

The Episcopal Church
of Our Saviour



Christmas Eve 2005
11:00 p.m.

MUSIC FOR THE NATIVITY

10:30 p.m.

*The congregation remains seated when the Choir enters.
Please stand to sing each hymn.*

Voluntary: *Quartet in C major K157* W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Congregational Hymn: 107 *In dulci jubilo*

Gloria in excelsis Deo Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Gloria in excelsis Deo - Glory to God in the highest.

Divertimento #1 in D major K136 Mozart

Congregational Hymn: 87 *Mendelssohn*

Good King Wenceslas Arr. Reginald Jacques (1894-1969)

Good King Wenceslas looked out on the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel.

Hither, page, and stand by me, if thou know'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?
Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence, by Saint Agnes fountain.

Bring me food and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither,
Thou and I will see him dine, when we bear them thither.
Page and monarch, forth they went, forth they went together,
Through the cold wind's wild lament and the bitter weather.

Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger,
Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no longer.
Mark my footsteps, my good page, tread now in them boldly,

Thou shall find the winter's rage freeze your blood less coldly.

In his master's steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure, wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing.

Two Christmas Carols

V. Moe (20th c.)

Maggie McGill, Clarinet
Nick Mills, Saxophone

Psallite

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

*Psallite unigenito
Christo, Dei Filio,
Psallite Redemptori,
Domino, puerulo
jacenti in praesepio.
Ein kleines Kindelein liegt in dem Krippelein.
Alle lieben Engelein dienen dem Kindelein
und singen ihm fein.
Psallite unigenito...*

Sing your psalms to Christ,
the only begotten Son of God,
sing your psalms to the Redeemer,
to the Lord, the little Child
lying in a manger bed.
A small Child lies in the manger.
All the blessed angels fall before Him
and sing.
Sing...

Congregational Hymn 100

Joy to the World

Voluntary: *Von Himmel hoch*

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Hymn: 83

Adeste fideles

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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.**



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of Christmas:

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.**

All sit.

First Reading: Isaiah 62:6-7,10-12

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. 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."

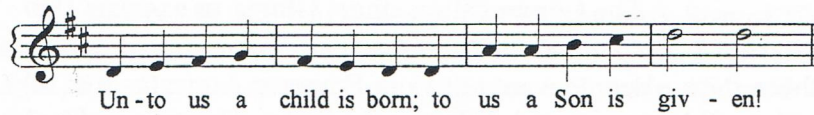
The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.



Psalm: 97:1-4, 11-12

The choir sings the refrain, followed by the congregation. After the first refrain, the choir will sing the verse, and everyone will sing the refrain together.



- 1 The LORD is King;
let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations
of his throne. **Refrain**
- 3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid. **Refrain**
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name. **Refrain**

Second reading: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
(2:1-14):*

The Congregation sings: **Gloria in excelsis Deo**

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 first-born 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!"

The Congregation sings: **Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

The Sermon

The Rector

All stand.



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:

As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us to the end of time.

For Dorsey our bishop, for William, Franklin, Rogers, and Charles, our bishops retired, for the presbyters, for the clergy of this parish, for the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!

For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!

For the conversion of the whole human race to our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayer, Lord of glory!

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord, we pray.

Celebrant: Source of light and gladness, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in Jesus Christ who unites our lives to yours and who is Lord for all eternity. For you created all things and gave them life through the Word, and we give you glory, O Father, O Son, and O Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

People: **And also with you.**

The people greet one another and then sit
for the announcements and gathering of the offerings.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: *Shepherd's Farewell*

Hector Berlioz
(1803-1869)

Thou must leave thy holy dwelling,
The humble crib, the stable bare,
Babe, all mortal babes excelling,
Content our earthly lot to share,
Loving father, loving mother,
Shelter thee with tender care!

Blessed Jesus, we implore thee
With humble love and holy fear,
In the land that lies before thee,
Forget not us who linger here!
May the shepherd's lowly calling,
Ever to thy heart be dear!

Blest are ye beyond all measure,
Thou happy father, mother mild!
Guard ye well your heav'nly treasure,
The Prince of Peace, the Holy Child!
God do with you, God protect you,
Guide you safely through the wild!

The People stand as the offerings are brought forward.

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

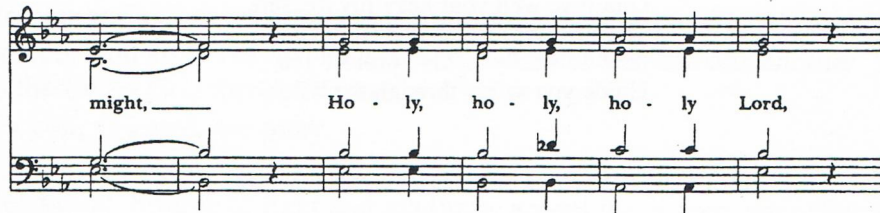
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:



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

This system contains the first two staves of the musical score. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a half note C5. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a common time signature. The accompaniment starts on a half note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, a quarter note B-flat3, and a half note C4. The lyrics 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na' are written below the treble staff.

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

This system contains the third and fourth staves of the musical score. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a half note G5. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with a half note D4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note F4, and a half note G4. The lyrics 'in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes —' are written below the treble staff.

— in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na

This system contains the fifth and sixth staves of the musical score. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, and a half note D6. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with a half note A3, a quarter note B3, a quarter note C4, and a half note D4. The lyrics '— in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na' are written below the treble staff.

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

This system contains the seventh and eighth staves of the musical score. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note E6, a quarter note F6, a quarter note G6, and a half note A6. The bass staff continues the accompaniment with a half note E4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note G4, and a half note A4. The lyrics 'in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' are written below the treble staff.

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


The people kneel for the Great Thanksgiving.

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."

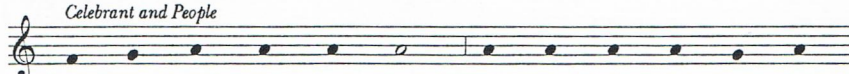
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant




There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -



rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

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 Blessed Mary and Joseph and 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.

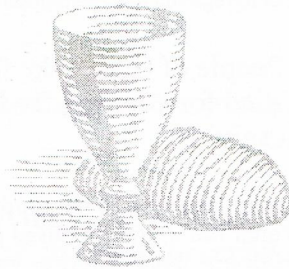
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



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

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, an the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A moment of silence is observed after the Celebrant breaks the Bread.



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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

The Celebrant invites the congregation to Communion with the following:

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.

NOTE: All baptized Christians are welcome to the Lord's Table in this church. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail. Extend a raised palm to receive the Bread, which you may either consume immediately or wait for a chalice bearer to dip in the wine and place on your tongue. If you have consumed your bread when the chalice comes, please hold the cup at the bottom and direct it to your mouth for a sip of wine. If you do not drink wine, cross your arms over your chest when the chalicebearer comes by.

Communion time is traditionally a time for prayer. For the sake of others, please observe silence.

Communion Anthem: *O Holy Night*
David Caines, Tenor

Adolphe C. Adam
(1803-1856)

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary soul rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our Friend!
He knows our need - to our weakness is no stranger.
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend!

Hymn: 89

Carol

Hymn: 101

Cradle Song

All kneel.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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 for ever.
Amen.

Hymn: 111

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.

The people remain kneeling.

A Christmas Blessing

May the humility of the shepherds,
The perseverance of the wise men,
The joy of angels,
and the peace of the Christ child
be God's gift to you this Christmas time,
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and those you love this Christmastide,
and forevermore. **Amen.**

Amanda Caines, Soprano

Softly a light is stealing,
Sweetly a maiden sings,
Ever wakeful, ever wistful.
Watching faithfully, thankfully,
tenderly her King of kings.

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Mary her song to Jesus
Softly, serenely sings:
I will love you, I will serve you,
May my lullaby glorify,
magnify my King of kings.

All stand.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Give thanks for Christ, the newborn King!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

You are invited to remain in the church to listen to the organ voluntary.

Postlude: "Pastorale" from *Christmas Concerto*

Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)

WORSHIP NOTES

Celebrant/Preacher: Fr. Foss

Readers/Chalice Bearers -Delmar Long and Gardy Wilson

Altar Guild - Amelia Latham, Clara Turner, Ursula Progl, Suzie Owen, Elizabeth Stroup, Pat Murray, Jane Wilson, Reesa McCrorey, Linda Campfield, Pat Welch, Sara Lynn Hayes, and Kelsey Young

Ushers - Melanie and Chuck Hurst

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the entire church family, by Mac and Doris Leitner.

The flowers in the Chapel of Our Lord's Peace are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Elizabeth Mayrant Graham, by her parents, Kitty and Dent Graham, and family.

The flowers in the Chapel of Our Lord's Spirit are given to the glory of God in loving memory of John Rutherford London, Jr., by Mrs. John Rutherford London, Jr., and family.

The flowers on the processional crosses are given to the glory of God in loving memory of former Altar Guild members.

Our thanks to Sakira Harley and Carlos Tarazona, violins, Cindy Frank, viola, Remington Boyd, cello, and Don Moe, organ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office will be closed Monday, December 26, in observance of Christmas.