

Christmas Day  
December 25, 2021 9:00 A.M.  
SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Prelude – Two carol tunes (Cranham) and (Go Tell it) played on handbells.

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming with Dona Nobis Pacem arranged by Thomas Keesecker

**The Word of God**

Carol: O Come, all ye faithful (Adeste fidelis)

*hymnal, number 83*

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;

**Refrain:**

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

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

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

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

*verses 1, 2, 3 and 6*

The Opening Acclamation

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.**

Celebrant: For unto us a child is born.

**People: And he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.**

Collect for Purity

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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 Angels we have heard on high (Gloria)

*hymnal, number 96  
verses 1 and 3*

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

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

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

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy day 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.**

First Reading:

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,

who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;

for in plain sight they see  
the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;

for the Lord has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;

and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



1. Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
2. With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
3. The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
4. 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.
5. Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
6. Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
7. With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
8. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
9. Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, ~ when he comes to judge the earth.
10. In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

The New Testament:

Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be his Father,  
and he will be my Son"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,  
and his servants flames of fire."

But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,  
and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

And,

"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

they will perish, but you remain;  
they will all wear out like clothing;

like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same,  
and your years will never end."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: Hark! The herald angels sing (Mendelssohn)

*hymnal, number 87*

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)**

The Holy Gospel:

John 1:1-14

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Andy Jones

*A brief silence follows the sermon.*

The Nicene Creed

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

*The response to each bidding:*

Intercessor: Come Lord Jesus.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

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

**People: And also with you.**

*All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.*

Celebrations and Invitations

## The Holy Communion

Offertory – Voluntary on (Christmas) and (Suo Gan) arranged by Thomas Keesecker

**Offertory Response** – With gratitude and humble trust (Forest Green)

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee  
to serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.

O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,  
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

# The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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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 our thanks and praise.**

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*front of the hymnal, S124*

**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.**

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**We remember his death;**

**We proclaim his resurrection;**

**We await his coming in glory.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

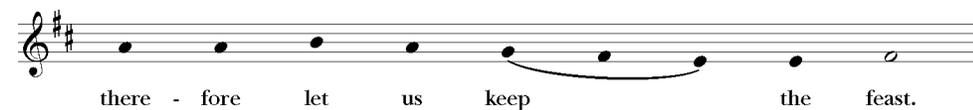
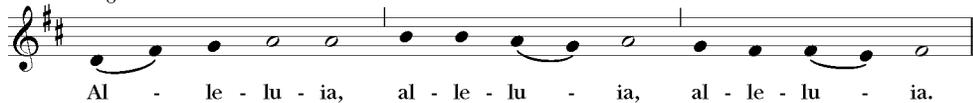
**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

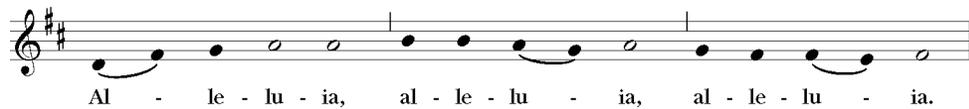
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM

Fraction Anthem | Hymnal S154, Christ, our Passover

*This setting is not used in Lent.*





*All people are invited to this table. If you are new or visiting and you receive communion in your home parish, know that you are welcome to receive here. If you would like to participate but not receive the bread, come forward and fold your arms across your chest for a blessing. If you require a gluten-free host, please inform the server.*

Music at Communion | Away in a Manger

Mueller

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, The  
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But  
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; The  
 2. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I  
 3. by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless

1. stars in the sky — looked down where he lay, The  
 2. love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, And  
 3. all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, And

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.  
 2. stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
 3. fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Text: 11 11 11 11 11; verses 1-2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, ca. 1885; verse 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892, alt. Music: attr. to James R. Murray, 1841-1905.

*Post Communion Prayer*

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. **Amen**

Christmas Blessing

Carol: Joy to the world (Antioch)

*hymnal, number 100*

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 joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. 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, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Chorale prelude on *In dulci jubilo*

J. S. Bach

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