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CHRISTMAS EVE

Celebration of Holy Eucharist and Pageant

DECEMBER 24, 2017

4:00 PM

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 day, 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!

LOOKING AHEAD AT CHRIST CHURCH

Monday, December 25–
Christmas Day Eucharist & Carols (10 AM)

December 31–
The First Sunday After Christmas (8 AM);
Joy! (9:15 AM)
Lessons and Carols (10 AM)

Saturday, January 6–
The Celebration of New Ministry and Installation of
The Rev. Tom E. Mathews Rector (2 PM)
The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith, Celebrant

January 7–
The Sunday After the Epiphany (8 AM, Joy! 9:15 AM & 10 AM)

PAGEANT PARTICIPANTS

Narrators: Read Hamon
Jessica Harbour
Elyse Mathews
Collin Williams

Prayers of the People: Paul Gillan
Alexandra Harris
Matthew Harris
Zachary Malo

Mary: Delia Lohan

Joseph: Andrew Freeborn

Jesus: Reid Colombo

Lead Angel: Grace Freeborn

Lead Shepherd: Cecile Malo

Star: Mary Eggers

Lead King: Kendall Van Putten Vink

Kings: Aiden Pignatello
Jared Auriemma

Camel: Teddy Loquet
Nathan Loquet

PRELUDE “Carol of the Bells” M. Leontovich
Performed by the Christ Church Hand Chime Ensemble (please observe silence during the Prelude)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 83, VS 1-3 “O Come All Ye Faithful” *Adeste fideles*
Evan Pillow, trumpet

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 -

THE GATHERING

OPENING ACCLAMATION
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.

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”
Evan Pillow, *trumpet*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

December 24, 2017 4 PM

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that
2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with
3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the
4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing
peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly
world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly
pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;
cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from
a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they
and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Thomas E. Mathews Jr.

Organist: Lawrell D. Arnold

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Ushers: Jamel Shimpfky, Anne Loving

Acolytes: Lara Ziccardi, Sarah DiMaulo-Milk, Ainsley Goot, Ryan Auriemma,
James Bodino, Alex Bodino

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

Perennials: Thanks to the entire Perennials Team

The Jubilation Choir:

Jared Auriemma, Mary Eggers, Andrew Freeborn, Grace Freeborn, Cole Hamon, Jessica
Harbour, Alexandra Harris, Matthew Harris, Cecile Malo, Zachary Malo, Ava Mathews,
Elyse Mathews, Cami Miller, Julia Miller, Joe Murphy

Christ Church Hand Chime Choir:

Jared Auriemma, Mary Eggers, Andrew Freeborn, Grace Freeborn, Cole Hamon,
Jessica Harbour, Alexandra Harris, Matthew Harris, Zachary Malo, Ava Mathews,
Cami Miller, Kendall Van Putten Vink, Lara Ziccardi

RECESSIONAL HYMN 100

“Joy to the World”

Antioch

Evan Pillow, trumpet

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant 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 PAGEANT

Please be seated during the entire duration of the pageant. Please hold photos until the end.

HYMN

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Evan Pillow, trumpet ; Juliet Corless, French horn ; Cole Hamon, tuba

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

THE FIRST READING FROM LUKE’S GOSPEL

Reader In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world
should be registered. Everyone went to their own towns to be registered.
Joseph went from the town of Nazareth to the city of David called
Bethlehem, because he was descended from the family of David. He went
to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was
expecting a child.

As Mary and Joseph enter, we sing:

HYMN

“Once in Royal David’s City”

Irby

Cole Hamon, tuba

Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

THE SECOND READING FROM LUKE’S GOSPEL

Reader While they were there, the time came for Mary 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.

As an Angel brings the Baby Jesus to Mary, we sing:

HYMN

“Away in a Manger”
Juliet Corless, *French horn*

Cradle Song

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my bed until morning is nigh.

Reader

The animals living in the stable wanted to welcome the baby with their song. The first to welcome the baby were the cows.

As the cows enter, we sing:

HYMN

“Friendly Beasts”
Mary Eggers, Olivia Eggers, Tommy Clark, and the Joy! Children
Lara Ziccardi, *ukulele*

Traditional

Jesus, our Brother, kind and good,
Was humbly born in a stable rude
And the friendly beasts around him stood.
Jesus, our Brother, kind and good

“I”, said the cow, all white and red,
“I gave him my manger for a bed,
“I gave him my hay to pillow his head,
“I,” said the cow, all white and red.

Reader

Then the sheep welcomed the baby.

As the sheep enter, we sing:

“I”, said the sheep with curly horn,
“I gave him my wool for a blanket warm.
“He wore my coat on Christmas morn,
“I,” said the sheep with the curly horn.

HYMN 111, vs. 1-2

“Silent Night”
Stille Nacht

The musical score for 'Silent Night' is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn: 'Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake'. The second staff contains the second line: 'all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child. at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,'. The third staff contains the third line: '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'. The fourth staff contains the fourth line: 'peace. born! Sleep Christ, in the hea - ven - ly peace. born! the Sa - vior, is born!'.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *(stand as you are able)*

Celebrant

Let us pray.
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.

THE BLESSING

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AT THE COMMUNION

All who desire to receive the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ are welcome. Receive the bread (wafer) in the palm of your outstretched hands. (~~Gluten-free wafers~~ are available; tell the Celebrant if you require 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.

ANTHEM “Do You Hear What I Hear” Noel Regney
Jared Auriemma, piano ; Ryan Auriemma, drums

HYMN 115 “What Child is This” Greensleeves

1 What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping? [Chorus]

2 Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading. [Chorus]

3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him. [Chorus]

Chorus This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Reader Then the donkeys welcomed the baby with their noisy song.

As the donkeys enter, we sing:

“I”, said the donkey, shaggy and brown,
“I carried his mother uphill and down.
“I carried his mother to Bethlehem town,
“I,” said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

Reader Then the animals snuggled close and kept the baby warm.

THE THIRD READING FROM LUKE’S GOSPEL

Reader 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,

Angel 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.

Reader And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

People **Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!**

During the following hymn, the Angels enter, and we sing:

HYMN “Angels We Have Heard On High” Gloria
Evan Pillow, trumpet

**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! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

THE FOURTH READING FROM LUKE’S GOSPEL

Reader When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

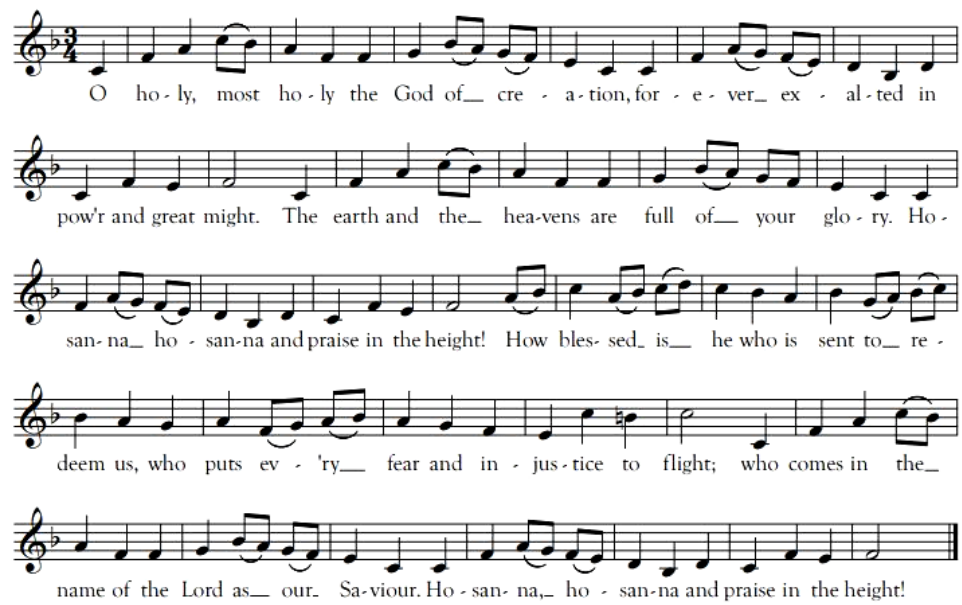
Shepherd Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.

Reader So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

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!

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.

THE SIXTH READING FROM MATTHEW’S AND LUKE’S GOSPELS

Reader Going into the house where Jesus was, the wise men saw the young child with Mary his mother and they fell down and worshipped him. Then opening their treasures they offered him gifts:

King Hail, newborn king of the Jews! We offer you these gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Reader Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

Reader And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

During the singing of the next carol, you are invited to take photos of the pageant.

HYMN “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
Evan Pillow, trumpet

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the new-born King!

Children return to parents in costume while set is removed. Please return costumes when leaving.

HYMN “Go Tell It On The Mountain!”
Traditional spiritual,
arr. By Donald Moore

Grace Freeborn, Zachary Malo, and Jessica Harbour, soloists
Evan Pillow, Ryan Auriemma, Teddy Loquet, Nathan Loquet, African Drums

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

A brief silence.

Intercessor Increase the joy of your people who gather this day 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.**

Intercessor Raise our voices in the song of all creation. With earth and heavens, seas, fields, and trees, lead us in proclaiming your salvation and declaring your glory throughout the world.

People **Hear us, O God.**

Intercessor 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.**

Intercessor 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.

People **Hear us, O God.**

Intercessor 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.**

Intercessor 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. **Amen.**

REFLECTION The Reverend Thomas E. Mathews Jr.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord 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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow” Trad., arr. By Teresa Jennings
Cami Miller, Alexandra Harris, Mary Eggers, & Elyse Mathews, soloists

PRESENTATION HYMN 93, vs. 1&4 “Angels, From the Realms of Glory”

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1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in
all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth: come and wor - ship,
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Refrain

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We life them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**