

A Celebration of Christmas

December 24, 2018

10:00PM



*“I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:
unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior,
who is Christ, the Lord.”*

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The Bishop, Clergy, and staff of
The Church of the Redeemer wish you a very Merry Christmas!!!!

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Christmas Eve

Celebration of Christmas in Music

Please remain seated until the processional hymn begins

Carol No. 87: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

Bells: *Still, Still, Still* Tammy Waldrop

Carol No. 89: *It Came Upon The Midnight Clear* CAROL

Bells: *Coventry Carol* Mary Engel

Carol No. 94: *While Shepherds Watched their Flocks* WINCHESTER OLD

Bells: *The First Noel* Kevin Mc Chesney

Carol No. 93: *Angels From The Realms Of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

Anthem: *Love Came Down At Christmas* Copeland - Wilson

Love came down at Christmas, Love, all love divine, And I know that love is mine. Love was in a manger, In a cattle stall, And while angels hovered, Love was born to be the King of all. The shepherds heard the choirs of angels, The wise men saw the light; They found the wonder they were searching for, And worshipped Him that holy night.

Carol No. 105: *God Rest You Merry Gentlemen* GOD REST YOU MERRY

The Word of God

Rite I

Processional Hymn No. 83: *O Come All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

Opening Acclamation BCP 323

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

Collect for Purity

Hymn of Praise No. 96: *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

Anthem: *Christmas Joy* Mark Schweizer

When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky has withdrawn, When the kings see their prophesy rightly fulfilled, When the princes and shepherds have gone; Then the true work of Christmas begins, To find the lost, to heal the broken hearts, To feed the hungry, To free the prisoner, To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among all brothers, To make music in the heart.

Communion Hymn No. 79: *O Little Town Of Bethlehem* ST. LEWIS

Post Communion Prayer BCP 339

Candle lighting

The candles of those at the end of the pews will be lit.
Please light the person next to you so that all candles are lit.

Carol No. 111: *Silent Night* STILLE NACHT

The Blessing
The Priest blesses the people.

The Chiming Of The Trinity

Closing Processional Hymn No. 100: *Joy to The World* ANTIOCH

Organ: *Fantasy on Hark The Herald Angels Sing* Gordon Young



The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 333

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People: It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: Therefore with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus No. S129

Robert J. Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The people stand or kneel.

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 337

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

Collect of the Day

BCP 325

(Please remain standing for the lighting of the Christmas Wreath)

Lighting of the Christmas Wreath

On the eve of our Christmas celebration, Jesus’ birthday, we light all of the candles of the Advent wreath.
First we light the candle for **HOPE** because Jesus is our hope.
Second, we light the candle for **PEACE** because Jesus is our hope and peace.
Third, we light the candle for **JOY** because Jesus brings joy.
Fourth, we light the candle for **LOVE** because Jesus is love.
Finally we light the center candle. This is the **CHRIST** candle. Jesus is born. Jesus has come. Jesus is our salvation.



Let us pray:
Great God of love and light, we thank you now for the light of that special star over two thousand years ago that guided humble shepherds and learned wise men to the holy babe. Lead us now, by the light of your love, that we also may follow you to new life in him. In celebration of the birthday of our King and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

Anthem: Lo, How A Rose E’re Blooming

Michael Praetorius

The Gallery Choir

Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse’s lineage coming as seers of old have sung. It came a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night. Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind, with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind. To show God’s love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

The Lessons

Please be seated

Old Testament Lesson

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Sing to the LORD a new / song, *
for he has done marvelous / things.
With his right hand and his holy / arm *
has he won for himself the / victory.
The LORD has made known his / victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the / nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of / Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our / God.
Shout with joy to the LORD, all you / lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and / sing.
Sing to the LORD with the / harp, *
with the harp and the voice of / song.
With trumpets and the sound of the / horn *
shout with joy before the King, the / LORD.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is / in it, *
the lands and those who dwell there/in.
Let the rivers clap their / hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the / earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the / world *
and the peoples with / equity.

Epistle

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Lector: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn N. 109: The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

Please stand

The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke
People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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

Psalm 98

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise be to thee, O Christ

Gospel Alleluia

Please be seated

Sermon

Rev. Mark Moline

The Nicene Creed (read together, standing)

BCP 326

Prayers of the People (Rite I)

BCP 328

Confession of Sin

BCP 331

The Peace

BCP 332

Please stand

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you
People: And with thy spirit

The people are invited to greet those around them with words of peace
such as “God’s peace” or “Peace be with you.”

Please be seated

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Anthem: How Far Is It To Bethlehem

Robert Lau

The Gallery Choir

How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far. Shall we find the stable room lit by a star. Can we see the little child, Is he within? If we lift the wooden latch May we go in? May we stroke the creatures there, Ox, ass, or sheep? May we peep like them and see Jesus asleep? If we touch his tiny hand Will he awake? Will he know we’ve come so far Just for his sake? Great kings have precious gifts, And we have naught, little smiles and little tears are all we brought. For all weary children Mary must weep. Here on his bed of straw Sleep, children, sleep. God in his mother’s arms, Babies in the byre, Sleep, as they sleep who find their heart’s desire.