

Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24, 2022 – 9:00 p.m.

8:30 p.m. Prelude of Carols and Anthems

CAROL – O little town of Bethlehem (Forest Green)

hymnal, number 78; verses 1, 2, 3 and 5

Congregation, choir and organ

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

5. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

ANTHEM – Nativity Carol

words and music by John Rutter, b. 1945

Choir and Ensemble

Born in a stable so bare, Born so long ago;
Born 'neath light of star He who loved us so.
Far away, silent he lay, Born today, your homage pay,
For Christ is born for aye, Born on Christmas Day.

Cradled by mother so fair, Tender her lullaby;
Over her son so dear Angel hosts fill the sky.
Far away, silent he lay, Born today, your homage pay,
For Christ is born for aye, Born on Christmas Day.

Wise men from distant far land, Sheperds from starry hills;
Worship this babe so rare, Hearts with his warmth he fills.
Far away, silent he lay, Born today, your homage pay,
For Christ is born for aye, Born on Christmas Day.

Love in that stable was born into our hearts to flow;
Innocent dreaming babe, Make me thy love to know.
Far away, silent he lay, Born today, your homage pay,
For Christ is born for aye, Born on Christmas Day.

CAROL – The first Nowell (English carol)

hymnal, number 109; stanzas 1 and 2

Congregation, choir and organ

1. The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

2. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. **Refrain.**

VOLUNTARY on *Personent hodie* (On this day earth shall ring)

arranged by Tammy Waldrop

Handbells

CAROL – In the bleak midwinter

text by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894); music by Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Congregation, choir, organ and ensemble

The congregation joins the choir on verses 2 and 4. Verses 1 and 3 sung by choir.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: In the bleak mid-winter, Frost-y wind made moan, Our God, Heav'n can-not hold Him, Nor earth sus-tain E-nough for Him, whom che-ru-bim, Wor-ship night and day A Earth stood hard as ir-on, Wa-ter like a stone. Heav'n and earth shall flee a-way When he comes to reign. breast full of milk and/a man-ger full of hay. E-Snow had fal-len snow on snow, Snow on snow, In the bleak mid- In the bleak mid-winter, A sta-ble place suf-fic'd. The Lord God Al-nough for Him, whom An-gels, Fall down be-fore, The ox and ass and win-ter long a-go. migh-ty Je-sus Christ. cam-el which a-dore. What can I give Him, Poor as I am? If I were a shep-herd, I would bring a lamb If I were a wise man, I would do my part. Yet what I can I give Him give my heart, give my heart.

ANTHEM – Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

music by Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

Choir

Lo! How a Rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung,
Of Jesse's lineage coming, As seers 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 us 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 ev'rywhere.
True man, yet very God! From sin and death He saves us
And lightens ev'ry load.

CAROL – What child is this (Greensleeves)

hymnal, number 115; stanzas 1 and 2

Congregation and organ

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. **Refrain.**

VOLUNTARY – God rest ye merry gentlemen

arranged by Daniel Kelley

Ensemble

The Holy Eucharist 9:00 p.m.

The Word of God

CAROL – O Come, all ye faithful (Adeste fidelis)

hymnal, number 83; verses 1, 2, 3 and 6

1 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.**

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 *Gloria*

**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 the 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.***

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.

Psalm 96 *The congregation joins in singing the verses in bold print.*

C. H. H. Parry



- 1 Sing to God a | new | song; *
sing to God, | all the | whole | earth.
- 2 Sing and bless God's | holy | Name; *
proclaim the good news of sal|vation ▪ from | day to | day.
- 3 **Declare God's glory a|mong the | nations *
God's wonders a|mong all | peoples.**
- 4 **For God is great and | greatly ▪ to be | praised; *
more to be | feared than | all | gods.**
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, | they are ▪ but | idols; *
but it is | God who | made the | heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and mag|nificence ▪ of God's | presence! *
Oh, the power and the | splendor | of God's | sanctuary!
- 7 **Ascribe to God, you | families ▪ of the | peoples; *
ascribe to | God | honor ▪ and | power.**
- 8 **Ascribe due honor to God's | holy | Name; *
bring offerings and | come in|to God's | courts.**
- 9 Worship the Most High in the | beauty ▪ of | holiness; *
let the whole earth | tremble ▪ be|fore | God.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations that | God | reigns! *
God has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; ~
and will | judge the | peoples ▪ with | equity."
- 11 **Let the heavens rejoice, ~ and let the earth be glad; ~ let the sea thunder and | all that ▪ is | in it; *
let the field be joyful and | all that | is there|in.**
- 12 **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before | God ▪ who will | come, *
who will | come to | judge the | earth.**
- 13 God will judge the | world with | righteousness *
and the | peoples | with | truth.

Second Reading: 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.

CAROL – 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 host proclaim – Christ is born in Bethlehem!
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 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!

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!/
the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

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 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.

Prayers of the People

The response to each bidding:

Intercessor: Come Lord Jesus.

People: Hear our prayer.

The Passing of 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.

Welcome, Celebrations and Invitations

Offertory Anthem | Psallite (Now we sing)

music by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

English text by Norman Greyson

Latin: Psallite, unigenito, Christo Dei Filio.

Redemptori Domino puerulo jacenti in praesepeio.

Now we sing! All in one accord, To the Son of God, our Lord.

On this day is born to us our Savior and Redeemer Jesus Christ, our King.

German: Ein Kleines Kindelein liegt in dem Krippelein.

Alle liebe Engelein dienen dem Kindelein, und singen ihm fein,

Come see the Heav'nly Child, so gentle meek and mild.

Lowly in a manger laid, how sweet the little Babe, Jesus Christ our King.

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, Almighty God, 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features two parts: Cantor and All. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might, heavn and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all



The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem *said*

Antiphon: Cantor, then All

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Veres sung by Cantor or Choir

1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation or similar words.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Music at the Communion

Voluntary: Sing we now of Christmas (Noel Nouvelet)

Carol – Away in a manger *played on handbells*

Carol – Of the Father's love begotten (Divinum mysterium)

arranged by Daniel Kelley

arranged by Ken Stancer

hymnal, number 82

1 Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

2 O that birth for ever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

3 Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!

4 Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be;
honor, glory and dominion, and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Candlelight Carol – Silent night, holy night (Stille nacht)

hymnal, number 111

The hymn will be introduced with the choir singing "Night of Silence" while candles are lit.

When all candles are lit, join in singing all 3 verses in unison.

Introduction: Cold are the people, winter of life, We tremble in shadows this cold endless night,
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping, Flowers that will echo the sunrise,
Fire of hope is our only warmth, Weary, its flame will be dying soon.

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.

Christmas Blessing

CAROL – Joy to the world (Antioch)

hymnal, number 100

Closing Hymn | Joy to the world (Antioch)

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,

Dismissal

Postlude – Angels we have heard on high

arranged Daniel Kelley

A special thanks to those who enriched this service with their gift of music.

St. Andrew's Chancel Choir

Kristen Davies, flute; **Ben Davis Hudson**, violin; **Karen Zethmayr**, viola; and **Chris Hudson**, trombone.

Handbell Ringers – **Ross Swaney** and **Kevin Featherson-Crowe**

Director for "Silent Night" – **Kelley Sinclair**

Music Director and Organist - **Ken Stancer**

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