

CHRISTMAS EVE

Celebration of Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 24, 2017

10:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us for Christmas at Church Church. We are a Christ-centered, joy-filled community and we are blessed by your presence. Be assured that no matter who you are or where you are in your journey of faith, you can find a home here.

If you are visiting, please fill out a Visitor Card and give it to an usher or clergy member. Our regular Sunday worship is at 8 am, 9:15 am Joy!, and 10 am. There is a time of fellowship following each service, which is a great time to meet others and the clergy.

Sunday School for grades K-12 begins at 10:00 a.m. Moms and Dads of preschoolers meet at 9:45 a.m., on the playground if weather permits. Nursery Care is offered Sundays from 9:30 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. Adult education begins at 9 a.m. Sundays in the Guilds Room, just down the hall from the Church.

By joining us this evening, and each week, you give witness to the continued truth of Christ's presence in the world. Together we can proclaim the Good News that the Christ is born anew in the hearts and lives of those who follow him.

Happy Christmas!

Please stand as you are able for the Procession

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 83 vs 1-3, 6

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL



1 O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e-ter-nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion,



1 come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem;
 2 lo! he ab-hors not the Vir-gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci-ti-zens of heaven a-bove;



1 come, and be-hold him, born the King of an-gels;
 2 on-ly-be-got-ten Son of the Fa-ther;
 3 glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est;

Refrain

O come, let us a-dore him, O come, let us a-



dore him, O come, let us a-dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

GLORIA HYMN 96, vs 1&3

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

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.

People Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people are seated for the readings.

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

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 on and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Gesù bambino
Marlene Whittemore, soprano

Pietro A. Yon

A READING FROM TITUS

TITUS 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 87, vs 1&3

HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING

sung by all, standing



1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,



with the an-gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain



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

THE GOSPEL*remain standing***Luke 2:1-20**

Gospeller 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.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****THE HOMILY****The Reverend Thomas E. Mathews, Jr.****ANTHEM**

Advent Joy

Mendelssohn / arr. Liebergen

THE NICENE CREED

The people stand

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader In joy and wonder, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Increase the joy of your people who gather this night to celebrate the arrival of your Anointed One. Send us out to announce all that you have done for your people.

People **Hear us, O God.**

Leader Bring glad tidings of peace to every nation. Break the rod of the oppressor. Cover the global community in the compassionate authority of your Son, our Sovereign.

People **Hear us, O God.**

Leader Give birth to hope in the lives of those who are lost or helpless. Send your Spirit of healing and comfort to all who are in need, especially all those on our Prayer Intentions List. Hear us, O God.

People **Hear us, O God.**

Leader As you made yourself manifest in Christ, our Savior, make your salvation known also through us, his body. Shape us into a people who are zealous for good and righteous deeds.

People **Hear us, O God.**

Leader All the saints rejoice in the eternal light of your salvation. Inspire us to rejoice in all things, trusting your promises fulfilled, until you come among your people again.

People **Hear us, O God.**

Celebrant Almighty God, we entrust to you all for whom we pray, confident that in your love and abiding presence, and your promises made through Christ our Savior and Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

said by all in unison

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY AND PRESENTATION

We are called to give, and we thank you for giving generously to the mission and ministry of Christ Church. This parish and its mission is funded by parishioners and friends.

PRESENTATION HYMN 115

WHAT CHILD IS THIS



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.



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

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:

THE SANCTUS 973 (from Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New)

Sung by all, standing

O ho - ly, most ho - ly the God of cre - a - tion, for - e - ver ex - al - ted in
 pow'r and great might. The earth and the hea - vens are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na ho - san - na and praise in the height! How bles - sed is he who is sent to re -
 deem us, who puts ev - 'ry fear and in - jus - tice to flight; who comes in the
 name of the Lord as our Sa - viour. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na and praise in the height!

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People **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 the ever blessed Virgin Mary, blessed 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.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy Name, thy kingdom**
comes, 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

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

2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

All who desire to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ are welcome. Stand or kneel at the altar rail, and receive the Bread (wafer) in the palm of your outstretched hands. (Gluten-free wafers are available; tell the Celebrant if you prefer that.) Receive the Wine which follows, either by drinking from the chalice as it is extended to you, or by touching the wafer lightly to the Wine. If you do not wish to receive Communion, please come to receive a blessing. You may indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over the chest when you come to the rail. When you return to your seats, please take a few moments to reflect on the gifts you have received.

The acolytes will distribute candles after Communion. Please follow the ushers' directions.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

To Bethlehem Two Strangers Came

Robert A. Hobby



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



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



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



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

Refrain

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



born is the King of Is - ra - el.

(VERSE 6 TURN PAGE)

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

Refrain

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (*stand as you are able*)

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Acolytes will pass the light to the first person in each pew. Please pass the light to the person next to you.

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. born! Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 birth. Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

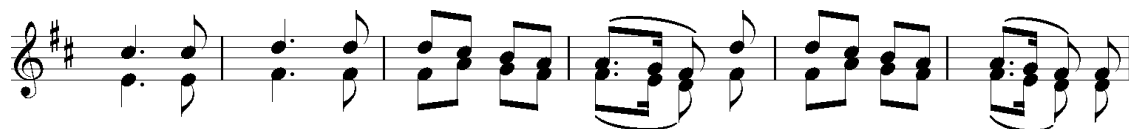
People Amen.

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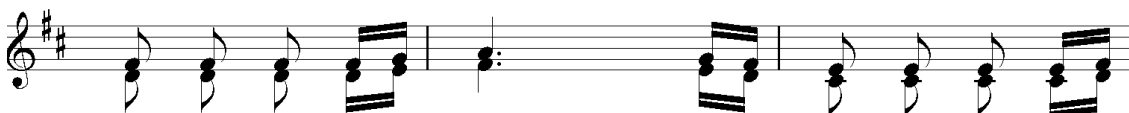
JOY TO THE WORLD



1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and



heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ, our newborn King! Alleluia,
 Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

DECEMBER 24, 2017

10:00 p.m.

Preacher & Celebrant	The Reverend Thomas E. Mathews, Jr.
Gospeller & Assisting Clergy	The Reverend William R. Coats
Organist	Lawrell D. Arnold
Soloist	Marlene Whittemore
Trumpet	Evan Pillow
Chancel Choir	Tim Berry, Cathy Dash, Troy Eggers, Chris Elliot, Toni Pasqualicchio, Elaina Richardi, Kelly Sullivan, Melinda Weber, Marlene Whittemore
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Rick Hampson, Callie Campbell
First Lesson	Rick Hampson
Second Lesson	Callie Campbell
Intercessor	Richard Moynihan
Acolytes	Charlotte Pillow, Evan Pillow
Ushers	Lyle Hatch, Frank Ducoat
Altar Guild	Pauline Burt, Callie Campbell, Pam Canali, Linda Duane, Kelly Duane, Maria Herbruck, Pat Kortjohn, Linda Larson, Kristen Lee, Dorothy Meyers, Linda Nelson, Patti Smith, Linhua Sun, Jenny Talbot, Nancy Zabriskie
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