



PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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CHRISTMAS EVE

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The Rev. Alice Graham Grant, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
4:00 P.M. SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2021

Processional

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn 83

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant! O, come ye, O
come ye to Beth-le-hem; Come and be-hold him born the King of
Refrain
an-gels: O, come let us a-dore him, O, come let us a-dore him, O,
come let us a-dore him, Christ the Lord! 3. Sing, choirs of an-gels,
sing in ex-ul-ta-tion, Sing, all ye cit-i-zens of heav'n a-bove!
Refrain
glo-ry to God glo-ry in the high-est: O come, let us a-dore him, O
come, let us a-dore him, O come, let us a-dore him, Christ the
Lord. 6. Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this hap-py morn-ing; Je-sus, to
thee be glo-ry giv'n; Word of the Fa-ther,

Refrain

now in flesh ap - pear - ing; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
dore him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord.

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant says

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

People

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

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The following is sung.

Gloria

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymnal 96

An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
and the moun-tains in re-ply ech - o - ing their brave de-light. Glo -
ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo -
ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.
See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.
Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo -



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. *Amen.*

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

A Reading from Isaiah.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalms of the Day

Psalms 96

- 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.

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

A Reading from Titus.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in

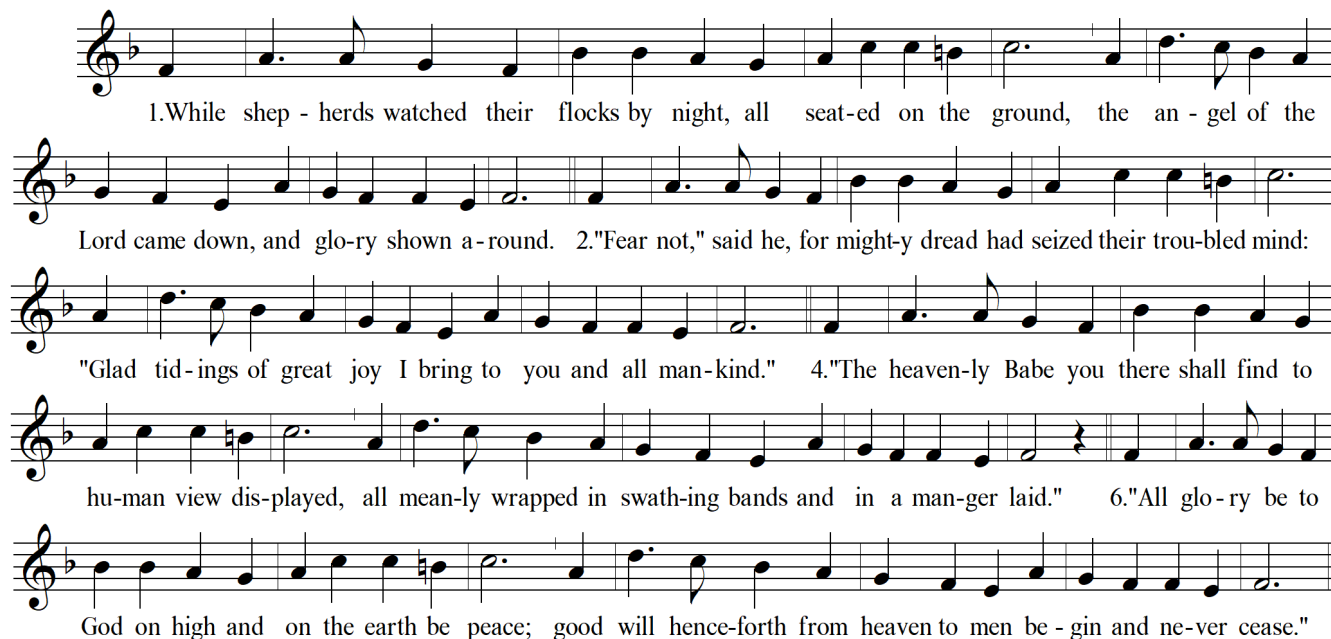
the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Hymn 94



1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat-ed on the ground, the an - gel of the
Lord came down, and glo-ry shown a-round. 2. "Fear not," said he, for might-y dread had seized their trou-bled mind:
"Glad tid-ings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind." 4. "The heaven-ly Babe you there shall find to
hu-man view dis-played, all mean-ly wrapped in swath-ing bands and in a man-ger laid." 6. "All glo-ry be to
God on high and on the earth be peace; good will hence-forth from heaven to men be - gin and ne-ver cease."

Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

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

The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Homily

The Rev. Alice Graham Grant

Nicene Creed

All who are able, stand.

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

People's Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

BCP 360

Announcements

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

Christmas Lullaby

John Rutter

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing.

The Celebrant proceeds.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

BCP 367

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal S 128

(organ) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Hymnal S 128

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

(organ) 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 Celebrant 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,

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant then 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 to 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 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 forever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

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

Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

People and Celebrant

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.

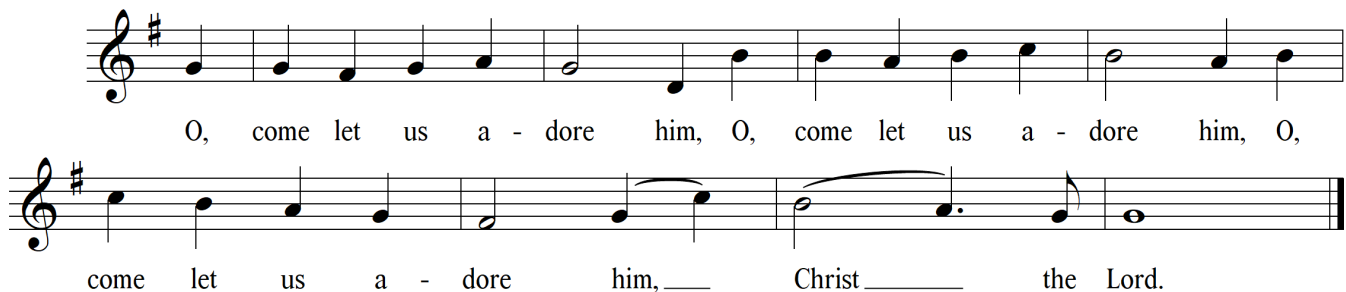
Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

O Come, All Ye Faithful

from Hymn 83



Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

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.

If you are at home or otherwise unable to take communion, you may say the following prayer.

Spiritual Communion Prayer


In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Carol

Silent Night

Hymn 111





mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. —

Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. 2.Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake

at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;

Christ, the Sa - vior, is born! — Christ, the Sa - vior, is born! 3.Si - lent night, ho - ly night,

Son of God, love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re -

deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord at thy birth. — Je - sus, Lord at thy birth.

Final Prayer

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food as we hear your Word proclaimed and gather at your holy Table. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn 87



1.Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Glo - ry to the new-born King; Peace on earth, and

mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled! Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph

of the skies; With th' an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born king! 2.Christ, by high - est

heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord, late in time be - hold him come,

off-spring of the Vir-gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see;— Hail th'in-car-nate

De-i-ty,— Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je-sus, our Em-man-u-el!

Refrain

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing Glo-ry—to the new-born king! 3. Mild he lays his

glo-ry by,— born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth,

born to give us sec-ond birth. Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to

all he brings, hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing glo-ry—to the new-born King!

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
 People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Toccata on Antioch
 Joanna Li, organist

Craig Phillips

St. Paul's Chamber Choir

Linda McKinney & Emily Neuhauser, sopranos
 Ramsey McIntire & Barbara Prillaman, altos
 Emery Anderson & David R. Lindquist, tenors
 Jon Douglas & Kevin McIntire, basses
 Andrea Dreier, organ

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Poinsettias Given...

***To the Glory of God and in
thanksgiving for:***



In honor of Tony Wike by Margie Best
In honor of our Essential Workers by Kay and
Brad Burgess
My daughters, my son-in-laws and my
grandchildren by Gail Duncan
Our children, Emmie, Logan, and Evelyn by
Jon and Heather Gates
In honor of my mother, Nancy Rehr by Linda
Lytvinenko
In honor of our families by John and Linda
Lytvinenko
In honor of our children and grandchildren by
Willard and Deborah Seehorn
The Altar Guild

Poinsettias Given...

***To the Glory of God and in
memory of:***



My parents Cathy and Jim and my
father-in-law George by Alison Arnold
Pablo Fernando and Alredo Belington by
Belington family
Joshua Bowen by Harriett Bowen and Brock
and Tom Fransen
Jimmy and Mary Davis by David and Brooke
Bowersox
Richard and Eloise Gray by David and Brooke
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Harold and Joyce Bowersox by David and
Brooke Bowersox
Terry Bowersox by David and Brooke
Bowersox
David and Jeanne Clement by Sallie P.
Clement
John and Virginia Pollock by Sallie P. Clement

Poinsettias Given...

***To the Glory of God and in
memory of:***



Elena and Grigore Mitru by Irina Cole
In honor of Herbert Crosby
Charles Healey by Kittie Davenport
Ernest Davenport by Kittie Davenport
Noah Duncan, his brothers, my brother, our
parents and my nephew by Gail Duncan
Robert Fransen by Tom and Brock Fransen
Karina Wilson Foskett by Terry Foskett
Family and friends by Becky, Karen, and Alan
Furno
Matthew Wallace by Maggie and Bill Gautier
Dan Ghareeb by Liz Ghareeb
Our parents by Sue Harrison and Rich
McCreary
Of Loved ones by Brad and Stephanie Hirschy
Ross Holmes by Heidi Holmes
Dave Archer by Heidi Holmes
In honor of our parents by Tim and Elaine
Hunt
Joseph and Dora Hunt by Tim and Elaine Hunt
Nancy J. Marshall, Mary A. Marshall, John
Francis Marshall, and John Francis and
Beatrice Marshall by Verity Kromah
Wheaton S. Thomson, G. Fole Sherman,
Howard Johnson, and Tennema S. Deline
by Verity Kromah
Georgia Whaley by Frank and Anne Laney
Lem and Elizabeth Laney by Frank and Anne
Laney
Valentina Kulyk by John Lytvinenko
Michael Panasenko by John Lytvinenko
Lost loved ones by John and Linda Lytvinenko
Daniel & Susan Bandi by Liz McCabe
John Busby and Tom McClure by Anna and
Ron Pittman
Our parents and grandparents by Willard and
Deborah Seehorn
Janet Ferrante by Rachel Yates & Tim Kitslaar