

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
DECEMBER 24, 2020  
4 PM**

**TRINITY CHOIR**

**IN THE BLEAK MID WINTER**

**PRELUDE: PEOPLE LOOK EAST**

**ROBERT HOBBY**

**Entrance Hymn:**

**O Come All Ye Faithful**

**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**

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

**PRESIDER:** 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**

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

**Gloria, Gloria  
In excelsis Deo**

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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. **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.**

### Psalm 96

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

**A READING FROM TITUS**

**TITUS 2:11-14**

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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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

### **Sequence**

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!

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2:1-20)

**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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Praise to You Lord Christ**

## THE SERMON:

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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.

## The Prayers of the People

**Presider:** Wondrous God, whose love was made flesh on this holy night, hear us, as we pray, and take to your heart all of our longings and offerings. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

*A brief silence.*

Intercessor:

All around our tiny blue planet we are suffering we come to you because you have first come to us holding out your hand to us. Help us to remember that on this night Your Joy descended upon this world once for all. Send us out to announce all that you have done for your people.

As you made yourself manifest in Christ, our Savior, make your salvation known through the people of your church; sustain our bishops and clergy and keep us as a visible sign of his body in the world.

Give birth to hope to all this year. Send your Spirit of wisdom upon the leaders of this nation and all nations.

Bring your healing and comfort to all who are in need. We especially pray for all the unemployed, hungry, homeless, and all struggling to survive in this turbulent time.

We remember with gratitude all the staff of every healthcare facility, keep them safe and healthy, uphold them when fatigue takes hold, give them patience and strength of spirit as they continue to minister to the needs of the sick and dying

We remember with gratitude all first responders and essential workers, teachers, childcare programs, restaurant workers and owners, supermarket workers and farm workers, truck drivers, postal and shipping workers and all who continue to labor on behalf of the larger community.



We remember all who have committed themselves to our prayers especially: Jules, Roger and Edith, Holly, Shahara, Lucille Smith, Robert Chapman, Merritt Randall, Jeanne and Pete and their family, John Gentile, Nils Blatz, Cheryl Bernard, Celia LaSala-Baldwin, Martha, Jean, Pat, Beverley, Barbara Rini, John Hopwood, John Wilkens, Arthur, Bill Holzkamp, Jeff Baker, Charlotte Orrantia, Fatima, Marcus, Maria, Michele, Eva, Raajiv, Lucianne, Leslie, Judy, Lucy, Gerjett Singh, Eleanor, Walter, Marie, Anna, Nancy, Louise, Barbara Wilson, Lawrence and Susan Schulz, Louise and Sharnelle Harry, David Kaye, John Hubbell, Mark, Tom, Carol, Kara, and Janet and Bernie in hospital with Covid and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We remember all who have shed the mortal life in the past year and entered into larger life. Console us in our grief.

Presider:

Wondrous God, thank you for the miracle and grace of Christmas and for receiving our longings and offerings in prayer. May we be true, all the year long, to its call to believe the impossible and to make our humble humanity the place of your dwelling; through Jesus the Christ. ***Amen***

## **THE PEACE OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**HANDBELLS: BRING THE TORCH JEANNETTE ISABELLA....**

## THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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**

THE PRESIDER CONTINUES:

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

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ALL: 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

*The people stand or kneel. 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:

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

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. **AMEN**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

**Our Father, which 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 debts  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving

*The people are seated*

**COMMUNION      TRINITY CHOIR                      OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN**

**TRINITY CHOIR                      LO HOW A ROSE ER' BLOOMING**

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming,  
As men of old have sung.  
It came, a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.

## **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.**

### **Silent Night Trinity Choir**

**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.**

### **The Blessing and Dismissal**

**Joy to the World,  
The Lord has 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**

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

**POSTLUDE: IMPROVISATION ON 'JOY TO THE WORLD' LAWRELL D. ARNOLD**