THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

DECEMBER 24, 2022 6 PM



GRACE CATHEDRAL A House of Prayer for All People

The parish of Grace Episcopal Cathedral extends a most sincere welcome to this beautiful church, a house of prayer for all people. We are happy you are here with us to celebrate the night of Christ's birth.

We invite you to share with us in Holy Communion; all who love God are welcome at the Lord's table.

Please join us for one of our Sunday worship services (8:30 & 10:30 a.m.), and if you have any questions about the Episcopal Church or would like more information about joining our community of faith, please contact the Cathedral office, or fill out a visitor information card from the pew rack and drop it in the collection box on your way out today.

Prayer request cards are also available in the pew racks.

An unstaffed nursery is available for children and parents. You can ask an usher to assist you.

Before the service begins, we ask that you silence all cell phones.

Also, instructions to stand or kneel are intended only for those who are able.

We hope that you will experience the spirit of Christmas and the warmth and hospitality of our faith community.

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Christmas Eve Prelude



David Ashley White (b. 1944)

The Cathedral Choir; Robert Banks, harp

Out of the blackest night, shone a brilliant light. When Herod and a Caesar reigned, was born a child of right.

Out of law's decree, came a spirit free; proclaiming every timeless truth, through prophet's urgent plea.

Light of Noel lights, glow with a radiance bright. Resplendent as a priceless gem, reflect from us tonight.

Behold, he came! The word was flesh. Make it dwell in us afresh.

Still, Still, Still arr. Cathy Moklebust (b. 1958)

The Cathedral Ringers

Make We Merry On This Fest Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

The Cathedral Choir

Make we merry on this fest, Jesu Christus natus est; Sing we all with joy and jest: Alleluya! Make we merry and rejoice, Gaudeamus is our choice. Sing we now in verse and voice: Alleluya! Make we merry on this day; Welcome Christ and sing always: Resonemus, Alleluya!

Wexford Carol Philip Mau

Zachary Cope, countertenor; Robert Banks, harp

Good people all, this Christmas time, consider well and bear in mind what our good God for us has done, in sending His beloved Son. O let us all both kneel and pray to God with love this Christmas day; In Bethlehem that Christmas morn there was a blessed Messiah born. The night before that happy tide, the noble Virgin and her guide were long time seeking up and down to find a lodging in the town. But mark how all things came to pass: from every door repelled, alas! As long foretold, their refuge all was but an humble ox's stall. With thankful heart and joyful mind, the shepherds went the Babe to find, and as God's angel had foretold, they did our Savior Christ behold. Within a manger He was laid, and by His side the Virgin Maid, attending on the Lord of Life, Who came to earth to end all strife.

Sussex Carol David Wilcocks (1919-2015)

The Cathedral Choir

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear arr. Barbara B. Kinyon (1929-2021)

The Cathedral Ringers



CHORAL WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSION HYMN 83: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (stand)

ADESTE FIDELES



ACCLAMATION

Celebrant **People** Alleluia! Christ is Born!

People The Savior has Come! Alleluia!

Celebrant Let us pray.

GLORIA ANTHEM: Hodie Christus natus est

David Ashley White (b. 1944)

The Cathedral Choir

Hodie Christus natus est: hodie in terra canunt Angeli: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Alleluia!

CHRISTMAS COLLECT

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 100: "Joy to the World" (stand)

ANTIOCH



THE SECOND LESSON: Titus 2:11-14

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (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

Leader On this most holy night of our Lord's birth, that we may find peace, joy, and contentment

in this holy season, let us pray for ourselves and all those in need of our prayers, saying:

"Lord, hear our prayer."

Leader For the church of Christ, that it may faithfully proclaim the good news of salvation and

may care for the needs of God's people in all corners of the world, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For peace in our troubled world, that the darkness of war and injustice may be replaced by

the light of peace and love, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all those in need of our prayers: the homeless; the unemployed; the hungry; those who

are hospitalized; those who are imprisoned in body or soul; and all those for whom this

season is one not of joy but of trial and sadness, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For the sick, that their illnesses may be turned into health and their sorrow into rejoicing,

we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For those who labor this night on behalf of others and all those whose work prevents them

from sharing this evening with those they love, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader In thanksgiving we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith. That

we, like them, may remain faithful to the end and live forever in the light of your eternal

glory, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant All loving and gracious God, we thank you for gracing us with the gift of your Son.

Confident of your continuing love for us, we have placed our needs before you. Hear and answer our prayers, through that same Christ, newly born this night, our Lord and Savior,

forever and ever. AMEN.

THE PEACE Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Congregation is seated.*

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Thank you!



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

ANTHEM: "Noe! Noe!" Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

The Cathedral Choir

Shepherds, rise look up and see New light yonder breaking; Brighter than the noonday sun, All your sheep awaking.
Wonder, whisper, "Ah, Noe!" Christ is born this holy day! He is come to you, Lowly shepherds, true!
He is come unto you, Morning Star and New Day! Wonder, whisper, "Ah, Noe!"

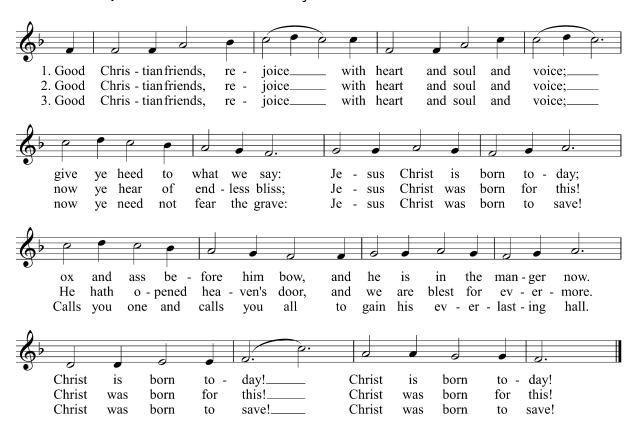
Shepherds, turn your eyes and see In the manger, sleeping, Prince of Peace and Heav'nly King, In His mother's keeping.

Worship Him who brings Noe, he who turns the night to day!

Shepherds, look about and see In the darkness pining All God's children long to hear of the new Light shining.
Witness of the true Noe! Share glad tidings of this day!

Shepherds, run to us and see, Here we are awaiting thee. Let your voices ring for 'aye, Christ is born! Noe! Noe!





THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer B

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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:



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,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

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 unit of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

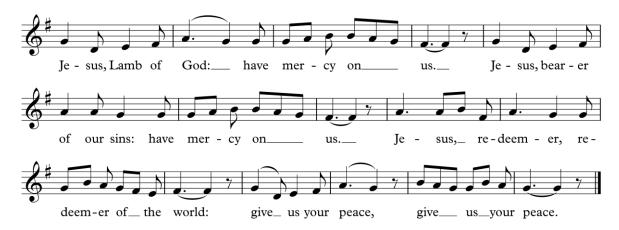
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Fraction Anthem Franz Schubert (1797-1828)



The Congregation is seated.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

The Cathedral Ringers

Cathy Moklebust (b. 1958)

A Manger Carol

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Zachary Cope, countertenor; Robert Banks, harp

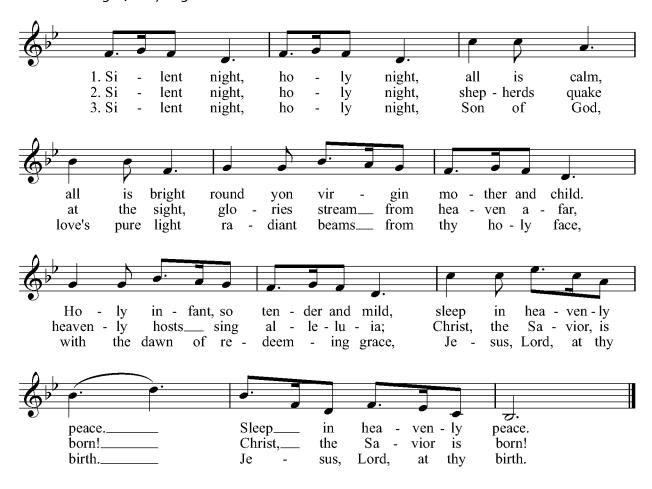
Softly the lantern sheds its beams across the manger where you lie. here you are safe; no harm is nigh. Sweet be your sleep and sweet your dreams, While friendly beasts their vigil keep, watching over you while you sleep. Sleep now in peace. The blessed mother rests and the father keeps you from all harm as angels watch your bed.

HYMN 101: "Away In A Manger"

CRADLE SONG







POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (stand or kneel)

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING (stand)



THE DISMISSAL Deacon Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere:

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is born!

People The Savior is born! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Carillon de Westminster from Pièces de Fantasie, Op. 54 No. 6 Donald Livingston, organ

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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Given in memory of Maurice Ramsey, Margaret Coplen, Tresia Dodson, Sister Tulya by Karel Ramsey

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Given in memory of Dick Tilly & in thanksgiving for Carson and Kiann by Bev Tilly

Given by Domonique Shannon

Given in memory of Andy Scharf, husband, partner and father

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In thanksgiving for my children and grandchildren by Vanessa Hill

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by Norman & Nancy Nellis

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Given in memory of our parents and in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren by Mike & Patty Miller

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Given in memory of Rosemary Hilgert Massey by Michael & Elizabeth Massey

Given in memory of David M. Armstrong by Jeanette Collier & sons

Given in memory of Jeannie Durst by Bob Durst

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by Jim Edmonston

Given in memory of our parents and in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren, Sam, Ryan, Evan, Tyler and Jack.

by Jeanne and Steve Atha

In Thanksgiving for my family and friends both near and far away.

by Sam Carkhuff

In thanksgiving for our family and the blessing of worship at Grace Cathedral by Michael and Shelle MCoy