

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION
Garden City, New York



FAMILY MASS

Nativity of Our Lord
December 24, 2024 at 4:00 PM

We welcome you to the cathedral this Christmas Eve. The Cathedral of the Incarnation is the historic Cathedral Church for the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. As part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, worship and music are an integral part of the life of the congregation. Each week during the choir season the Cathedral Choirs provide choral music at the weekly Sunday 9:15 and 11:15 am sung Masses. You are always welcome here!

Our Sunday schedule is:

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Incarnation Chapel, a new cathedral ministry formed last year, meets Saturday evenings at 5:00 pm. It is located at 252 Rushmore Ave in Carle Place. The Chapel celebrates a Eucharist to welcome the Sabbath each week, followed by a simple meal.

The cathedral is a lively, inclusive community of faith, and visitors are always most welcome. For more information about cathedral ministries, you may speak with one of the Cathedral Clergy.

The full schedule of events at the cathedral can be seen at our website, <incarnationgc.org>.

Please note: There will be **one Mass** on Sunday, December 29, at 10:00.

COVER ART

Icon: *Angels with Child*, by Olya Kravchenko, 2024, Lviv, Ukraine. Used courtesy of Iconart Gallery, L'viv, Ukraine.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

We encourage your strong participation in singing all the Carols

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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;

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

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

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

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival 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.**

Following the Collect, all are seated for the Pageant. Please join with the singers in singing heartily the Carols throughout the Pageant.

THE MESSENGERS

The Christmas Story in Scripture, Legend & Song

THE PROMISE OF THE MESSIAH

The Angels prepare

Singer: Lo! How a Rose e'er Blooming

The Annunciation of Mary

Singer: Gabriel's Message (The Angel came to the Virgin Mary)

Joseph's Dream

Organ: O come, O come Emmanuel

ON THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

The Registration at the Inn

CAROL: O little town of Bethlehem (all sing together)

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 BIRTH OF JESUS

Singer: In the Bleak Midwinter

THE HILLS OF BETHLEHEM

The Angels visit the Shepherds

CAROL: Angels we have heard on high (all sing together)

Gloria

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The Shepherds visit the Manger

Organ: The First Nowell

WE GO FORTH

CAROL: Joy to the world

ALL STAND and SING JOYOUSLY

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,
People hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (*all sing together, standing*)

The First Nowell

The First Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

The hymn continues on the next page.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider It is a right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we give you thanks because, by the power of the Holy Spirit, he took our nature upon him and was born of the Virgin Mary, his mother, that being himself without sin, he might make us clean from all sin. And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing:

SANCTUS

Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer 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, — ho - san - na in — the high - est.

The People stand or kneel.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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.

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. + And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Said by ALL)*

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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion in the cathedral. Persons who do not wish to receive Communion may come forward and receive a blessing. If you would like to receive gluten-free Eucharist, please tell the priest when you come forward.

CAROL: *What child is this? (sung by ALL)*

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?

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

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

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary

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.

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *(said by ALL)*

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 the strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

After the prayer, all sing the following

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN

Stille 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.

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.

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

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

CLOSING HYMN

Mendelssohn

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 DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

THE BISHOP, THE DEAN AND THE CATHEDRAL STAFF WISH YOU A
JOYOUS AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON



FELLOWSHIP IN FAITH FOR FAMILIES

Each week, Fellowship in Faith offers Christian formation and education programming with a variety of developmentally appropriate and creative scripture explorations activities for children ages 18 months–5th grade. Through storytelling, arts, and play, children will develop personal connections with the biblical and liturgical stories we hold dear. Cathedral Youth, grades 6-12, gather one Sunday a month for fellowship and service work.

Fellowship in Faith meets in Mercer, on the cathedral grounds.
Winter/Spring semester begins Sunday, January 5

For more information, contact Canon Kate Salisbury,
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