

Communion Hymns: 79 O Little town of Bethlehem
LEVAS 27 Away in a manger

Postcommunion Hymn: 112 In the bleak mid-winter

Postcommunion Prayer Prayer Book 365

A Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 111 Silent night, holy night

Dismissal

Postlude: Sussex Carol D. Wood

*The flowers on the altar this evening are given to the Glory of God by
Charlotte Lovelace in loving memory of Ray L. Lovelace,*

The Rev. Andrew Reinholz, Rector
Mrs. Anita Williams, Music Director
Mrs. Lucy Whitlock, Parish Administrator
Mr. Timon Kenyi, Sexton

The Vestry

Carol Cullinan, Senior Warden
Herb Williams, Junior Warden
Marty Shephard, Treasurer
Gray Corbett, Register
Dwight Ludwig, Becky Card, Cory Iseman,
Stacy Mitchell, John Sarvay, John Norris

The Church of the Epiphany



Christmas Eve
10:30 pm

December 24 2021

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Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

If this is your first time with us, welcome! We kindly request that you please wear a mask while in the building and also while joining in the singing. Please be mindful of where people are seated and consider sitting with a more even distribution throughout the pews. Thank you for doing your part in keeping the church safe.

Prelude: What Child is This C. Callahan

The Word of God

Prayer Book 355

Processional Hymn 83 O come, all ye faithful

Gloria: Glory to God Hymnal S 280

The Collect of the Day Bulletin Insert

Please be seated for the readings

The First Lesson Isaiah 62:6-12

Psalm Psalm 97

The Epistle Titus 3:4-7

Please stand if you are able

Sequence Hymn: 96 Angels we have heard on high

The Gospel Luke 2:1-20

Please be seated

The Sermon Father Andrew Reinholz

Please stand as you are able

The Nicene Creed Prayer Book 358

Prayers of the People Form I Prayer Book 383

Please kneel as you are able

The Confession of Sin and Absolution Prayer Book 360

Please stand as you are able

The Peace Prayer Book 360

During this time, share as you, and others, are comfortable

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Prayer Book 367 Eucharistic Prayer B

Offertory: Once in Royal David's City J. Behnke

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord Hymnal S 129

The people stand or kneel

The Breaking of the Bread Prayer Book 364

The bread will be distributed from the bottom of the altar steps. Please follow the usher's guidance. All baptized Christians are invited to receive.

If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing. If you are not able to come forward, or are joining the service virtually, you may use this prayer for spiritual communion:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, 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.



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Christmas Day II



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Traditional

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Contemporary

O GOD, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

or

Traditional

O GOD, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Contemporary

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.*

or

Traditional

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Contemporary

ALMIGHTY GOD, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day 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.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:6-12

UPON YOUR WALLS, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Refrain

To us a child is born; to us a Son is given.

Psalms 97 from the Book of Common Prayer

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| 1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice; * let the multitude of the isles be glad. | 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, * and all the peoples see his glory. |
| 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, * righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne. | 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! * Bow down before him, all you gods. |
| 3 A fire goes before him * and burns up his enemies on every side. | 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, * because of your judgments, O LORD. |
| 4 His lightnings light up the world; * the earth sees it and is afraid. | 9 For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; * you are exalted far above all gods. |
| 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, * at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. | 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; * he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. |

- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, * and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, * and give thanks to his holy Name.

SECOND READING: Titus 3:4-7

WHEN THE GOODNESS and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:[1-7], 8-20

[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.