



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people



Christmas Eve
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
December 24, 2024
Prelude at 10:30 p.m.
Service at 11 p.m.

May this Christmas bring you tidings of good news and great joy tonight and throughout the year!

Christmas is one of the cornerstones of our faith. Tonight we celebrate the Incarnation: God with us.

We also celebrate our life together. Indeed, the Incarnation is a reminder that community is central to God's life. God is three in one: God, Son, and Holy Spirit. This community expands with Jesus' arrival tonight. With His birth, Jesus binds us to God. I hope that, in the midst of our celebrations, we will experience the presence of God in our lives and our community.

A Special Welcome To Our Visitors

We are delighted to have you with us! Please use a pew card to tell us more about yourself and put it in the collection plate. We hope you'll join us again. Beginning January 14, our Sunday worship schedule is: 8:00 a.m. Eucharist, Rite I; 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist, Rite II; and 4 p.m. Choral Evensong.

We hope you will join us January 5 at 4 p.m. for our Twelfth Night Lessons and Carols.

Merry Christmas!

The Very Reverend Amy Dafler Meaux, Dean and Rector

THE PRELUDE Christmas Carols and the Christmas section from Bach's *Orgelbüchlein*

HYMN WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT (*Page 3, Sung by all*) *Winchester Old*

ORGAN PUER NATUS IN BETHLEHEM, BWV 603 (*A boy is born in Bethlehem*)
GELOBET SEIST DU, JESU CHRIST, BWV 604 (*Praised be you, Jesus Christ*)
DER TAG, DER IST SO FREUDENREICH, BWV 605 (*The day is so full of joy*)
VOM HIMMEL HOCH, DA KOMM ICH HER, BWV 606 (*From Heaven on high I come here*)

HYMN IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR (*Page 4, Sung by all*) *Carol*

ORGAN VOM HIMMEL KAM DER ENGEL SCHAR, BWV 607 (*From Heaven came the host of angels*)
IN DULCI JUBILO, BWV 608 (*In sweet joy*)
LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, ALLZUGLEICH, BWV 609 (*Praise God, you Christians all together*)

HYMN THE FIRST NOWELL THE ANGEL DID SAY (*Page 5, Sung by all*) *The First Nowell*

ORGAN JESU, MEINE FREUDE, BWV 610 (*Jesus, my joy*)
CHRISTUM WIR SOLLEN LOBEN SCHON, BWV 611 (*We should indeed praise Christ*)
WIR CHRISTENLEUT, BWV 612 (*We Christians*)

Descant

2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled mind;
 6 "All glo - ry be to God on high and on the earth be peace;

1 While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,
 2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou-bled mind;
 3 "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's line
 4 "The heaven - ly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,
 5 Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth-with ap-peared a shin-ing throng

2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind."
 6 good will hence-forth from heaven to men be - gin and nev - er cease."

1 the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
 2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind.
 3 the Sa - vior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
 4 all mean - ly wrapped in swath-ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."
 5 of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high
 and on the earth be peace;
 good will henceforth from heaven to men
 begin and never cease."

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

Carol

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

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.

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star
 3 And by the light of that same star
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
 5 full re - v - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 4 and there it did both stop and stay
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 *4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 *5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

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

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

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.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

MASS SETTING

MISSA AD PRAESEPE (*Mass at the Crib*)

George Malcolm

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

GLORIA

George Malcolm

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.*

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have
mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Celebrant The Lord 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 him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting **Amen.**

The people sit.

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Sing to the Lord a new song; *
Sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation
from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be
praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the nations, they are
but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his
presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his
sanctuary!
Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the
peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.*

*Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot
be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
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 therein.
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.*

THE EPISTLE

TITUS 3:4-7

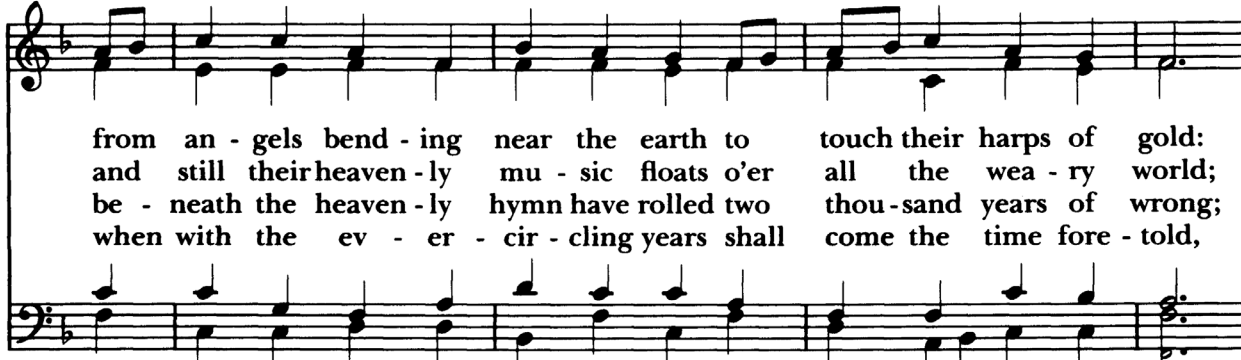
When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

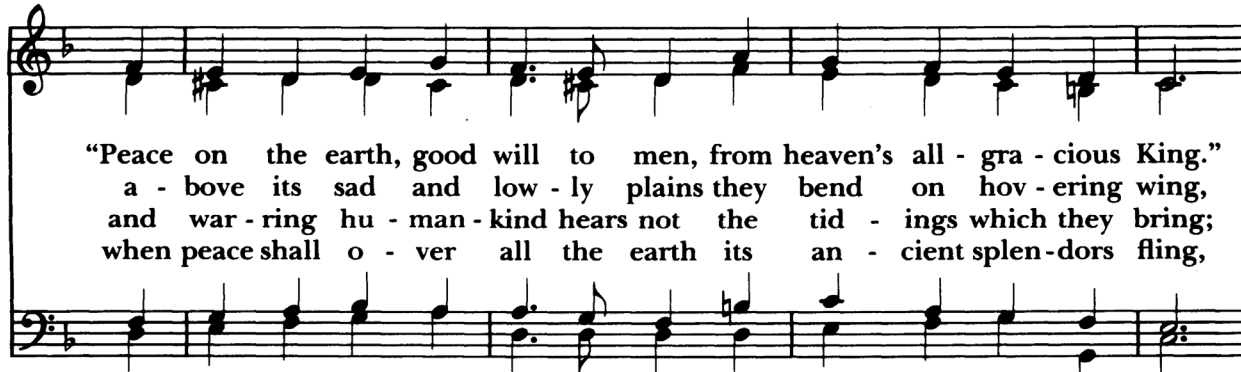
People **Thanks be to God.**



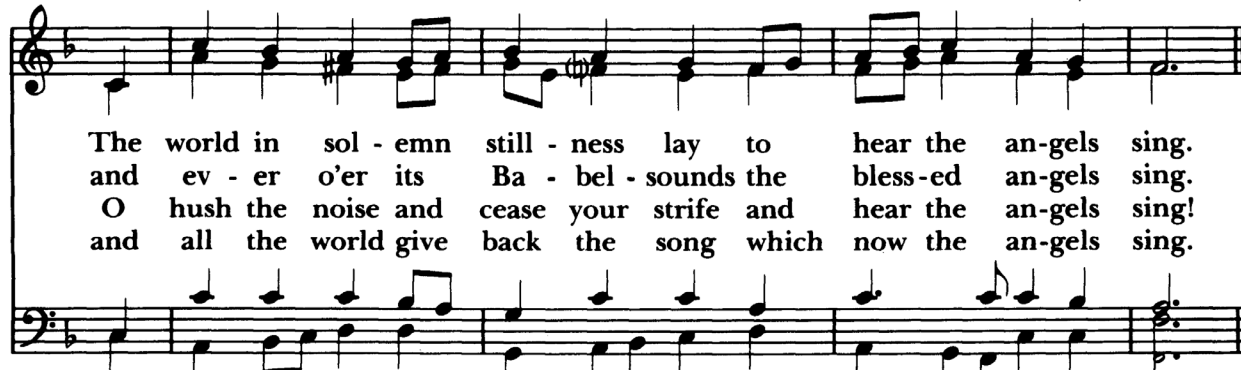
1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clov-en skies they come with peace-ful wings un-furled,
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf-fered long;
 4 For lo! the days are haste-ning on, by pro-phets seen of old,



from an-gels bend-ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heav-en-ly mu-sic floats o'er all the wea-ry world;
 be-neath the heav-en-ly hymn have rolled two thou-sand years of wrong;
 when with the ev-er-cir-cling years shall come the time fore-told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gra-cious King."
 a-bove its sad and low-ly plains they bend on hov-ering wing,
 and war-ring hu-man-kind hears not the tid-ings which they bring;
 when peace shall o-ver all the earth its an-cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay to hear the an-gels sing.
 and ev-er o'er its Ba-bel-sounds the bless-ed an-gels sing.
 O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the an-gels sing!
 and all the world give back the song which now the an-gels sing.

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

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

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: 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

Celebrant As we join the angels and celebrate with joy the birth of the Son of God, let us offer prayers to God who gives new birth to sons and daughters in every place.

Intercessor By the birth of the timeless Son of God in the womb of the Virgin Mary.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For Larry our bishop, John our bishop elect, and the presbyters, deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. To you, O Lord.

Celebrant Source of light and gladness, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow in Jesus Christ who unites our lives to yours and who is Lord for all eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then all may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

During the Offertory Music, ushers collect an offering from the congregation. The congregation is invited to stand while singing the hymn. Use the QR code to make a plate offering.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Ragnar Bohlin (arr.)

Refrain:

*Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.*

*1. While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. [Refrain]*

*2. The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]*

*3. Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]*

Text: Anonymous African-American Spiritual

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,

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also 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 every-where 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 AND BENEDICTUS *Sung by the choir*

George Malcolm

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

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.

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant 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

Silence is kept

AGNUS DEI

George Malcolm

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Ushers will assist in directing the flow of communicants. If you would prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest. Please let an usher know if you need Holy Communion brought to you.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*We stood on the hills, Lady,
Our day's work done,
Watching the frosted meadows
That winter had won.*

*The evening was calm, Lady,
The air so still,
Silence more lovely than music
Folded the hill.*

*There was a star, Lady,
Shone in the night,
Larger than Venus it was
And bright, so bright.*

*Oh, a voice from the sky, Lady,
It seemed to us then
Telling of God being born
In the world of men.*

*And so we have come, Lady,
Our day's work done,
Our love, our hopes, ourselves,
We give to your son.*

Text by Clive Sansom

THE SHEPHERD'S CAROL

Bob Chilcott

HYMN

WHAT CHILD IS THIS, WHO, LAID TO REST

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.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

The lights are dimmed. Please stand.

HYMN

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

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,
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,
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.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)
Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

THE BLESSING

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

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

THE DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

BRING A TORCH, JEANETTE, ISABELLA

Keith Chapman

LITURGICAL LEADERS

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, <i>Dean and Rector</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Thomas Alexander, <i>Curate</i>
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. Susan Payne The Rev. Rob Leacock
<i>Lectors</i>	Peter Hartstein, Debbie Kincaid
<i>Intercessor</i>	Jane McMullin
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	Missy McCain, Ken Dick
<i>Acolytes</i>	Cam Albert, Grace Albert, Oliver Wippo, Maggie Wippo
<i>Children's Liturgy Leader</i>	Susan Pennick
<i>Music</i>	Dr. Colin MacKnight, <i>Director of Music</i> Jeremiah Mead, <i>Associate Director of Music</i> The Trinity Choir
<i>Ushers</i>	Michelle McLellen, Kerry McCoy, Grady McCoy, Matt McCoy, Drew Schultz, Herschel Cast

Notes on the Notes: Tonight's prelude consists of three Christmas carols interspersed with the Christmas chorale preludes from Bach's *Orgelbüchlein*. The *Orgelbüchlein* is a set of 46 small scale chorale preludes (pieces based on Lutheran hymn tunes) which work their way through the liturgical year. With ten chorale preludes, the Christmas section is the largest portion. Despite the brevity of these pieces (many are under a minute), they are excellent and profound organ works. In his book, *Bach: the Orgelbüchlein*, Russell Stinson writes, "The Orgelbüchlein is simultaneously a compositional treatise, a collection of liturgical organ music, an organ method, and a theological statement. These four identities are so closely intertwined that it is hard to know where one leaves off and another begins."

George Malcolm's *Missa ad Praesepe*, or "Mass at the Crib," is perhaps the quintessential mass setting for Christmas. George Malcolm was music director of Westminster Cathedral from 1947-1959 and was also a notable pianist, harpsichordist, organist, and conductor. The piece follows a clever tonal scheme. The Kyrie (which we are not singing tonight) is in D-flat major, the Gloria is an enharmonic minor third higher in E major, the Sanctus is another minor third higher in G major, the Benedictus is another minor third higher in B-flat, and then the Agnus is another enharmonic minor third higher in C-sharp minor, eventually shifting from minor to major to end in D-flat major, the key in which the work began. Put plainly, each movement ascends by a minor third until it comes full circle, arriving at the initial key.

If you are sad that the Christmas season is concluding, fear not! On January 5th, we will have *Twelfth Night*, a service of Epiphany lessons and carols, followed by Burning of the Greens and s'mores, and on January 6th, we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with choral eucharist at 7 pm.

✧ ALTAR GIFTS ✧

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
THELMA OURY ACKER
BY HER GRANDDAUGHTERS MARY PENICK HODGES,
BARBARA PENICK McNAMEE AND THEIR FAMILIES

