# 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, 2019

CHRISTMAS PRELUDE

4:00 P.M. (organist: Glenn Armstrong)

8:00 P.M.

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming—arr. Diane Bush

Past Three O'clock — Charles Wood

O Little Town of Bethlehem — Ralph Vaughn Williams

Sans Day Carol — Cornish Carol



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

# THE WORD OF GOD (remain standing)

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

An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night, ju - bi - lee? Shep-herds, why this Why these songs of hap - py cheer? an - gels sing; Come to Beth-le - hem and see him whose birth the whom the praise him in man - ger laid an - gels a - bove; and the moun-tains re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light. in you see? What great bright-ness did What glad tid - ings did you hear? new - born King. bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the come, a - dore on Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. Refrain Glo Glo in ex - cel - sis De

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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)

This double chant is divided into "quarters", each of which has a measure of music.

The underlined word indicates when to change to the second note of each measure.

† Verse 13 is sung using the second set of measures.



- Sing to the LORD a new song,\* sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his <u>Name</u>;\* proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to <u>day</u>.
- 3 Declare his glory among the <u>nations</u>\* and his wonders among all <u>peoples</u>.
- For great is the LORD and greatly to be <u>praised</u>;\* he is more to be feared than all <u>gods</u>.
- As for all the gods of the nations, they are but <u>idols</u>;\* but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his <u>presence!</u>\* Oh, the power and the splendor of his <u>sanctuary!</u>
- Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the <u>peoples</u>;\* ascribe to the LORD honor and <u>power</u>.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his <u>Name</u>;\* bring offerings and come into his <u>courts</u>.
- Worship the LORD in the beauty of <u>holiness</u>;\*
  let the whole earth tremble be<u>fore him</u>.
- 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."
- Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is <u>in it;</u>\*

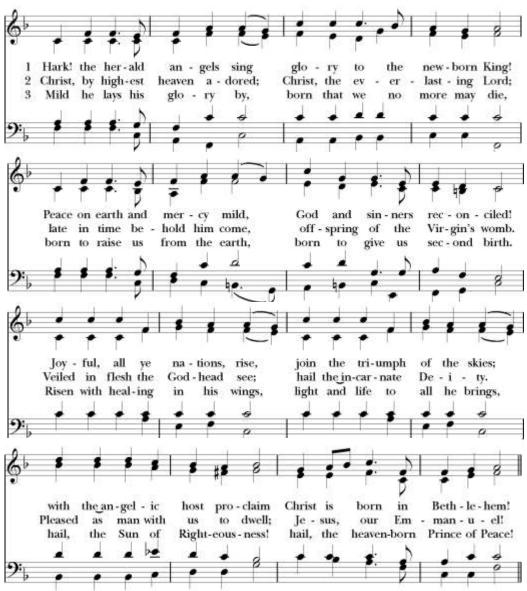
  let the field be joyful and all that is there<u>in</u>.
- Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes,\*
  when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 † He will judge the world with <u>righteousness</u>\* and the peoples with his <u>truth</u>.

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 (all stand) Hark! The herald angels sing



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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 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.

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

#### THE SERMON

# 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,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: 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,

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: 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

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: 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

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: 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

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: 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

People: 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)

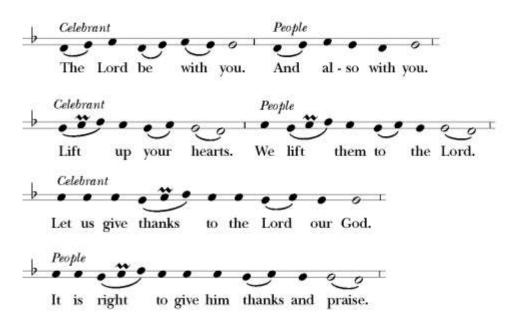
# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Presentation of the Gifts

4:00 P.M. *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*—Timothy Albrecht 8:00 P.M. *Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing*—Mack Wilberg (*Sung by choir*)



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Celebrant: 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:

SANCTUS: Holy, holy, holy Lord S 130





#### Celebrant continues: (stand or kneel)

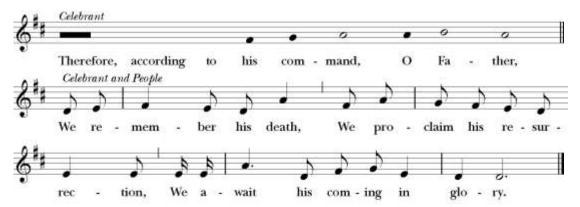
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the 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."

#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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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.

Amen S 146



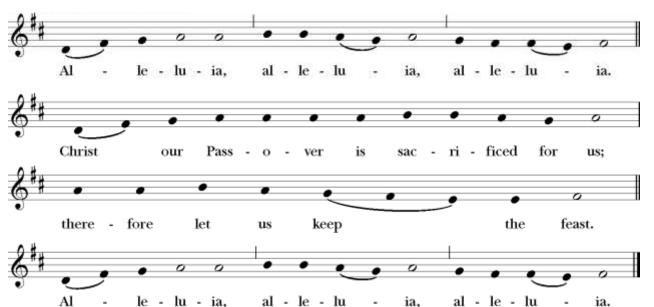
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

# 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 for give 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

Fraction Anthem: *Christ our Passover* \$ 154



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. What child is this? (Sung by the choir)

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.

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POST COMMUNION MEDITATION: Silent Night

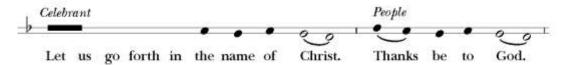


#### Christmas Blessing

Celebrant: 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 among you, and remain with you always. Amen.



DISMISSAL S 174



Organ Postlude 4:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella—Keith Chapman Improvisation: Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella



#### IN MEMORY OF:

Stuart & Frances Allen, and Joseph & Mildred Paragone.

(The Christmas Tree) Given by Susan and Stuart Allen.

Ralph, Charlie, and Aaron Atwater.

Given by Jane Atwater.

Mildred A. Pringle, David A. Pringle, Ethel Begg, Marko Begg, Nicholas Begg, Mark Begg II.. Given by Phyllis A. Begg.

Dick Bowes.

Given by Diane Bowes

Helen MacKay Carpenter, Broughton & Catherine Lum, Paul & Phyllis Holmer.

Given by Cathy Carpenter and Jon Holmer.

Martin & Cora Coyne, Nancy Mayo, Vince Chimera, Peter & Anna Talomie, Joe and Daniel Talomie.

Given by Peter and Rosemary Coyne.

Our family who are no longer with us.

Given by Thomas and Nancy Fredette.

Juliana Grace.

Given by Jan Heisler.

Andrew O'Brien, Brandon Corrigan.

Given by Bob and Joan O'Brien.

Kathy Pettit.

Given by Brad Pettit.

Loved ones.

Given by Stu and Barb Reeves.

William Wilkes, Pat Wilkes & Bob Wilkes.

Given by Linda Savacool.

John & Ardanell Ostrrowski.

Given by Carolyn A. Smith and family.

Raymond C. Tamblin, Sr., Frank & Marie Tamblin, Sr., Gary W. Polmanteer, Albert & Dorothy Hannam Jr., and Donald F. Tamblin

Given by Kathleen A. Tamblin.

Marsha Virkler.

Given by Marv Virkler.

Linda Wiemers, Alan Sward, Matthew Clifton.

Given by Carla and Dan Wiemers.

# In Thanksgiving for:

Our children and grandsons.

Given by Susan and Stuart Allen.

My children: Marc III & Sally, Matthew, Meghan & Jeremiah, my grandkids!

Twins Jace & Baylee, Logan.

Given by Phyllis A. Begg.

My wonderful family.

Given by Diane Bowes.

Our family.

Given by Elaine Ceresko.

Our many blessings, especially Caitlin & Marcy.

Given by Peter and Rosemary Coyne.

Our Family and all of God's blessing.

Given by Anne and Don Davis.

Family and Friends.

Given by Mary Helen and Garth Foster.

Our beautiful granddaughters, Isabel and Emily.

Given by Thomas and Nancy Fredette.

Our family and friends.

Given by Leslie Harper.

Addy, Ava, Ella and Gia.

Given by Jan Heisler.

Evelyn.

Given by William Mercer.

Family and Kathy.

Given by Brad Pettit.

A wonderful family and the joy of Christmas.

Given by Stu and Barb Reeves.

Scott, Leigh, Brian and Judi Savacool.

Given by Linda Savacool.

My granddaughter Aurora Josephine.

Given by Carolyn A. Smith and family.

Our children and grandchildren.

Given by Carla and Dan Wiemers.



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