

# THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BALDWINVILLE, NY

4:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 24, 2023



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 \*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,  
 \*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

*Refrain*

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 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*

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

*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.

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 (*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.



1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!  
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 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!

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. <sup>2</sup> (*And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.*) <sup>3</sup> And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) <sup>5</sup> To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. <sup>6</sup> And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. <sup>7</sup> And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup> And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

<sup>14</sup> Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

<sup>15</sup> And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. <sup>16</sup> And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all they that heard *it* wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup> But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Joseph Hannah

## 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. We pray for Gordon Tall, Ann & Bruce, Joan Antos, Stephanie McCall, Lois, Ann Gentry, Donny Witkowski, Merle Geisler, Judy Murray, Kathy Dennis, Jeff Reyes, Jason, Bill Marsh, Steven Gilly, Sharon, Linda, Becky, Debbie Better, Joyce Y, Isabella, Kristen, Dana & Tommy & families, Jeff Manley, Lisa, Ryan, Maryann Funk, Ava, Aaron, Doris, Carol, Reina & David, Sean, Dolores and Pat & Tom  
**Arne, our service members & their families ...and those we now name, silently or aloud,** (*Silence*)  
Lord, in your mercy  
*People* Hear our prayer.

*Reader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Betty Johnson, Bruce Lewis, John Rogers, Diane Bowes, Bruce Haney, and Tom Fredette 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

AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE - *The First Nowel*

Hymn 109

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*standing*)

*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 him thanks and praise.

*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*

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*Celebrant and People*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*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

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

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 *a moment of silence is observed.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Celebrant and People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

*All baptized persons, regardless of denomination, and including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish a*

*blessing instead, please cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*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.

POST COMMUNION MEDITATION

*Silent Night* 111

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

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.

CLOSING HYMN

*Joy to the World*

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 repeat the sound - ing joy, re - repeat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - repeat, re - repeat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Liturgical Ministers 4:00 PM

*Celebrant* : Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Hannah

*Livestream*: Allen W.

*Organist*: Colleen Ingersoll

*Eucharistic Minister*: Joy P.

*Lector*: Sue A.

*Usher*: Brian F. and Emma W.

Liturgical Ministers 7:00 PM

*Celebrant* : Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Hannah

*Livestream*:

*Organist*: Jeff Wise

*Eucharistic Minister*: Carolyn S.

*Lector*:

Hospitality

Peter C.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Jim Makowiec; Barb & Morris Sias; Joe & Lorene Makowiec; Brian Wade  
*Given by Ann Makowiec and Family*

Marsha Virkler  
*Given by Marv Virkler*

Marcus Begg III  
*Given by Phyllis Begg*

Leon and Viola LaMere  
*Given by Tom & Jeannie LaMere*  
Keith and Beulah Hogle  
*Given by Tom & Jeannie LaMere*

Jean Bamford  
*Given by Karen Moran*  
Timothy Bamford  
*Given by Karen Moran*



Wife and mother Kathy Pettit  
*Given by Brad Pettit and Family*

Raymond C. Tamblin Sr., Frank J. Tamblin Jr., Frank J & Marie Tamblin Sr., Albert & Dorothy Hannom Jr., Gary W. Polmanteer  
*Given by Kathleen A. Tamblin*

Patricia Lopes  
*Given by Carolyn Smith & Family*

John & Ardanell Ostrowski  
*Given by Carolyn Smith and Family*

Alan Sward, Linda Wiemers, Matthew Clifton  
*Given by Carla & Dan Wiemers*

Martin & Cora Coyne, Nancy Mayo & Vince Chimera  
Peter & Anna Talomie, Joe & Daniel Talomie, Penny Talomie  
*Given by Petter & Rosemary Coyne*

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS  
IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

Matt, Daniella, Katie, Molly, Lucas & Gemma  
*Given by Ann Makowiec*

Marcus III, Sally, Matthew, Meghan, Jeb  
Grandkids Baylee, Jace, Logan  
*Given by Phyllis Begg*

For all our loved ones  
*Given by Stu and Barb Reeves*

For the Gibbs family  
*Given by Margaret Gibbs*

For all my grandchildren and Brad Pettit  
*Given by Kathleen A. Tamblin*

For Family and Kathy Tamblin  
*Given by Brad Pettit*

For Granddaughter Aurora Josephine  
*Given by Carolyn Smith & Family*

Carla & Brian Smith  
Tina & Walter Fanfara  
Diane & Jeff Reyes  
*Given by Carla & Dan Wiemers*

For our family and Grace Church  
*Given by Frank and Leslie Harper*

For our many blessings & family, especially Caitlin, Marcy, Daniel & Ryan  
*Given by Petter & Rosemary Coyne*



CHRISTMAS TREE GIVEN IN THANKSGIVING  
For our church and its members  
By Stuart & Susan Allen



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