



## CHRISTMAS EVE



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**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL COMMUNION: RITE II     DEC. 24, 2021 • 9:00 PM**

**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

<b>PRE-SERVICE MUSIC</b>	Joy to the World	Michael Burkhardt
	Divinum mysterium Isabelle Schueler, Cello	arr. Raymond H. Haan
	And the Stars Sang Julian Guini, Tenor	Joseph M. Martin
	Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts Bells of Hope	C. Saint Saens
	What Star is This With Beams So Bright Bells of Hope	J.W. Krug
	Christmas Carol Trilogy Isabelle Schueler, Cello	Glenn L. Rudolph
	Vom Himmel hoch (From Heaven Above)	Johann Pachelbel (1653-1707)

*[During the Pre-Service, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**

*[Please stand when the chimes sound and face the Baptistry in the rear of the sanctuary.]*

*Lector*     Tonight we light all the candles. The first candle reminds us to recapture the wonder of the season. In the midst of repeated refrains and familiar stories, Advent is a time to be awed by the God who came to restore our world. The second candle calls us to remember the promises of old, that from the dawn of creation all things have unfolded according to God's redemptive plan. The third candle calls us to listen to the God who still speaks to us today. Advent is a time to hear afresh the joy of God's reconciling love that beckons us homeward. The fourth candle calls us to reawaken our sense of expectation and behold the miraculous in our day and time. Tonight we light the Christ candle, rejoicing in the Good News of the holy birth, the hope of humanity and the light of the world.

Congregation:

There is won - der in the hope of the birth of a  
King, there is won - der in the sound of the an - gels as they  
sing. O - come, O come, Em - man - u -  
el, and join us here.

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## PROCESSIONAL HYMN 83

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

TUNE: ADESTE FIDELIS

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem; come,  
and behold him, born the King of angels;**

*Refrain:*

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

**God from God, Light from Light eternal,  
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
only-begotten Son of the Father;**

*[Refrain]*

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest;**

*[Refrain]*

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

Glo---ri-a in excelsis Deo. Glo--ri-a in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?

Glo---ri-a in excelsis Deo. Glo--ri-a 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.

Glo---ri-a in excelsis Deo. Glo--ri-a in excelsis Deo.

### 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.

*All* **AMEN.**

### THE WORD OF GOD

*The people sit.*

THE FIRST READING:

Isaiah 9:2-7

*Lector* *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah chapter 9...*

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sing to the Lord new songs of praise; Let all the earth sing to the Lord.  
Sing out and praise God's holy Name; Proclaim good news with one accord.**

**Declare God's glory far and wide, God's wondrous acts and holy law;  
For God is greatly to be praised And then beheld with greatest awe.**

**Magnificent God's presence here, With splendid courts in glorious light;  
Ascribe to God all peoples, tongues, Ascribe to God all power and might.**

**THE SECOND READING**

Titus 2:11-14

*Lector*        *The Second Reading is taken from Titus chapter 2...*

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.**

**GOSPEL HYMN**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

H87, vs. 1,3

*[Please stand.]*

**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 newborn King!**

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Deacon* 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!"

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit.*

## SERMON

The Rev. Whitney Burton

*All stand as able.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*People* **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

*[Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you choose.]*

*Deacon* Let us pray for all humanity, all creation, and all times and places.

*Lector* God of everlasting light, you have brought together the hopes and fears of all the years in Jesus, the Word made flesh. May his grace and truth resound in us and through us. O come to us, abide with us,

*People* **our Lord Emmanuel.**

*Lector* Angels proclaimed the peace of your unconquered Son of righteousness. Strengthen all who work for peace and justice. O come to us, abide with us,

*People* **our Lord Emmanuel.**

*Lector* You came to us in a child cradled in a borrowed bed of straw as there was no room in the inn. Open our hearts to the needs of the homeless and the hungry. O come to us, abide with us,

*People* **our Lord Emmanuel.**

*Lector* Shepherds and outcasts heard your good news. Give us grace to spread your gospel of joy and liberation to all people, even those who differ from us. O come to us, abide with us,

*People* **our Lord Emmanuel.**

*Lector* We rejoice in this season of family, renewal, and reconciliation. Be with those who travel, enrich our rejoicing, and strengthen the bonds between us. O come to us, abide with us,

*People* **our Lord Emmanuel.**

*Lector* Christians throughout the world are celebrating your birth. Unite us in one family, that we may shine with the one light that scatters all our darkness. O come to us, abide with us,

*People* **our Lord Emmanuel.**

*Lector* Shed your light on all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. We pray especially for [*read names from notebook.*] Give strength and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. I invite you to name those for whom you pray, either aloud or in the silence of your heart. [*Leave time for names.*] O come to us, abide with us,

*People* **our Lord Emmanuel.**

*Lector* Your grace lets us inherit the hope of eternal life. Fulfill in your love all who have gone before us in the faith, especially [*read names from notebook.*] I invite you to lift up the names of those whose absence you particularly feel at this time. [*Leave time for names.*] May we, like them, live in your eternal light. O come to us, abide with us,

*People* **our Lord Emmanuel.**

*Lector* Hear these prayers we bring to you, and impart to our hearts the blessings of your heaven.

*People* **Amen.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**OFFERTORY** Gloria in excelsis Camille Saint-Saens  
Julian Guini, Tenor; Judy Warner, Soprano  
Choir

*All stand as able.*

### **THE PRESENTATION**

*Deacon* We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

**PRESENTATION HYMN** Sing We to Our God Above GLORIA

**Sing we to our God above, praise eternal as God's love.  
Praise God, all ye heav'nly hosts, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Glo---ria, in excelsis Deo!  
Glo--ria, in excelsis Deo!**





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,

*Celebrant and People*        **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 [\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

*All*        Amen.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant*        And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*People*        **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*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.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament in one kind.*

*If you desire a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.*

**COMMUNION HYMN 115**

What Child Is This

TUNE: GREENSLEEVES

*Please remain seated.*

**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?**

**Refrain:**

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. (Refrain)**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. (Refrain)**

**COMMUNION HYMN 94**

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

TUNE: WINCHESTER OLD

**While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.**

**"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind;  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.**

**"To you, in David's town, this day is born of David's line  
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:**

**"The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid."**

**Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:**

**"All glory be to God on high and on earth be peace;  
good will henceforth from heaven to me begin and never cease."**

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine;  
love was born at Christmas: star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine;  
worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

### THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray...

*All* 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.

### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*All stand as able.*

### HYMN 111

Silent Night

STILL 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. 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! 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. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

### THE BLESSING

**THE SENDING HYMN 100**

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
*People* **Thanks be to God!**

**VOLUNTARY**

Paeon on "Joy to the World"

David Lasky



## CHRISTMAS DEDICATIONS

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## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Assisting Priest	The Rev. Kathleen Walter
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Rhiannon Sharpe
Lectors	Cheryl Sharpe & Carolyn Hughes
Prayers of the People	Judy Warner
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