



PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

221 Union Street • Cary, North Carolina 27511

CHRISTMAS EVE

*The Rev. Alice Graham Grant
Celebrant and Homilist*

HOLY EUCHARIST
4:00 P.M. SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2022

Prelude

Ode to Joy

Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. Dan R. Edwards

Good King Wenceslaus
Canterbury Bells

arr. Douglas Wagner

Processional

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Verses 1-3, & 6

Hymn 83

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.*

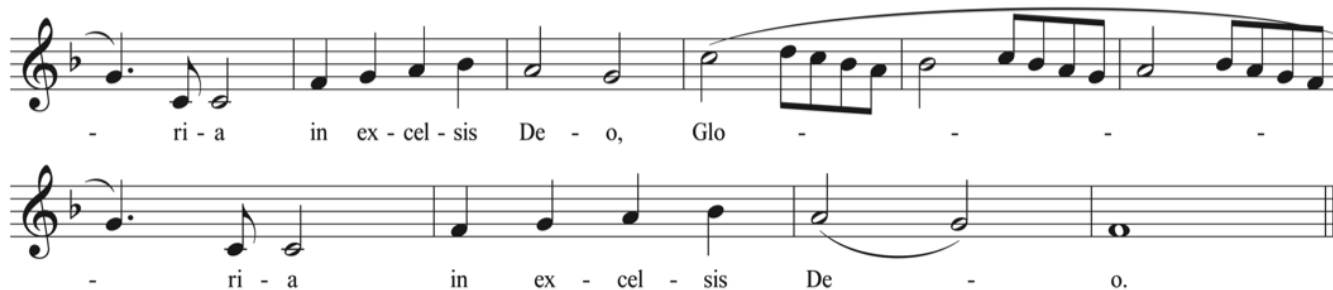
The following is sung.

Gloria

Angels We Have Heard on High
Verses 1 & 3

Hymnal 96

1. 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. 3. Come to Beth - le -
hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing; come, a - dore on bend - ed knee
Christ, the Lord, the new - born King. 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.*

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 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

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Verses 1 & 2

Hymn 99

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.*

Announcements

BCP 360

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

Joanna Li, Organist

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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.*

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 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, _____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, _____

hea - ven and earth are full, _____ full _____ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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 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

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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

O, come let us a - dore him, O, come let us a - dore him, O,
come let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

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.

Communion Music

Away in a Manger
The First Nowell
O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn 101
Hymn 109
Hymn 78

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.

*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.*

*Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!*

*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.
Jesus, 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
Dismissal**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn 87

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

Postlude

Toccata on Antioch

Craig Phillips
Joanna Li, organist

Singing led by Canterbury Choir

Tonight we bid a fond farewell to organists, Joann Li and Andrea Dreier as they move to Los Angeles. for adding their artistry to Music Ministries since 2015. The three services for Christmas Eve mark Jo's last as our organist. You are invited to stay and listen to her perform the Postlude.

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Poinsettias Given...To the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for:

Charlotte, Stephanie, Lee & Spencer by Margie Best	Our children, Emmie, Logan, and Evelyn by Jon and Heather Gates	Return to in person services by Mike and Nancy O'Dowd
Michael, Kathryn, and Grant by Tim and Mary Buckley	Our St. Paul's Church Family by Russell and Judith Johnson	Our Grandchildren, Andrew, Jack, Emma Cate, Madelyn, Olivia, Miles and Mira by Dennis and Cathy Pfeiffer
Our clergy of St. Paul's by Kay and Brad Burgess	For our family by Joyce and Howard Loughlin	Thanksgiving for Kayleigh and Andrew by Mike and Sue Remavich
Our staff of St. Paul's by Kay and Brad Burgess	In honor of Nancy Rehr, dear mother by John & Linda Lytvinenko	The Altar Guild
Loved ones by Olivia Delahaye	In honor Ukraine families during the war by John and Linda Lytvinenko	
My daughters, son-in-laws and my grandchildren by Gail Duncan		



Poinsettias Given...To the Glory of God and in memory of:

Edwin and Dolores Hance, Robert and Martha Armstrong by John and Valerie Armstrong	Ernie Davenport & Charles Healey by Kittie Davenport	Wheaton Thomson, John Francis Marshall, Fritz Massaquoi, Fole and Nancy Sherman and Tennema Deline by Verity Kromah
Brian Geldard (my cousin) by Alison Arnold	Loved ones by Olivia Delahaye	Frank & Fran Wagner by Frank & Anne Laney
Joshua Bowen by Harriett Bowen and Brock and Tom Fransen	My husband, Noah, our parents, my brother, Rowland, my nephew, Bill by Gail Duncan	Georgia Whaley by Frank and Anne Laney
James and Mary Davis by David and Brooke Bowersox	Mary & Joseph McCloskey by Jane & Walt Fiore	Lemuel and Elizabeth Laney by Frank and Anne Laney
Richard and Eloise Gray by David and Brooke Bowersox	Robert Fransen by Tom and Brock Fransen	David & Myra Bear by Frank & Anne Laney
Bryan Wishon by David and Brooke Bowersox	Dr. & Mrs. Michael Virgilio and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Frey by Rev. & Mr. Robert Frey	Ukraine families during the war by John and Linda Lytvinenko
Bill and Anne Wishon by David and Brooke Bowersox	Family and friends by Becky, Karen, and Alan Furno	John McDevitt by Debra Menta
Carrie Gilmore by David and Brooke Bowersox	Ethel Shaw, Joseph Furno and Peter Becker, Jr. by Becky Furno	Lynn & Vic by Jacob & Noa Nelson
Wes Wishon by David and Brooke Bowersox	Carol Gates by Jon & Heather Gates	Laura LaRue & Dolores Reddinger by Chris and Laurie Reddinger
Terry Bowersox by David and Brooke Bowersox	Family by Sue B. Harrison	Our son, Jeffrey Reilly by Dick & Sheila Reilly
Kelly Brown & Donna Breeden by Lisa & Phil Brown & Meghan Wood	Scott Reddinger by Carrie Hess	Rev. William Smith by Randall Robinson
David and Jeanne Clement by Sallie P. Clement	All loved ones by the Hirschy Family	Raymond Schwartz by Joe & Esther Schwartz
John and Virginia Pollock by Sallie P. Clement	Trudy Whitehurst by Beryl Hodgkin	Departed loved ones by George Shaleesh
Thomas Pollock and John Pollock by Sallie Clement	Mary & Don Holderied, Eleanor & Anthony Gapinske by Antonette Holderied	John Smith, Mitch & Mane & Hessie & Raymond by Annette, Ben, & Aaron Smith
Patrick Coleman by Rebecca Tursam & Diane Coleman	People of Ukraine by Karen & Ken Holmes	Jack Smeltzer by Jenny Smith
William (Bill) Concini, Sr. by Mike & Sara Concini	In honor of our parents, Marie & Amos Cheatham, Dora & Joseph Hunt by Tim and Elaine Hunt	William & Ann Stone by Jim & Robin Smith
Kevin Copperwheat by Jon & Barbara Copperwheat	Nancy, James & Erich Mayer by Cindy Kager	Our parents by Jackie & Ted Straub
Marshall and Estelle Callender by Mary Marsha and Larry Cupitt	Janet Latham by Elizabeth Kent & Jim Budelman	Karin Thornton & Mary Cobb McCombs by Kim McCombs & Peter Thornton
Thomas and Lu Cupitt by Larry and Mary Marsha Cupitt	Morgan Makley by The Kintz Family	Mary "Mimi" Williams by the Williams Family
Sidney & Dorothy Jack by Kittie Davenport	Rosemary Tate by The Kintz Family	Janet Ferrante by Rachel Yates & Tim Kitslaar
	Caroline & Billy by Raymonde Koonce	Gloria Carino by Jerry Yearney
	Nancy J. Marshall, Mary Marshall, John F. and Beatrice Marshall by Verity Kromah	