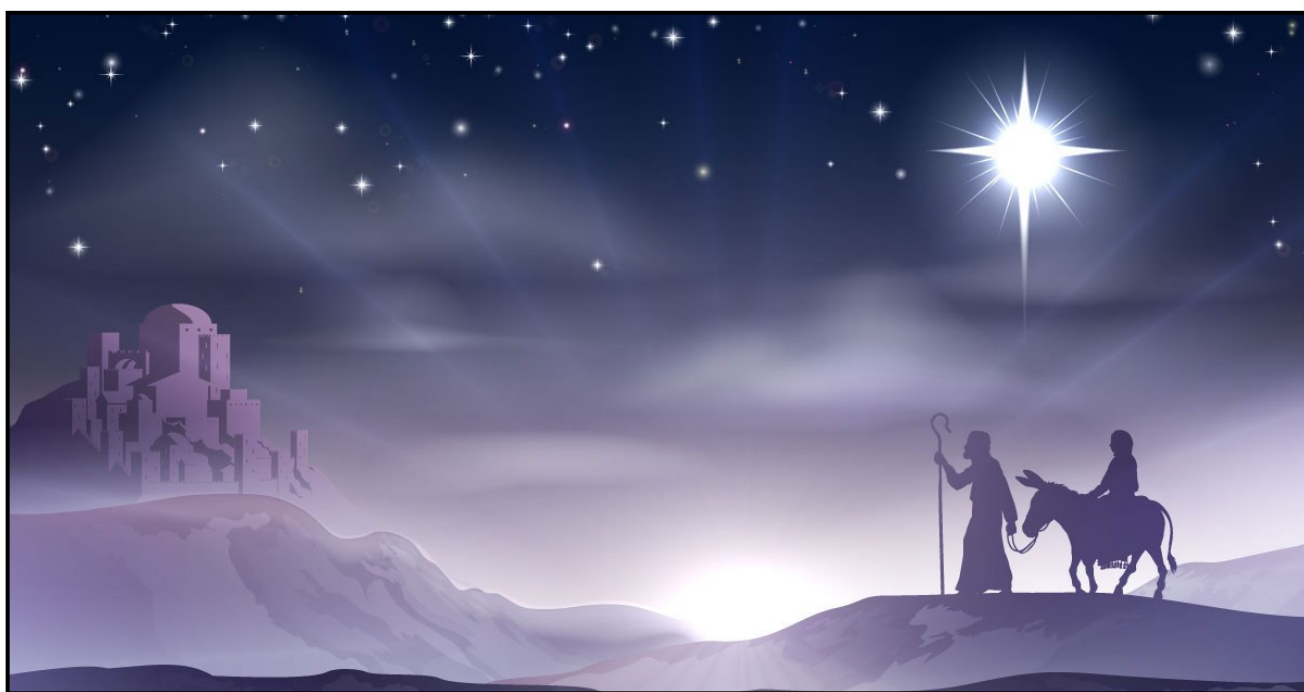


Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ



Tuesday, December 24, 2024

5:00 pm

Family Service with Holy Eucharist

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Organ Prelude: “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme”

J.G. Walther

Opening Hymn: “Joy to the world!”

Hymnal 100

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

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

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 (*sung together*) “Angels we have heard on high”

Angels we have heard on high,
Singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: “O little town of Bethlehem”

Hymnal 78, verses 1, 2, and 5

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20 (from the King James Bible)

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth,

into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

ARCHANGEL GABRIEL'S AWESOME ADVENTURE

By Allan Robert Petker and Beth Merrill

Scene 1: Heaven

Angel 1: Get ready!

Angel 2: It's time!

Angel 1: The hour is here!

Angel 2: We've got to get busy!

Angels 3 + 4: Prepare the way of the Lord!

“Prepare the Way”

Verse 1

Prepare the way, the way of the Lord,
Make sure that the path is open.
It's time to get ready now, the hour is here,
Our Lord will soon be coming.

Verse 3:

Prepare the way, the way of the Lord,
Make all the rough places level.
Now may the mountains lay flat, the valleys rise up,
Because of the Savior's coming.

Verse 2

Prepare the way, the way of the Lord,
Make every curve straight and solid.
We've got to make the way clear, so all can hear,
And clean every nook and cranny.

Chorus

This is the time to sing, to sing, together
Lifting up our voices with a song of gladness.
This is the time to sing, to sing, together,
Lifting up our voices with a song of gladness.

Voice of God: Angels, attention please, attention please! I want to tell you all something very important. This is the big announcement. The people on earth need help. They're really starting to mess things up, so the time is right for me to send my child to earth. Now get ready, because all the people are going to need your angelic help to prepare for the event! Okay? Further instructions will be forthcoming.

Gabriel: Greetings! I am the angel Gabriel. Well, I'm an archangel really, but we try not to be too hierarchical up here - there's only one Big Cheese, if you know what I mean. Anyway, welcome to Heaven!

Angel 1: You might have noticed that something's afoot here.

Angel 2: Yeah! We heavenly host have just heard the Big News, the announcement we've been waiting for.

Gabriel: Excuse me, as I was saying, we've been pretty worried about all you human beings for a while now; things have looked pretty bleak down there on earth, what with wars and poverty and just plain old selfishness.

Angel 1: But God's decided that now is the time to do something about all of that!

Angel 2: Yeah! God has decided to become a human being and go to earth to try and make things right.

Angels 3 + 4: And another thing....

Gabriel: Do I need to remind you who the archangel around here is? Now, where was I? Hmm. Never mind. But while I have your attention, I'd like to take this opportunity to review just what makes an archangel different from an angel. An angel....

Voice: Gabriel!

Gabriel: Yes, My God?

Voice: I have a job for you!

Gabriel: Yes, Most Holy One?

Voice: I need you to go down to earth and talk to a few people, give them a sneak preview of sorts concerning what's about to happen. You know, tell them that I am about to be with them like never before. Tell them about the big *birth* day.

Gabriel: Oh yes, Highest Sovereign.

Voice: I need for you to visit the mother first. I've chosen her because she is an ordinary woman with great faith. She's the one to be the mother of the Savior. Her name is Mary. You might want to go a little easy on her - she's kind of young, and she's in for a big shock. Most humans aren't used to the sight of an angel, much less an archangel. Okay?

Gabriel: Got it, Divine Divinity! I'd best be off to see this young girl who's in for the surprise of her life!

“Be Not Afraid”

Chorus

Be not afraid! Do not fear! It's a good thing we are here!
We know we're an awesome sight,
Reflecting this heavenly light,
So don't be scared, do not fear. It's a good thing we are here.

Verse 2

Angels are lovely; we're guardian and friend,
To needy and innocent we often do tend,
We're not mean, fierce creatures, we rather would play,
So why does the bible each time have us say?:

Verse 1

Angels are darling, cherubic and round
With cute chubby cheeks and no feet on the ground.
We flit and we fly, we sing and we pray,
So why then does God always make us say?:

Verse 3

We're used to heaven, so stunning and grand,
And frankly to us your small world is quite bland.
We bask in God's glory each day after day,
So maybe that's why when we see you we say:

Final Chorus

Be not afraid! Do not fear! It's a good thing we are here!
We know we're an awesome sight, Reflecting this heavenly light,
So don't be scared, do not fear. It's a good thing we are here.
It's a good thing we are here!

Fear not!

Scene 2: Mary's Home

Gabriel: Hail, favored one! God is with you.

Mary: *screams and faints*

Gabriel: Oops! I guess in my excitement I wasn't easy enough on her. I'd better try something different. Now where'd I put those smelling salts? Here they are. Um, Mary? Mary? Don't be afraid - I'm just an angel - well, an archangel really, but that's not important now. Mary, it's a good thing you're sitting down.

Mary: Uh-oh. What have I done?

Gabriel: Absolutely nothing.....yet Now, Mary, God thinks you're a very special woman, and God has chosen you for a remarkable, unique job. You're going to have a baby.

Mary: A baby?

Gabriel: Yes, a baby, and not just any baby, but the Son of God. This is really quite an honor, Mary. You've been blessed by God! So that's the message. I'll be off now. Oh - do you have any questions?

Mary: Yes. Yes. I have three. Do I have a choice about all this? Does Joseph know yet? And do we get to pick the name? I've always been partial to the name "Fred."

Gabriel: Fred? In answer to your questions....no, no and no. God has chosen you. Joseph is next on my list. And his name will not be Fred, his name will be Jesus. That's all for now. Oh - and Mary?

Mary: Yes?

Gabriel: Congratulations! Fred?

Scene 3: Joseph's Home

Gabriel: Joseph?

Joseph: Yes, what do you want?

Gabriel: Don't be alarmed, I'm just an angel - well, an archangel really, but that's not important now. You might want to sit down for this.

Joseph: What did you say your name was?

Gabriel: I'm Gabriel, Archangel Gabriel.

Joseph: Okay, Archangel Gabriel, go ahead.

Gabriel: Well, here it is. Your fiancée, the virgin Mary, is going to have a baby. She is pregnant with the Son of God, although that's really a discussion for another day. But you can still marry her. You just can't pick the name.

Joseph: *screams and faints*

Gabriel: Are you okay? Then my work here is done. I'll be off now. You don't have any questions, do you?

Joseph: Actually, I have three. Do I have a choice about all of this? Have you told Mary yet? And why don't we get to pick the name? Mary's always liked the name "Fred."

Gabriel: What's with you two and "Fred?" In answer to your questions no, yes and because. God has chosen you. Mary knows and is doing okay. And his name will not be Fred, his name will be Jesus because he will save his people. I have to go now but Joseph?

Joseph: Yes?

Gabriel: Congratulations!

“Time A-Keeps on Movin’”

Main Version

Time a-keeps on movin', Time a-keeps on movin',
Time a-keeps on movin' along!

Ending Version

Time a-keeps on movin', Time a-keeps on movin',
Time a-keeps on movin' along, along, along!
Time a-keeps on movin', Time a-keeps on movin',
Time a-keeps on movin' along! *Yeab!*

Angel 1: In the first month, Mary went to visit her sort-of cousin, Elizabeth turns out Elizabeth was pregnant too, so they had a lot to talk about.

Repeat "Time A-Keeps on Movin'"

Angel 2: In the third month, Mary went back home and Elizabeth had her baby, a boy. They named him John, but that's another story altogether.

Repeat "Time A-Keeps on Movin'"

Angel 1: In the eighth month, Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem for the government's new census. The last thing Mary felt like doing was riding on a donkey, but hey, who can say no to Caesar?

Repeat "Time A-Keeps on Movin'"

Angel 2: In the ninth month, the time had come. Mary and Joseph were still in Bethlehem, far from home in an overcrowded town. In the end, the only place they could find to have the baby was a stable.

"Time A-Keeps on Movin'" Ending Version

Scene 4: Back In Heaven

Gabriel: I really regretted the fact that I couldn't help Mary and Joseph more when the baby was born, but things were pretty hectic up here too. They managed just fine without me. Now, while I have your attention, I'd like to go back to the archangel explanation. Plain old angels....

Voice: Gabriel!

Gabriel: Yes, Your Loving Graciousness?

Voice: The time has come! I need for you to go down now and announce the happy news.

Gabriel: If you don't mind my saying so, Your Ultimate Awesomeness, I think Mary and Joseph probably know what's going on. After all, they are sort of in the middle of things.

Voice: I am aware of that, Gabriel. I've decided the best audience for my big announcement is the shepherds, the ones with the flocks in the hills, close to the town of Bethlehem.

Gabriel: Oh, yes, Your Sacred Shepherdness. I'm on my way!

Voice: And Gabriel...

Gabriel: Yes, your, um, your, uh, your Head of All Creationness?

Voice: Don't hold anything back this time. Give 'em all you've got!

"The Best News"

Part 1

We've got good news, we've got great news,
We've got grand news, the best news ever heard!
For unto you is born in the city of David
A savior, a Counselor, the Prince of Peace, Almighty God,
the everlasting Ruler and the Son of God!

Part 2

The time has come at such long last
when we shall sound the trumpet's blast;
Down on the earth God's Gift is born,
so beat the drum and blow the horn.
It's our great joy to go to earth,
tell one and all of our Lord's birth,
To shout it from the highest place
and tell of God's amazing grace.

Part 3

We've got good news, We've got great news,
We've got grand news, The best news ever heard! (2x)

Scene 5: The Fields Outside Bethlehem

Shepherd 1: Nice night to tend the flocks, wouldn't you say?

Shepherd 2: I guess so, if you like clear, starry nights. Me, I like those damp and foggy nights.

Shepherd 3: Look at that one star over there - sure is beautiful.

Shepherd 2: Sure, if you like a bright, glaring light that blinds you. Me, I like it pitch black so you can't see your hand in front of your face.

Shepherd 4: It's all so nice and quiet, the sheep are resting, it's all so relaxing... (yawns) I think I'll take a little nap.

Gabriel: Be not afraid!

Shepherds: *scream and faint*

Gabriel: For behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people. For to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.

Shepherd 4: Who are you?

Gabriel: Don't be alarmed - I'm an angel, archangel really, but. My name's Gabriel, and God has sent me to tell you that today is a new beginning for all of us, because our King is born. Now go, find the stable in Bethlehem where the baby sleeps. All you have to do is follow the star. And shepherds?

Shepherds: Yes?

Gabriel: Congratulations!

Shepherd 1: Wow! I've never seen an angel before.

Shepherd 2: That wasn't an angel, that was an archangel. But that's not important right now.

Shepherd 3: I've never been so scared before!

Shepherd 4: Do you think she meant it?

Shepherd 1: What do you mean?

Shepherd 4: The bit about the King and the Savior and the baby in the stable. Do you think she's telling the truth?

Shepherd 3: Of course she's telling the truth. She's an angel, for heaven's sake!

Shepherd 2: Yeah, as if God would send down an archangel to tell us a big fat lie.

Shepherd 1: Let's see for ourselves. Off to Bethlehem! Follow that star!

Shepherds: Okay! Let's go!

“Rise up, Shepherd, and Follow”

Verse 1

There's a star in the east on Christmas morn,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
It will lead to the place where the Christ was born,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Verse 2

If you take good heed to the angel's song,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
You will find the place where we all belong,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Chorus

Follow, follow, Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow the Star of Bethlehem, Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Scene 6: The Stable

Shepherds and Angels: *each expressing awe and wonder*

Mary: Oh, Joseph, look at him!

Joseph: You done good, Mary.

Shepherd 3: What's his name?

Mary: His name is Jesus.

Shepherd 2: Hmph. I would've named him Fred.

Shepherd 1: Hey, look! It's Gabriel!

Mary: The angel!

Joseph: Well, archangel really, but...

All: That's not important right now!

Gabriel: Well, that pretty much wraps things up! That's the end of the story, in a way. But while I've still got your attention, I do need to explain about archangels. We special....

Voice: Gabriel! That's not important right now. Look at these people, kneeling before my Son. Now that's important. They've found a place for Him. And, all people need to do is open their hearts so that the Christ Child has a place to be born, again and again and again. And now, angels?

Angels: Yes?

Voice: Shepherds?

Shepherds: Yes?

Voice: Mary and Joseph?

Mary & Joseph: Yes?

Voice: Sheep?

Sheep: Baa?

Voice: Give 'em all you've got!

“Prepare the Way Too”

Verse 1

Prepare the way, the way of the Lord,
Make sure that your hearts are open.
It's time to get ready now, the hour is here,
Our Lord will soon be coming.

Chorus

This is the time to sing, to sing, together
Lifting up our voices with a song of gladness.
This is the time to sing, to sing, together,
Lifting up our voices with a song of gladness.

Verse 2

This is the time for peace, the time for love,
The time for hope and giving.
Open up your hearts, prepare the way,
Because the Messiah's coming.

Angels We Have Heard on High

(Please sing along the 2nd time we sing it!)

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

THE END

CAST

Gabriel: River Yamada

Mary: Anna Moore

Joseph: Peter Maginot

Angel 1: Carly Demas

Angel 2: Cece Gulsby

Angels 3 + 4: Islay and Angus Dean

Shepherd 1/Sheep: Rosie Demas

Shepherd 2: Joshua Moore

Shepherd 3: Gregory Maginot

Shepherd 4: Zachary Maginot

Voice of God: Kelli Maginot

Directors: Jeff Favorite, Louisa Singleton

Assistant Directors: Kandice Favorite, Isabella Stephens

Featured Instrumentalists: Kandice Favorite, flute;

Peter Maginot, trombone; Anna Moore, flute;

Joshua Moore, trumpet; John Singleton, piano.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Jesus, whose mother was Mary: we pray for our Church Family and for all families. Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, cradled in a manger: we pray for all people who are homeless or who are away from home. Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, sharing the stable with the animals: we pray for the beautiful world you have given us. Help us to take good care of it. Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, worshipped by shepherds and kings: we pray for peace in all the world. For governments to rule wisely and to care for all your children. Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus, our Emmanuel: we pray for all those who are sick, lonely, or suffering.
Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Jesus, who came among us as the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith shine in our hearts and through in our words and deeds; in your name we pray. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

Offertory (*said by the celebrant*)

Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem: “A Maiden Most Gentle”

Andrew Carter, arr. J. Singleton

When the offering is presented

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord. **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

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

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:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Hymnal S 130

(The people kneel or stand)

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

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 The Virgin Mary, Joseph, Dunstan 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. **Amen.**

Celebrant: 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, and the glory,

for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

If you wish to receive communion at the altar rail, please come forward at the bidding. Please follow the instructions for receiving communion. If you wish to remain in your pew, communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available if you let us know you need one. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you wish to pass altogether, please remain seated.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. People say: **Amen.**

or with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Candles are lit as communicants return to their seats from the altar rail

Communion Anthem: “In the Bleak Mid-Winter”

Harold Darke

Communion Hymns:

“Away in a manger”

Hymnal 101

“What child is this”

Hymnal 115

Post-Communion Hymn: “Silent Night”

Hymnal 111

Candles will be lit during the singing of this hymn. Please be very careful not to drip wax on the pews. Battery-powered candles are available for young children.

Verse 1

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Verse 2

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Verse 3

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Post-communion Prayer *(please stand as you are able)*

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.

Christmas Blessing

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing hymn: “O come, all ye faithful”

Hymnal 83, verses 1—3

Dismissal

BCP 366

Postlude: “In dulci jubilo”

J.S. Bach

Serving This Evening

Organist	John Singleton
Server	River Yamada
Crucifer	Peter Maginot
Torch Bearers	Josh and Anna Moore
Lay Reader	Susan Sprake
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Sam McRae, Susan Sprake
Prayers	Claire Singleton
Altar Guild	Brad and Rozelle Wright Marilyn and Paul Lisowski, Kara Dean
Usher	Maggie Moore
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Christmas and Epiphany Season at TOTH

Christmas Eve	Carol-singing at 10 pm leading into Midnight Mass. Incense will be used.
Christmas Day	Holy Eucharist, 10 am
New Year's Eve December 31	Party at the Rothrocks' house, with swimming, food, beverages, and Holy Eucharist at 7 pm led by Fr. Kelly.
Epiphany Eve, Sunday, January 5, 2025	Epiphany Eucharist, 5 pm followed by Middle Eastern-style potluck

2024 Poinsettias

Given by

Patricia Granich
Rozelle and Brad Wright
Karen Humphrey
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