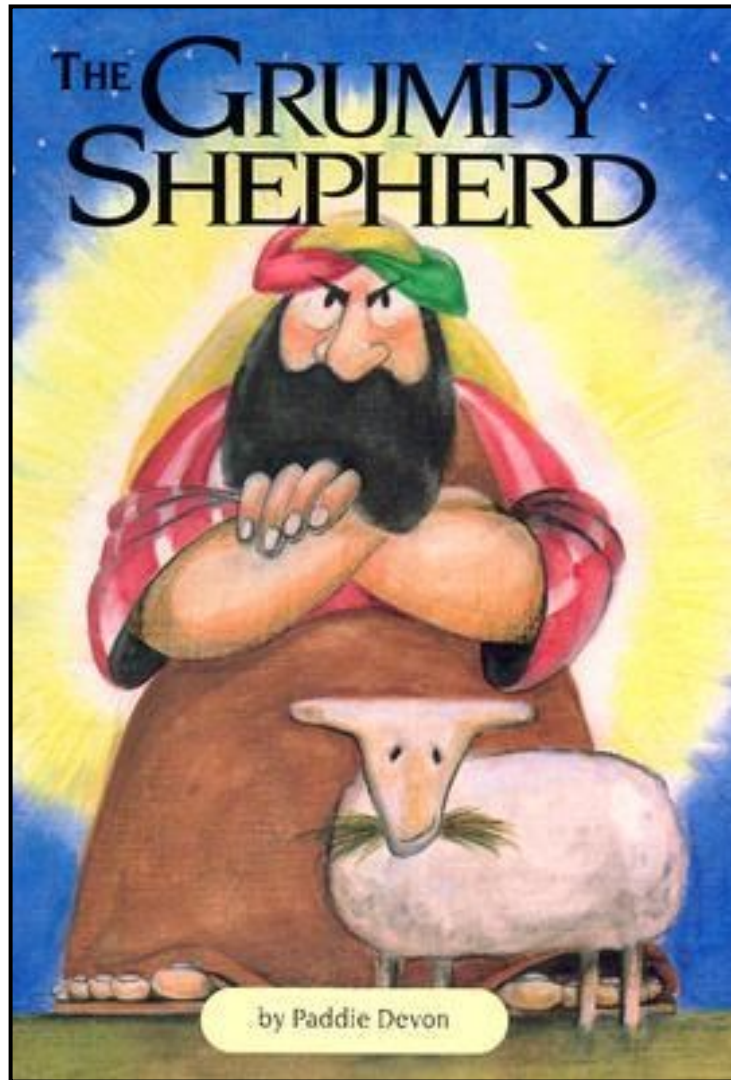


Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ



Friday, December 24, 2021

5:30 pm

Family Service with Holy Eucharist

#WeAreTrinity

Sharing God's love / Embracing God's children / Responding to the needs of the world

Welcome to Trinity on the Hill, a place where you will find open hearts, open minds, and open doors. We believe that as people of God, we can all share in God's love; a love that is inclusive, ever abundant and meant to be expressed through our action in the world. We invite you to bring your own spiritual journey to Trinity on the Hill, where no part of you needs to be left at the door. Please know that from whatever tradition you come and wherever you are in your journey of faith... **YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.**

All are invited to receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist. Even if you are not receiving communion, you may choose to come to the altar rail to receive a blessing. Other people likely will be remaining in their seat during communion, so if you choose not to come forward, you won't be alone.

If you have questions about our church, spirituality, or anything else, give us a call at 505-662-5107. For more information, visit www.latoth.org.

We are so glad that you are here today.

May you feel the love of Christ and the warmth of our fellowship.

PLEASE NOTE: Our services are live-streamed. If you wish to avoid the possibility of being on camera, please sit in the northeast corner of the Sanctuary.

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Prelude: “Moonlight Mood” and “Winter Scene”

William Gillock

Louisa Singleton, piano

Opening hymn: “O come, all ye faithful”

Hymnal 83, verses 1, 2, 3

The lighting of the Advent Wreath

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: *(said together)*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

“The Grumpy Shepherd”

A Christmas Musical by Joe Cox

Follow the Shepherds

Sheep

Baahh, baahh, baahh...

Why are we here?

Don't you know?

We follow the shepherds wherever they go.

I thought that they

Followed us.

Maybe that's why

They make such a fuss.

*All we have to do is follow the shepherds,
'Cause they are the shepherds and we are the sheep.*

A Grumpy, Grumpy Shepherd

Sheep

Now take Josiah,

He's okay

He makes fires to keep wild animals away.

My master Obed with his staff;

He's pretty nice and he makes me laugh.

But Joram, old Joram,

He's a grumpy, grumpy shepherd!

Obed is sweet and kind,

He leads with a gentle hand.

Josiah watches the stars,

The stars so bright and so grand.

But Joram, old Joram,

He's a grumpy, grumpy shepherd.

Joram's Lament

Same sheep, same crook,

Same hills, same brook;

Routine, every night,

I'm bored, my plight!

Sheep, boring,

Same old thing, boring,

Work, boring,

Boring, boring, boring, boring!

I'm bored!

I'm glum, no fun, I'm done! Ho-hum.

Lie down, rest my head,

Rather be in bed.

A Grumpy, Grumpy Shepherd (Reprise)

Obed

I love this job, I love these sheep.

I love the stars; how could I sleep?

Josiah

*The sky is so clear, stars so bright,
The air is so still, wonderful night.*

*But Joram, how can you sleep?
That's not much of a way to take care of your sheep.
He's a grumpy, kinda gripey,
He's a grumpy, grumpy shepherd!*

Joram

Sshh!

All

Grumpy, grumpy shepherd!

Joram

What in the world? What's happening?

Gabriel

*Don't be afraid, shepherd. I won't hurt you. My name is Gabriel and God has sent me to you.
Tonight in your town, a baby has been born. His name is Jesus.*

Joram

So what? Another yowling baby to keep us awake!

Gabriel

You must understand, this is a very special baby. He is the one all God's people have been waiting for. This baby is your King - your Savior, Christ the Lord!

Obed

Well, I'll be...

Lamb

Hey! Watch it!

Gabriel

Go and tell everyone this great news. You will find the baby in a stable. He will be wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.

Glory to God in the Highest**Angels**

*Glory to God in the highest heav'n.
Glory to God, glory to God!
Glory to God in the highest heav'n.
Peace to all God's friends on earth.*

What Sort of King**Joram**

*What sort of king sleeps in a manger?
What sort of king sleeps in a box?
A box is for hay, for hay, not for babies,
Sure not for kings. Is your head full of rocks?*

Josiah

Come on old friend, you grumpy old shepherd,

*You saw the angels, you saw the lights.
Come on, old Joram, don't be an old grumpy.
Let's go find the baby, what a beautiful sight!*

Joram
Crazy!

Josiah
You can't put us off.

Joram
Insane!

Obed
Come on, let's go!

Joram
Preposterous!

Josiah
No time to dilly dally.

Joram
Ridiculous!

Obed
*You're moving too slow
Come on, let's go!*

All
*Come on old friend, you grumpy old shepherd,
You saw the angels, you saw the lights.
Come on, old Joram, don't be an old grumpy.
Let's go find the baby, what a beautiful sight!
What a beautiful sight!*

Joram
That's the brightest star I've ever seen!

Obed
This must be the right place!

Josiah
Come on, let's go inside.

Joseph
I am Joseph, and this is my wife, Mary. Have you come to see our son?

Obed
Uh, yes, I THINK so.

Josiah
An angel came to us tonight while we were looking after our sheep on the hillside.

Obed
Gabriel, er, the angel that is, well, he told us that a king had been born in Bethlehem.

Josiah

In a stable.

Obed

We thought he might be here.

Josiah

Here in this stable.

Obed

Many of us who love God have been waiting for him for years and years.

Joram *(sneezes)*

Obed

Shh! Joram, quiet! You'll wake the baby!

Joram

Sorry...

Josiah

Look! The baby is awake!

Joram

My Lord, my King, you are here.

My Lord, my King, you are here.

I look at you and I'm not sad and lonely.

You have taken all of that away.

I have hope and love in my heart

Because of you.

Forgive me for being such a grumpy old fool.

All

My Lord, my King, you are here.

My Lord, my King, you are here.

**Follow the Shepherd
(Reprise)**

All we have to do is follow the Shepherd,

'Cause he is the Shepherd and we are the sheep.

All we have to do is follow the Shepherd,

Cause he is the Shepherd and we are the sheep.

Sheep

Baahh, baahh, baahh...

Josiah

Didn't know Joram could sing.

Obed

Nor did the sheep!

THE END

The Sermon: Mother Laurie Triplett

The Nicene Creed (*said together, please stand as you are able*)

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.

A Litany for Christmas Eve:

St. Augustine's Prayer Book

Father, in this holy night your Son was born among us, and Christians all over the world sing for joy; renew your Church and open our hearts that Christ may find in us a dwelling place prepared for himself. We pray to you saying, Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

In this holy night, the angels sang of "Peace on earth and good will among people." We pray for the leaders of this country and all in authority, that they may work for peace and promote the well-being of all. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

In this holy night, the shepherds found the Christ Child lying in a manger, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and Joseph; bless our homes and families, and all those we love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The darkness of this night is scattered with the light of Christ's presence; bring comfort to all who suffer, who grieve, or who are alone. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the word made flesh, you have joined heaven and earth; keep in safety all those who have died and bring us all to the joys of heaven. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Father of mercy, whose Son Jesus took upon himself our nature, that he might bear our sorrows, be the companion of our journeys, and the forgiveness of our sins; pour out on us your Holy Spirit, that as Christ was born in our likeness, even so may we grow into his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: "In the bleak midwinter"

Hymnal 112

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Enriching our Worship, Vol. 1

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

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift 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 our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing serv-

ant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary, the mother of Jesus, Joseph, the nameless shepherds and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

At the conclusion of the prayer, the Celebrant invites everyone to join in the Lord's Prayer.

**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.**

Fraction Anthem

The Book of Occasional Services

V: Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

R: Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

V: This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

R: Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

V: Whoever believes in me shall not hunger or thirst, for the bread which I give for the life of the world is my flesh.

R: Whoever eats this bread will live for ever

The Celebrant invites all to come forward to receive communion All are welcome to receive. Please stand or kneel as you prefer if you would like to receive. Gluten-free wafers are available if you let us know ahead of time. If you would like a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms. If you would like to pass altogether, please remain seated.

Candles will be lit during the singing of the following hymns

Communion Hymns:

“O little town of Bethlehem”

Hymnal 79, verses 1, 2, 3, and 5

“Silent Night”

Hymnal 111

Post-communion Prayer and Blessing (*said together; please stand as you are able*)

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

Christmas Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

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

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

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Closing hymn: “Hark! The herald angels sing”

Hymnal 87

Dismissal

BCP 366

Postlude: VOM HIMMEL HOCH

arr. Wilbur Held

The Grumpy Shepherd

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| Joram, the Grumpy Shepherd | Rebekah Scott |
| Obed, Shepherd | River Yamada |
| Josiah, Shepherd | Josh Moore |
| Lead Sheep | Anna Moore |
| Gabriel | Mariah Stephens |
| Angel Soloist: | Eliana Lobato |
| Sheep | Isabella Stephens, Jeff Favorite, Louisa Singleton |
| Chorus | Rachel Greenwood, Claire Singleton |
| Flautist | Luke Favorite |
| Costuming | Maggie Moore, Mary Yamada |
| Movement | Genevieve Triplett |
| Prompter | Kandice Favorite |
| Piano | Joe Cox |

2021 Christmas Poinsettias

| Given by | In memory of |
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| Katherine Attrep | Moses Attrep, Jr |
| Cathy Walters | Wally and Matt Walters, Kelly Veazy |
| Claire Singleton | Jim Singleton and Michael Wheeler |
| Trish Granich | Thomas E. Granich |
| Rozelle and Brad Wright | Our mothers: Alice Wright and Elinor Brown |
| Wendy Strain | James Weed, Lonny Strain, Ed Strain, Louise Strain |
| Margaret Odell | William and Farrie Knapp, George and Rayne Stebbins, Dale and Barbara Croley |
| Scott and Lori Schilling | Marge and Shay Dresback, Lucille and Fritz Schilling |

Serving this evening

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| Organist | Nelly Case |
| Server | Isabella Stephens |
| Altar Guild | Marybeth Stephens, Michelle Espy, Rozelle and Brad Wright, Judy Crocker, Andy and Linda Light |
| Ushers | Maggie Moore, Linda Corliss |