THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BALDWINSVILLE, NY

4:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 24, 2018

OPENING HYMN O come all ye faithful all stand

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6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

Celebrant 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*.

HYMN OF PRAISE Angels, we have heard on high

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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 LESSONS

FIRST READING seated Isaiah 9:2-7

Reader 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 96 seated



- 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.

- 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!
- 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.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness* and the peoples with his truth.

Second Reading seated Titus 2:11-14

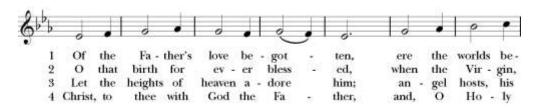
Reader A Reading from the Letter to Titus

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN Of the Father's love begotten all stand 82





GOSPEL remain standing Luke 2:1-20

Reader 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 Bethle-

hem 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.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Catherine Carpenter

THE NICENE CREED all 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE stand or kneel

Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements seated

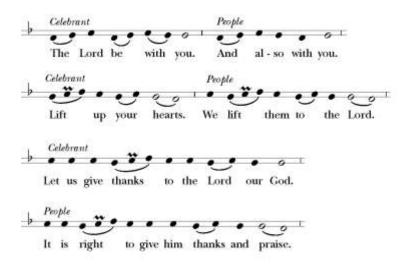
THE HOLY COMMUNION

Presentation of the Gifts

4:00 P.M. I Wonder as I Wonder Sue Darrohn: Flute J.J. Niles 8:00 P.M. A Question for Christmas Choir Rush/Nolan

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING standing

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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:







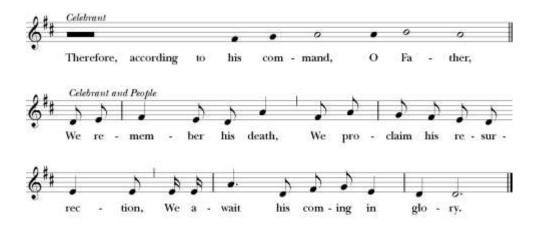
Celebrant continues stand or kneel

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."

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The Celebrant 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 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.





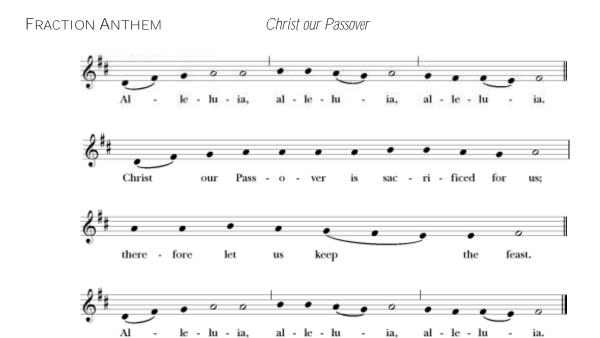
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

All baptized persons regardless of denomination, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would like to receive communion but cannot approach the altar rail, please notify an usher and it will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available, simply tell the celebrant "gluten-free".

4:00 P.M. Angels from the realms of glory



8:00 P.M. Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming, Bring a Torch

Elaine Ceresko: Violin, Sue Darrohn: Flute

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People stand or kneel

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Silent Night 111



Christmas Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one thigs 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 among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN Joy to the World 100



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CHORAL BENEDICTION

8:00 P.M. Peace Carol Choir Crocker

POSTLUDE Silent Night



IN MEMORY OF:

Ralph Atwater by Jane Atwater;

Aaron Atwater by Jane Atwater;

Charlie Atwater by Jane Atwater;

Christopher Duxbury by Jane Atwater;

Mildred A. and David A. Pringle by Phyllis Begg

Ethel and Marko Begg by Phyllis Begg;

Dick Bowes by Diane Bowes;

Helen M Carpenter by Cathy Carpenter & Jon Holmer;

Phyllis and Paul Holmer by Cathy Carpenter & Jon Holmer;

Kenneth and Margaret Carpenter by Cathy Carpenter & Jon Holmer;

Kenneth and Dorothea MacKay by Cathy Carpenter & Jon Holmer;

Catherine and Broughton Lum by Cathy Carpenter & Jon Holmer;

Martin and Cora Coyne, Nancy Mayo & Vince Chimera by Peter & Rosemary Coyne;

Peter and Anna Talomie, Joe and Daniel Talomie by Peter & Rosemary Coyne;

Our parents, Willard and Edith Frary, Richard and Eleanor Darrohn by Lloyd & Sue Darrohn;

Judith Hill Fleming by Blaine Fleming;

All of our loved ones who are no longer on this earth by Tom & Nancy Fredette;

Juliana Grace Heisler by John & Jan Heisler;

Lorene Makowiec, Barbara and Morris Sias, Brian Wade by Jim & Anne Makowiec;

Tom McKee by Sue McKee;

Andrew O'Brien by Bob & Joan O'Brien;

Brandon Corrigan by Bob & Joan O'Brien;

Kathy Pettit by Brad Pettit;

George and Luella by Brad Pettit;

Ron Savacool by Linda Savacool;

Bill, Pat and Bob Wilkes by Linda Savacool;

John and Ardanell Ostrowski by Carolyn Smith & family;

Raymond C. Tamblin by Kathy Tamblin;

Albert and Dorothy Hannam, Jr., parents of Kathy Tamblin;

Frank and Marie Tamblin, Sr. by Kathy Tamblin;

Gary W. Polmanteer by Kathy Tamblin;

Marsha Virkler by Marv Virkler;

Loved ones lost by Ann & Robert D. Warner;

Linda Wiemers by Dan & Carla Wiemers;

Alan Sward by Dan & Carla Wiemers;

Matthew Clifton by Dan & Carla Wiemers;

The Christmas tree in memory of our parents by Stuart & Susan Allen.

In Thanksgiving for:

Our children, grandchildren and our many blessings by Stuart & Susan Allen

Our children Marc, Matthew, Meghan and Jeb by Phyllis Begg;

Our grandchildren Baylee, Jace and Logan by Phyllis Begg;

Our families by Greg & Elaine Ceresko;

Our many blessings, especially Caitlin and Marcy by Peter & Rosemary Coyne;

Family by Lloyd & Sue Darrohn;

Our family and friends, and all of God's blessings by Don & Anne Davis;

Our three granddaughters, MacKenzie, Alyssa, and Madelyn by Don & Anne Davis;

The Fleming and Hill families by Blaine Fleming;

Family and friends by Garth & Mary Helen Foster;

Our beautiful granddaughters Isabel Rachel and Emily Ruth Fredette by Tom & Nancy Fredette;

Addy, Ava, Ella and Gia by John & Jan Heisler;

Our family and sixty-four years of marriage by Bob & Betty Johnson;

Matt, Daniella, Katie and Molly by Jim & Anne Makowiec;

Courtney and Tommy by Sue McKee;

5 Grandchildren, 10 grandchildren and 101/2 great-grandchildren by Brad Pettit;

Our family by Barb & Stu Reeves;

Scott, Brian, Judi, and Leigh by Linda Savacool;

My granddaughter Aurora Josephine by Carolyn Smith & family;

Our wonderful children and grandchildren by Ann & Robert D. Warner;

Our children and grandchildren by Carla & Dan Wiemers.



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