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Christmas Message 2016
From The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church

For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

These words of Isaiah are often seen as words that foretell and foreshadow the coming of Jesus of Nazareth, born of Mary. The truth is, these words befit Him because this child changed the world. This child changes lives. This child changes us.

I remember when our oldest daughter was a baby. My wife and I were young. We were footloose and fancy-free. It was just the two of us newlyweds, so if we wanted to go out to eat dinner, we went out to eat dinner. If we decided to go to a movie at the last minute, we just went. We actually felt like we had money back then. And we did have a little bit of discretionary income. We could pretty much do what we wanted to do, within reason, and we didn't have to think too much about the consequences or impact of a spontaneous decision and what we had to do to make that happen.

And then, all of a sudden, this little, innocent human being, a little child, came into our lives, and literally gained control over our entire world. Before we could do anything else we had to think about, "Who's going to keep the baby?" or "Is this a good time for us to go without the baby?" We soon learned that we were not in control of our lives anymore. Even our sleeping patterns became very different. We would stay awake when the baby was awake and we went to sleep when the baby went to sleep. Literally this child began to control our lives and the child didn't even know she was doing it. And then we had a second one she did the exact same thing. And I've since learned that that's what babies do. When they arrive they take over! And their parents begin to develop their lives around this child. To mold their entire lives around this precious needy baby.

Isaiah wrote, "*Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given . . . and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*" This child who was born of Mary changes everything. This child born in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes changes how we live. This child born to the sound of angels singing *Gloria in excelsis Deo* — this child to whom the wise ones came from afar bearing gifts — this child, changed the way the entire world works.

And this Jesus, born into a world torn by strife and hatred and division and pain and poverty, this child is born anew wherever men and women say, "I'll follow Him. I'll follow Him as my Savior. I'll follow Him as my Lord."

When this child grew up, He said His reason for coming, again quoting Isaiah, from the 61st chapter, he said,

The spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach Good News to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, the recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty all those who are oppressed, and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

This child, when He grew up, came to show us the way to live lives of love, lives of compassion, lives of goodness, lives of kindness, lives of justice. This child came to show us how to change the world. So this Christmas, make room for him to change us. This Christmas help us change the world. And make a new commitment, to go out from this day, to let this Christmas Day be the first day of a new world.

God bless you. God keep you. Have a blessed Christmas. A Happy New Year. And go on out and change the world!

Flourish on Joy to the World

Robert A. Hobby

*Brass quintet, Timpani, and Organ**Ding Dong! Merrily on High*

Arr. Joel Ramey

Ding dong! merrily on high,
The Christmas bells are ringing:
Ding dong! Joyously reply
The angels all a singing
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
Praise him! people far and near,
And join the angels singing,
Ding dong! Every where we hear
The Christmas bells are ringing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Ding dong! Carol of the bells.
Ding dong! ring and sing noels.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
Here them ring this happy morn!
Our God a gift has given;
Ding dong! Christ is born,
A precious child from heaven.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
Hosanna, Christ is born!

*Choirs, Hand Bells, and Piano**God Rest Ye Merry, Gentleman*

arr. Mary Shackley

*String quartet**Angels Carol*

John Rutter

Have you heard the sound,
of the angel voices,
Ringing out so sweetly,
ringing out so clear?
Have you seen the star
shining out so brightly
As a sign from God,
that Christ the Lord is here?
Have you heard the news
that they bring from heaven,
To the humble shepherds
who have waited long?
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hear the angels sing
their joyful song.
He is come in peace
in the winter's stillness,
Like a gentle snowfall
in the gentle night;
He is come in joy (he is come in joy)
like the sun at morning
Filling all the world
(filling all the world)
With radiance and with light.
He is come in love

as the child of Mary;
In a simple stable
we have seen his birth:
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hear the angels singing
"Peace on Earth".
He will bring new light
(he will bring new light)
to a world in darkness,
Like a bright star shining
in the skies above;
He will bring new hope
(He will bring new hope)
to the waiting nations
When he comes to reign
in purity and love.
Let the earth rejoice
(let the earth rejoice)
at the Saviour's coming;
Let the heavens answer
with the joyful morn:
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hear the angels singing
"Christ is born".

Choir School of Hartford

Still, Still, Still

arr. Rory Cooney

Still, still, still
The mid-night desert's chill
Now piercing the night,
a child's hungry crying
Rings like a gospel: old ways dying,
Still, still still,
The night is with us still.
Still, still, still,
The darkness gathers by.
The song of the angels brings
happy respite;
Dreams counsel flight

from rage of the despot.
Still, still still,
how the mighty fear the light.
Still, still still,
The inns are ever full.
In hunger and war' mid fear
overwhelming.
Still, with your word assuring, calming,
Still, still, still,
Be with your children still.
God among us, God, be with us still

Choirs and String Quartet

Tomorrow Shall be my Dancing Day

John Gardner

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance:
Refrain) Sing O my love, O my love,
my love, my love;
This have I done for my true love.
Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance;
Thus was I knit to man's nature,

To call my true love to my dance:
In a manger laid and wrapped I was,
So very poor, this was my chance,
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,
To call my true love to my dance:
Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard from above,
To call my true love to my dance:

Choirs, Piano, and Percussion

He Shall feed his flock from Messiah

G. F. Handel

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd;
And He shall gather the lambs with His arm,
And carry them in His bosom,
And gently lead those that are with young.
Come unto Him, all ye that labour,

Come unto Him that are heavy laden,
And He will give you rest.
Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him,
For He is meek and lowly of heart,
And ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Alyssa Venora, Soprano

For unto us a Child is born

G. F. Handel

For unto us a Child is born
Unto us a Son is given
And the government
Shall be upon His shoulder
And his name shall be called
Wonderful, counselor
The Mighty God
The Everlasting Father
The Prince of Peace.

Choirs, String Quartet and Harpsichord

Joy to the World

G. F. Handel

For text see Hymn 100 in The Hymnal 1982.

THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

DECEMBER 24, 2016

10:00 P.M.

INTROIT: *Christmas Bells are Ringing*

Patti Drennan



Christmas bells are ringing loud and clear,
Christmas bells are ringing far and near,
Ringing out with joyful sound for everyone to hear,
Christmas bells are ringing loud and clear.

Instruments are playing everywhere
Instruments are playing songs of cheer,
Hear tambourine and drum; someone add a horn!
Instruments are playing on this Christmas morn.

Carolers are singing news of Jesus' birth
He is born the divine Christ child.
Play oboe and bagpipe merrily,
Jesus left his home on high to come to earth below
Carolers are singing to let the whole world know.
Ring we all, play we all
Sing we all of the Savior's birth. Noel!

The Choir School of Hartford

SOLEMN PROCESSION

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ. A - men.	

HYMN: #83 "O come, all ye faithful"

Adeste fidelis



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 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
4 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,
5 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

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

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 4 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
 5 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 6 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.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant
 Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.
People
 And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All 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.

HYMN: #96 "Angels we have heard on high" (stanzas 1 & 3)

Gloria

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

All Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation

comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” They shall be called, “The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD”; and you shall be called, “Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

PSALM: 96

C. H. H. Parry



- 1 Sing to the LORD a / new / song; *
sing to the LORD, / all the / whole / earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and / bless his / Name; *
proclaim the good news of his sal/vation from / day to / day.
- 3 Declare his glory a/mong the / nations *
and his / wonders a/mong all / peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and / greatly to be / praised; *
he is more to be / feared than / all / gods.

Sung to second half of chant

- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, / they are but / idols; *
but it is the / LORD who / made the / heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and mag/nificence of his / presence! *
Oh, the power and the / splendor / of his / sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you / families of the / peoples; *
ascribe to the / LORD / honor and / power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor / due his / Name; *
bring offerings and / come in/to his / courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the / beauty of / holiness; *
let the / whole earth / tremble be/fore him.
- 10 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.”
- 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 the / LORD when he / comes, *
when he / comes to / judge the / earth.
- 13 He will judge the / world with / righteousness *
and the / peoples / with his / truth.

Please be seated

SECOND LESSON: 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.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection.

HYMN: #102 "Once in royal David's city" (*stanza 1 - Choir, 2 - All*)

Irby

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is

1 low - ly cat - tle of shed, where a mo - ther laid her
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the

1 was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

Deacon 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HYMN: #102 "Once in royal David's city" (*stanzas 4 & 6*)

Irby

4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

SERMON

The Rev. George A. Chien

Silence for reflection.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form III

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Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People That we all may be one.

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader We pray for those who have died, especially Gladys Courtemanche, Bill Edwards, Jacques Kacou Nthohou; and Tilly Giansanti, and for all in whose memory the Christmas flowers and music are offered. We also pray for those who will die this week, that they may meet their Lord in faith and hope. I invite your own petitions either silently or aloud. *(Pause)*
 Give to the departed eternal rest;
People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *(Pause)*
 Hear us, Lord:
People For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. I invite your own thanksgivings, either silently or aloud. *(Pause)*
 We exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence for reflection.

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY: #115 "What child is this?"

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 on next page.

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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The people stand, as able, at the presentation of the offerings, and remain standing.

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

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

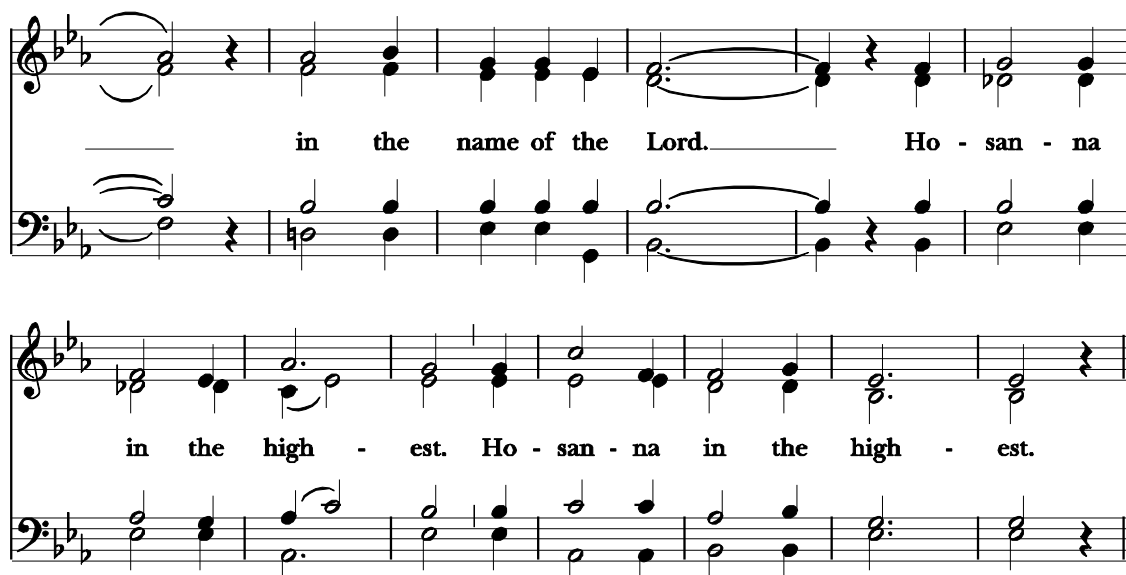
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



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."

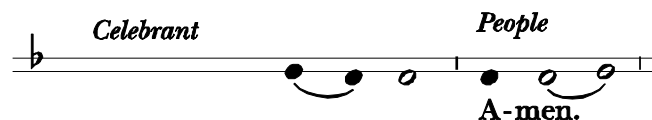
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant 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.



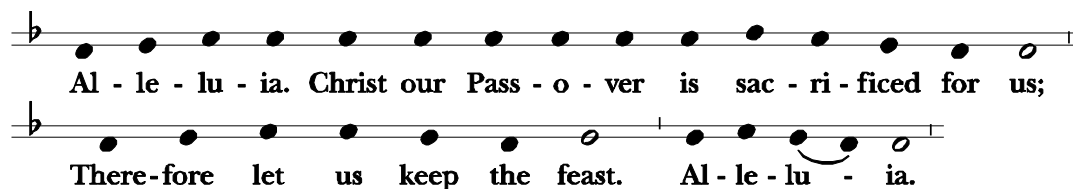
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

FRACTION ANTHEM: Hymnal: #S 152

Richard Proulx



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God. Behold what you are.
People May we become what we receive.

HYMN: #79 "O little town of Bethlehem"

St. Louis

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.

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!

THE COMMUNION

Please be seated.

If you prefer to receive consecrated grape juice rather than consecrated wine, after receiving the bread, proceed to the Minister holding a ceramic chalice in the north aisle in front of the chapel. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request – simply advise the minister serving the bread that you desire gluten-free bread. If for whatever reason you do not wish to receive communion today, you are invited to come forward for a blessing from the priest, indicating this by crossing your arms across your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN: #104 "A stable lamp is lighted" (stanza 1 - all, 2 - women, 3 - men, 4 - all) Andújar

1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed Whose
2 (This) child through Da - vid's ci - ty Shall
3 (Yet) he shall be for - sak - en, And
4 (But) now, as at the end - ing, The

glow shall wake the sky; The stars shall bend their voic - es,
ride in tri - umph by; The palm shall strew its branch - es,
yield - ed up to die; The sky shall groan and dark - en,
low is lift - ed high; The stars shall bend their voic - es,

And ev - every stone shall cry. And ev - every stone shall cry,
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And ev - every stone shall cry. And ev - every stone shall cry,

And straw like gold shall shine; A barn shall har - bor hea - ven,
Though hea - vy, dull, and dumb, And lie with - in the road - way
For ston - y hearts of men: God's blood up - on the spear-head,
In prais - es of the Child By whose de - scent a - mong us

A stall be - come a shrine. 2 This
To pave his king - dom come. 3 Yet
God's love re - fused a - gain. 4 But
The worlds are rec - on - ciled.

Gesu Bambino

Pietro A. Yon

When blossoms flower e'er 'mid the snows,
Upon a winter night,
Was born the child, the Christmas rose,
The king of love and light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang,
The grateful earth rejoiced;
And at his blessed birth the stars
Their exultation voiced.

Again the heart with rapture glows
To greet the holy night,
That gave the world it's Christmas rose,
Its king of love and light
Let ev'ry voice acclaim his name,
The grateful chorus swell
From paradise to earth he came
That we with him might dwell. *Refrain*

Refrain Venite Adoremus
Venite Adoremus
Venite Adoremus
Christ the Lord.

Trinity Choir and the Choir School of Hartford

As Communion is drawing to a close, please light your candle by tilting it into the lighted candle of the person next to you or from one of the acolytes in the aisle.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, we thank you for the birth of your son, Jesus Christ, for through him, all births are made holy and all things are made new. May we, like the shepherds, live with new-found joy in our hearts. May we, like Mary, always make room for the living Christ in our hearts. May we, like the angels, always proclaim that God is with us and invite others to seek and know him. May we who have been fed on living bread and who have tasted the wine of heaven go out to be instruments of your peace, in this Christmas Season and always. Amen.

HYMN: #111 "Silent 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.

Celebrant

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.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant

May Almighty God, who sent the Christ to assume our nature, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

All

Amen.

Celebrant

May God, who sent angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

All

Amen.

Celebrant

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you peace and favor.

All

Amen.

Celebrant

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #87 "Hark, the herald angels sing" *(Continued on next page)*

Mendelssohn

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!

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Gloria In Excelsis Deo*

Antonio Vivaldi

Gloria, In Excelsis Deo
 Glory in the highest

choirs, strings, and harpsichord

*We invite you to carry the light of Christ
 out into the world in your hearts and actions,
 and to place your extinguished candle
 in the receptacle provided by the ushers.*

The words of this evening's service are taken from *The Book of Common Prayer* and *Enriching Our Worship*.

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Hymn: Title: O come, all ye faithful

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others

Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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Hymn: Title: Angels we have heard on high

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.

Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

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Hymn #102: Title: Once in royal David's city

Words: Sts. 1-2, 4-6, Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-1895), alt.; st. 3, James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)

Music: *Irby*, melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)

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Offertory Hymn: Title: What child is this, who, laid to rest

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Music: *Greensleeves*, English melody; harm. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

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Sanctus: Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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Fraction Anthem: Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Music: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

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Communion Hymn: Title: A stable lamp is lighted

Words: Richard Wilbur (b. 1921)

Music: *Andújar*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

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Post Communion Hymn: Title: Silent night, holy night

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)

Closing Hymn: Title: Hark! the herald angels sing

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

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The ceramic figurines in the Baptistry Nativity were donated by Anna Parkington. Georges Annan-Kingsley painted them to correspond to the appearance of the multitude of peoples to whom the Messiah came as Savior and Lord. Our thanks to each donor for this beautiful addition to our Christmastide devotions. Also, a big thank you to all our musicians, Altar and Flower Guild members, worship leaders, staff, building and grounds volunteers and all those who are gathered here today who have offered their talents to God's glory through our worship.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

This service uses parts of the Order for the Holy Eucharist from *The Book of Common Prayer* 1979, and *Enriching Our Worship I* and music from *The Hymnal* 1982 and the *Lift Every Voice and Sing* hymnal. The prayer book and hymnal may be found on the shelf under the chair directly in front of your seat. We stand, if able, for the hymns, and stand or kneel, according to one's personal tradition, for prayer.

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Christmastide Services

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day

9:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist with sermon and carols

Sunday, January 1 – Christmas 1

9:30 a.m.

Congregational Lessons and Carols with Eucharist

Friday, January 6 – Epiphany

12:10 p.m.

Holy Eucharist with Homily

Sunday, January 8 – Christmas 2

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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***There will be no childcare for the service
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Adult Formation Classes and Church School will resume January 8.

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