL 104 *Andújar*

1. *A stable lamp is lighted
whose glow shall wake the sky;
the stars shall bend their voices,
and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry,
and straw like gold shall shine;
a barn shall harbour heaven,
a stall become a shrine.*
2. *This child through David's city
shall ride in triumph by;
the palm shall strew its branches,
and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry,
though heavy, dull and dumb,
and lie within the roadway
to pave his kingdom come.*
3. *Yet he shall be forsaken,
and yielded up to die;
the sky shall groan and darken,
and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry
For stony hearts among of men:
God's blood upon the spearhead,
God's blood again refused.*
4. *But now, as at the ending,
the low is lifted high;
the stars shall bend their voices,
and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry
in praises of the child
by whose descent among us
the worlds are reconciled.*

ANTHEM *Sung by the choir*

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death. Amen

Music: Jacob Arcadelt

INTERLUDE Chorale Prelude on *Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her* Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)
Words and tune found at Hymn 80

CAROL 101 *Cradle Song*

1. *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.*
3. *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.*

Verse 2 sung by choir alone:

2. 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.

ANTHEM *Sung by the choir*

View me, Lord, a work of thine; Shall I then lie drowned in night?
Might thy grace in me but shine, I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel At thine altar, pure and white;
They that once thy mercies feel, Gaze no more on earths delight.

Worldly joys, like shadows, fade When the heavenly light appears;
But the covenants thou hast made, Endless, know nor days nor years.

In thy word, Lord, is my trust, To thy mercies fast I fly.
Though I am but clay and dust, Yet thy grace can lift me high.

Music: Richard Lloyd
Text: Thomas Campion

INTERLUDE “In dulci júbilo”
Words and tune found at Hymn 107

Marcel Dupré

PROCESSIONAL
HYMN 83

Adeste fidelis

(All Stand)

O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,
 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;
 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 Je - sus to thee be glo - ry given;

come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: The Word of God was made flesh.

People: And dwells with us.

Celebrant: With God from the beginning,

People: Christ is with us.

Celebrant: Blessed be the one true and living God.

People: Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.

GLORIA S278



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and

W. Mathias



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE *(After which all are seated)*

Celebrant: May God be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: 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 Christ perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit Christ lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE 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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 98

Antiphon (Organ)
The Lord___ is King; Let the earth___ re - joice!

- 1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne. **(refrain)**
- 3 A fire goes before him
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees it and is afraid. **(refrain)**
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD,
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory. **(refrain)**
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD. **(refrain)**
- 9 For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil;
the preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. **(refrain)**
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous,
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy Name. **(refrain)**

THE SECOND LESSON

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

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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HYMN 96

Gloria

*(All
Stand)*

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

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

People: *Glory to you, O 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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

HOMILY *The Reverend Judy Ferguson (Please be seated)*

THE NICENE CREED *(All stand)*

All: *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 *(Leader and People pray responsively)*

Subdeacon: Gracious God, you have promised to hear what is asked in the Name of the Savior.

We turn to you and pray: For the Church and its mission;

People: *May we be the light of the world and the salt of the earth..*

Subdeacon: For peace and justice;

People: *May we respect one another.*

Subdeacon: For the beauty of the earth

People *May we be good stewards of our resources.*

Subdeacon: For those whose lives are linked to ours;

People: *May we serve Christ in them.*

Subdeacon: For those who suffer, Be present to them.

People: *May they know your healing love.*

Subdeacon: For those who have died, may they continue in your embrace.

People: *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Subdeacon: For your saints, the vessels of grace;

People: *Inspire us in their example.*

Subdeacon: We offer these prayers: *(The people offer prayers and thanksgivings.)*

Grant us O God, to walk with you: Your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds,

Your strength in our lives, until at journey's end, We know the joy of our homecoming

And your welcome embrace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of God be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

(The People are encouraged to exchange the greetings of peace with all around them.)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

A babe is born all of a may, To bring salvation unto us.

To him we sing both night and day.

Veni creator Spiritus. (Come, Holy Ghost, Creator)

At Bethlehem, that blessed place, The child of bliss now born he was;

And him to serve God give us grace,

O lux beata Trinitas. (O blessed light of Trinity)

There came three kings out of the East, To worship the King that is so free,

With gold and myrrh and frankincense,

A solis ortus cardine. (From the rising of the sun)

A fair song that night sung they

In worship of that child:

Gloria tibi Domine. (Glory be to thee, O Lord)

A babe is born all of a may, To bring salvation unto us.

To him we sing both night and day.

Veni creator Spiritus,

O lux beata Trinitas, A solis ortus cardine,

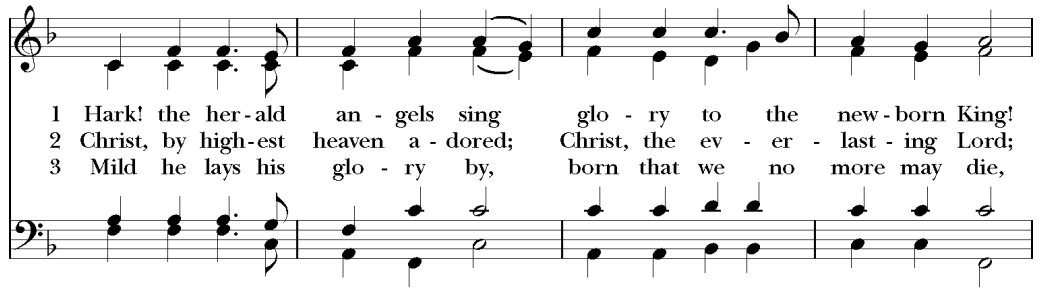
Gloria tibi Domine. Noel!

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992)

**PRESENTATION
HYMN 87**

Mendelssohn

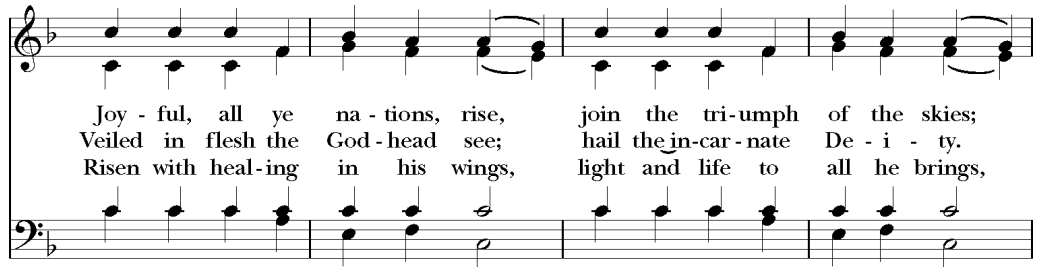
(All Stand)



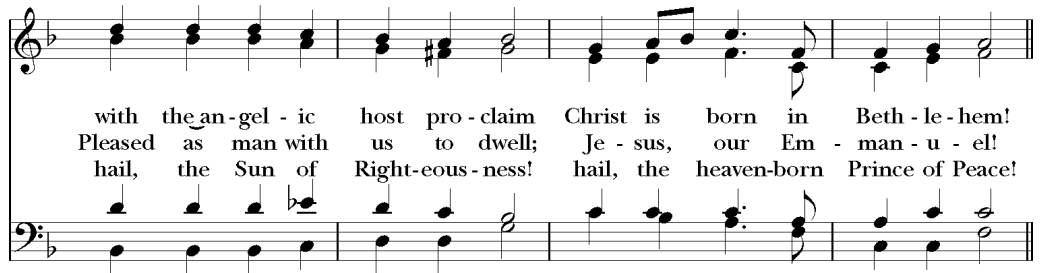
1 Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing glo-ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a-dored; Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo-ry by, born that we no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer-cy mild, God and sin-ners rec-on-ciled!
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the Vir-gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec-ond birth.

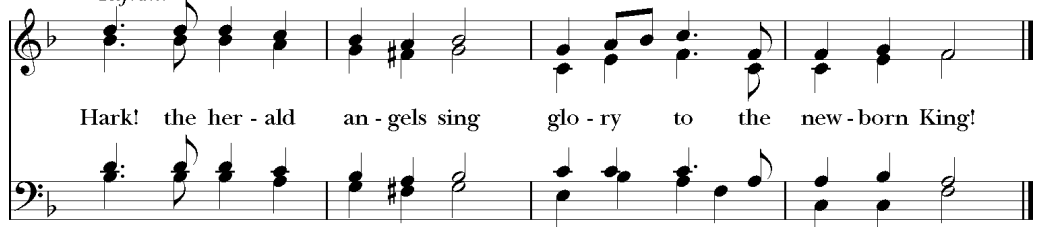


Joy-ful, all ye na-tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De-i-ty.
 Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,



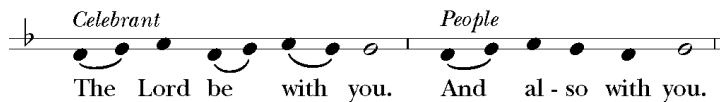
with the an-gel-ic host pro-claim Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je-sus, our Em-man-u-el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

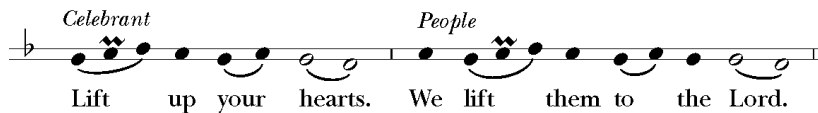


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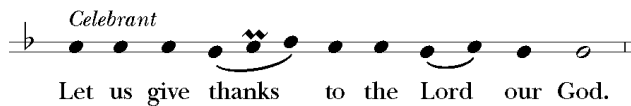
**THE HOLY
EUCCHARIST**



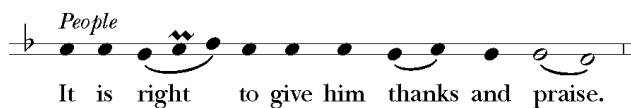
Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al-so with you.



Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.



Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: 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:

SANCTUS
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Ho - ly, ho - ly,

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ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

(All)

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Celebrant: 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.

The people stand or kneel.

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,

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

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 taught us to pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(All)



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

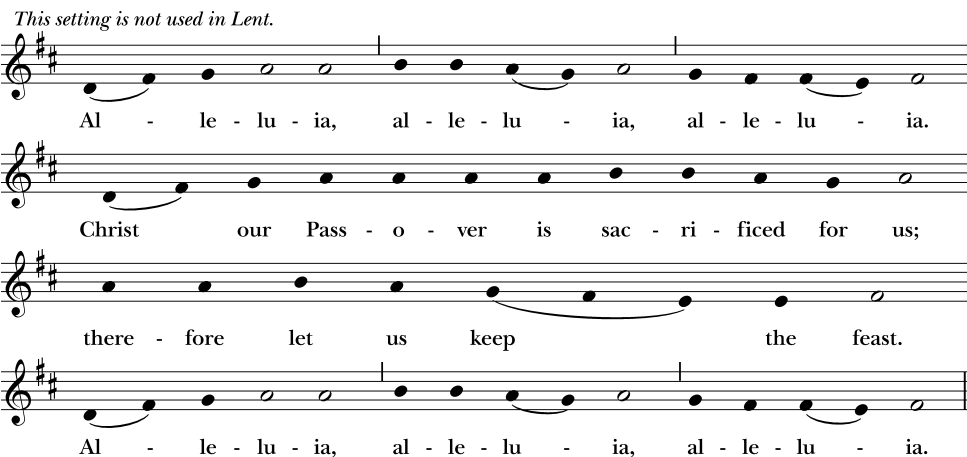
(A period of silence is kept. Then the following is sung:)

FRACTION ANTHEM

D. Hurd

(All)

This setting is not used in Lent.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

*Dormi, Jesu! Mater ridet Quae tam dulcem somnum videt,
Dormi, Jesu! blandule! Si non dormis, Mater plorat,
Inter fila cantans orat, Blande, veni, somnule.*

Sleep, sweet babe! my cares beguiling: Mother sits beside thee smiling;
Sleep, my darling, tenderly! If thou sleep not, mother mourneth,
Singing as her wheel she turneth: Come, soft slumber, balmily!

Music: Edmund Rubbra (1901-1986)

Translation: Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834)

COMMUNION HYMN 115

Greensleeves

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,
Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -
an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.
heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn
bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its
tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and
an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give
still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!
back the song which now the an - gels sing.

COMMUNION
HYMN
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Cranham

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor— earth sus - tain;
3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
4 What— can I give him, poor— as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim throng - ed the air;
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow— on— snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
if I were a wise— man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
the Lord— God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(Standing)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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.*

**HYMN
AT THE
CANDLE
LIGHTING
111**

Stille Nacht

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

*Choir sings a verse in
German, then sung
by all in English*

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

*Candles will be passed out
to the congregation
and lit.*

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

BLESSING

Celebrant: May the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon you his children. **Amen**
May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace. **Amen**
May the Holy Spirit, by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer, give you grace to carry the good news of Christ. **Amen**
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

RETIRING HYMN

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Antioch

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

DISMISSAL

Subdeacon: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God!

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Craig Phillips



COMING SERVICES

Sunday, December 25
Christmas Morning
Holy Eucharist & Carols at 10:00am

Sunday, January
New Year's Day/The Feast of the Holy Name
Holy Eucharist at 10:00am

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