

# CHRISTMAS EVE

*A celebration of The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

DECEMBER 24, 2021 AT 8 PM



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BEHOLD, A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE, AND BEAR A SON,  
AND SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL.  
—ISAIAH 7:14

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WELCOME TO TRINITY EPISCOPAL 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!

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LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CHRIST CANDLE:

Reader One: God has come to us as a child, to dwell with us, and to walk with us.  
(*Light the Christ Candle in your Advent wreath, often a candle in the center.*)

Reader Two: May the light and the fire from these candles burn away everything that is preventing the God of hope and peace and joy and love from being born among us.

Reader One: Brothers and sisters, be not afraid, even now – even now – the light of Christ is overwhelming the world, on earth as it is in heaven!



Stand or kneel as you are able

**THE BLESSING OF THE CRECHE:**

**THE PRESIDERS:** O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

**Prsider:** The Word was made flesh

**The People:** And dwelt among us.

**Prsider:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, who in the Incarnation of your Son has revealed to us the holiness of creation, be pleased to bless and hallow this image of his sacred birth, so that those who gaze upon it may behold this mystery, whereby humanity shares in your very nature; through Christ our Lord.

**ALL:** Amen.

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

1 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.

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

**PRESIDER:** BLESSED BE GOD: FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT.  
**PEOPLE:** AND BLESSED BE GOD'S KINGDOM, NOW AND FOR EVER.  
**AMEN**

**GLORIA HYMN vs 1 & 3**

**ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH**

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Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly, sweetly through the night  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their brave delight

Gloria, in excelsis Deo  
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  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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.  
**Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ALL SING: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN  
GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN OVER THE HILLS AND EVERYWHERE  
GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN THAT JESUS CHRIST IS BORN.

WHEN I WAS A SEEKER I SOUGHT BOTH NIGHT AND DAY. I ASKED THE  
LORD TO HELP ME AND GOD TAUGHT ME TO PRAY.

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN.....

***Priest Announces the Gospel, The Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ  
According to Luke***

**Luke 2:1-14(15-20)**

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!"

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Christ**

**THE SERMON – FOLLOWED BY MEDITATION**

*The people stand, as able.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

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**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 worshipped and glorified. 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 responsi*

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. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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.

**Your mercy is great.**

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. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Priest concludes with the following prayer: Almighty God, we entrust to you all for whom we pray, confident that you fulfill your promises through Christ our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

## **THE PEACE**

### **THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **OFFERTORY**

#### **HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING**

1. 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 hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!



Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
glory to the newborn King!

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with us to dwell;  
Jesus, our Immanuel! (Refrain)

PRESIDER: THE LORD BE WITH YOU

THE PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU

PRESIDER: LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

THE PEOPLE: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD

PRESIDER: LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD

THE PEOPLE: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE

## **Rite II Eucharistic Prayer B**

*The people remain standing. The Presider, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

Presider: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you**

Presider: Lift up your hearts

**People: We lift them up to the Lord**

Presider: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Then the Presider continues*

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,

*Presider and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

### **The Presider 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. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **Our Father...**

Presider: Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia*

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **PREPARING FOR COMMUNION:**

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

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

For He alone is Worthy  
For He alone is Worthy  
For He alone is Worthy  
Christ the Lord

*The people are seated*

## **COMMUNION**

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*All the baptized who wish to receive the Sacrament of the Body of Christ are welcome. If you do not wish to receive Communion, please come to receive a blessing indicate to the priest you will receive a blessing.*

### **COMMUNION HYMN A STABLE LAMP IS LIGHTED**

1. A stable lamp is lighted  
Whose glow shall wake the sky;  
The stars shall bend their voices,  
And ev'ry stone shall cry.  
And ev'ry stone shall cry,  
And straw like gold shall shine;  
A barn shall harbor heaven,  
A stall become a shrine.

2. This child through David's city  
Shall ride in triumph by;  
The palm shall strew its branches,  
And ev'ry stone shall cry.  
And ev'ry stone shall cry.  
Though heavy, dull, and dumb,  
And lie within the roadway  
To pave His kingdom come.

3. Yet He shall be forsaken,  
And yielded up to die;  
The sky shall groan and darken,  
And ev'ry stone shall cry.  
And ev'ry stone shall cry,  
For stony hearts of men:  
God's blood upon the spearhead,  
God's love refused again.

4. But now, as at the ending,  
The low is lifted high;  
The stars shall bend their voices,  
And ev'ry stone shall cry.  
And ev'ry stone shall cry,  
In praises of the Child  
By whose descent among us  
The worlds are reconciled.

*The people stand, as able.*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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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.**

Please join in singing Silent Night

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.

## THE BLESSING:

### DISMISSAL

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**JOY TO THE WORLD**

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1. 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.

2. 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.



**Special thanks to:**

The Trinity Choir

Ms. Ariann Miller choir director

Mr. Lawrell Arnold, organist

Mr. Rob Alexander technical director

Mr. Mike Callahan, property manager

Ronit Meyers: Parish Administrator

*On behalf of The Rev. Joanne Izzo, the wardens and vestry of Trinity we wish you all the best for a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.*

Sunday Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 10am Holy Eucharist