



*come, let us
adore him!*

December 24, 2023
4:00 p.m.

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2023 – 4:00 p.m. service

PRELUDE: Let us rejoice (French carol) arr. Marg Hall
I saw three ships come sailing in (English Carol) arr. Marg Hall
For this is Christmas Eve (English Carol) arr. Marg Hall
Midden in de winternacht (Dutch Carol) arr. Paul Buis

Word of God

HYMN: O Come, all ye faithful *Adeste fidelis*

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.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come, let us adore him, O come,
let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him, O come,
let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

OPENING ACCLIMATION

Celebrant: 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.

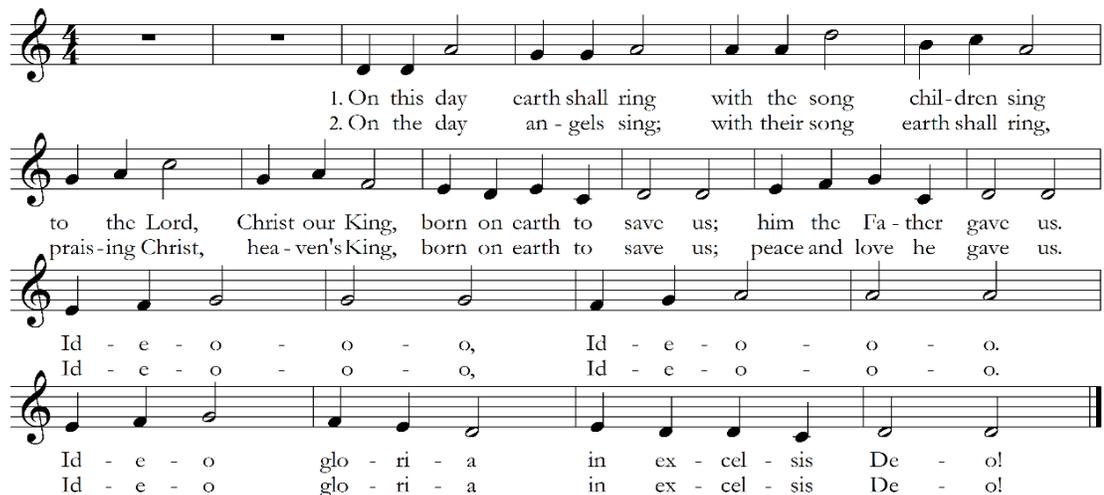
Celebrant: For unto us a child is born.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE *Personent hodie*



1. On this day earth shall ring with the song chil-dren sing
2. On the day an-gels sing; with their song earth shall ring,
to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to save us; him the Fa-ther gave us.
prais-ing Christ, hea-ven's King, born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.
Id - e - o - o - o, Id - e - o - o - o.
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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.*

READING: Isaiah 9: 2-7

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

Those who have seen a great 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.**

**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 host proclaim – Christ is born in Bethlehem!
*Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!***

**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 God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
*Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!***

The Christmas Pageant | text from Luke 1:26-38 and Luke 2:1-20

Scene 1: Narrator, Angel Gabriel and Mary

Scene 2: Narrator, Angel of the Lord, Mary and Joseph, Shepherds and Animals

Narrator: In those days a decree. because there was no room for them in the inn.

The Congregation sings:

Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle_ shed,
 4 where a mo - ther laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his_ bed:
 8 Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle_ child.

Angel of the Lord: “Do not be afraid; for see. praising God and saying,

**Congregation Response: “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”**

CAROL: Angels we have heard on high (Gloria) stanza 1, sung by the Congregation
Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing through the night,
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Narrator: So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Music: Quem pastores laudavere, arr. by Eric Haas

Narrator: When they saw thisas it had been told them.

CAROL: Angels we have heard on high (Gloria) stanzas 2-4, sung by the Congregation
 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
 What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?
 Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.
 Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
 come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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

Prayers of the People

The Peace

Celebrant: May the Peace of the Lord be always with you
 People: **And also with you!**

Welcome, Celebrations and Invitations

Holy Communion

The Offering

Voluntary on *Un flambeau Jeannette, Isabelle*

arranged by Jonathan DeLoach

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



1. With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to
 2. A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and



thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with all hu - man - i -
 give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to God that all may



ty. O — thou who gav - est — us — thy self in
 live; the — Church of Christ is — call - ing us to



Je - sus Christ thy Son, help us to give our -
 make the dream come true: a world re - deemed by



selves each day un - til life's work is done. _____
 Christ-like love all life in — Christ made new. _____

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

The Lord be with you.

People: And Also with you.

Celebrant: Lift us 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.

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.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**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.

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, 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 forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be said

Celebrant: [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]**

Music at the Communion

Voluntary on "Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child

arranged by Jonathan DeLoach

Carol | Silent night, holy night (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.**

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia; 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.**

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Carol | 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,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, 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,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy,**

**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

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude | Voluntary on *In dulci jubilo*

Norman Dello Joio (1913-2008)

Thank you to the Regent Recorder Ensemble. Members who played today were Betty Cohen, Gary Rosenshield, Janet Murphy, Gail Jaeger, Karen Ecklund, and Ken Stancer

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