



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

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CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2021

HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* ~ ~ ~ arrangement - Mark Hayes

Celebrant: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them the light has shined.

People: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests on his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Celebrant: Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the angels, to go to Bethlehem, and see the Son of God lying in the manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose in the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus; and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

OPENING HYMN

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Adeste fideles

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever.
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.

Gloria

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace — to his peo-ple on earth.

2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al- might-y God and Fa- ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.

3. Lord Je- sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer- cy on us; 5. you are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re- ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a- lone are the Lord, 7. you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spi- rit, in the glo- ry of God — the Fa- ther. A- men.

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The Collect of the Day

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

The Old Testament

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.*

Psalm 96

- 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.

Psalm Choral Response: *One Small Child* Words and Music by David Meece / Choral Setting by Lloyd Larson

The Epistle

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.*

Sequence Hymn: 87 - (1-2) *Mendelssohn*

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Christmas Story According to St. Luke, with Assistance
from St. Barnabas**

Narrator: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn: 87 - (3) *Mendelssohn*

The Nicene Creed

**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

Intercessor: With angel song bursting through the heavens, shattering the stillness of this night, you have our attention, God! We praise your name, your gift of yourself, with a joyful noise.

With those who have lived before us and those who come after us, we praise you. As your Church, we are amazed at your goodness. Give your church a sense of awe and wonder as we open our hearts to receive the gift of your very self among us.

May our lives reflect the joy of your good news.

We pray for our leaders, who pass laws and make decisions that impact lives around the world. May their decisions reflect wisdom and justice and peace.

May our relationships reflect the peace of your good news.

With people around the world, we rejoice at your presence in our world. With people around the world, we weep with those who are oppressed, hungry, living in fear of violence.

May our hearts reflect the generosity of your good news.

We pray for those who live and work in our neighborhoods, who rush to our sides when we are in crisis. For those who are crying this night from pain, from broken relationships, from loneliness; with those struggling to be born and with those who are dying, we ask your healing and wholeness.

May our prayers reflect the healing power of your good news.

For those who have died and entered the larger presence of your love, we pray.

May our lives reflect the hope and comfort of your good news

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Deon our Bishop, and Mary our Priest in Charge.

We pray for: Ceal, Jim, Donna, Andrea, Mike, and their families and caregivers.

For our friends and relatives: Sean, John, Nita, David, Austin and Lindsey, Kelli, Joe, and June.

We also pray for the ministries of: the Episcopal City Mission, Deaconess Anne House, the Cornerstone Chorale, and T.E.A.M..
Amen.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

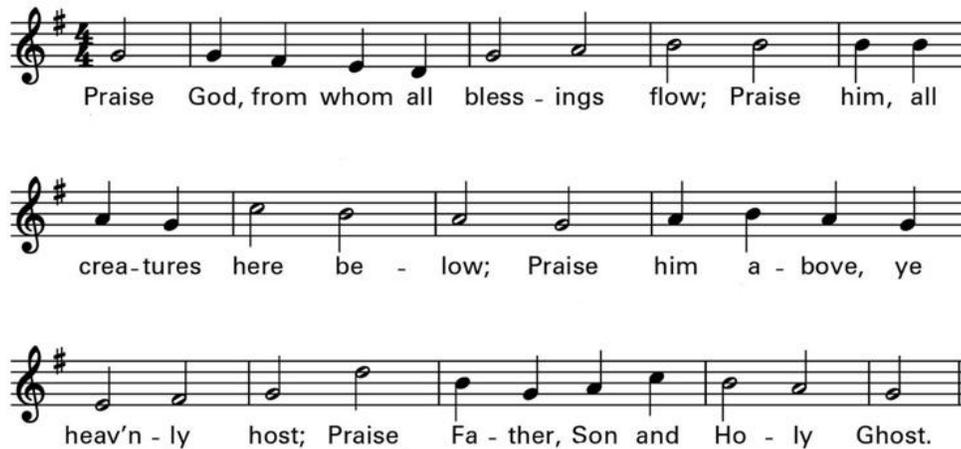
Announcements

Offertory: *Sing a Glad Noel!* Words by Mark Cabaniss /
Arranged by Stan Pethel

Please stand as the gifts are brought forward to the altar.

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: LM; verses 1, 4, Thomas Ken, 1637–1711; verses 2, 3, Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; attr. to Louis Bourgeois, ca. 1510–1561, alt.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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:

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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 St. Barnabas, Mary, the mother of God, and 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,

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has a 3-measure triplet over the notes G4, A4, and B4. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us." The second staff has a 3-measure triplet over the notes G4, A4, and B4. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us." The third staff has a 3-measure triplet over the notes G4, A4, and B4. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace." The music concludes with a double bar line.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion hymn 1: #79 *St. Louis*

Communion hymn 2: # 109 *The First Nowell*

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray (Celebrant and people)

Son of Mary, Son of God we have joined the worship of the angels; may we never lose that heavenly vision. Like the shepherds, we have rejoiced at the news of your birth; help us to proclaim that message in word and deed, to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your hearts with the light of His holiness.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: May God, who sent the angels to proclaim the glad news of our Savior's birth fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the gospel.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you peace and favor.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #100 *Antioch*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth into the world rejoicing in Emmanuel: “God with us!” Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude: *Joy to the World* - Arranged by Mark Hayes

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Celebrant and Preacher: the Rev. Mary Haggerty

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Lectors: Lynn Grames

Director of Music/Pianist: Leah Milton

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