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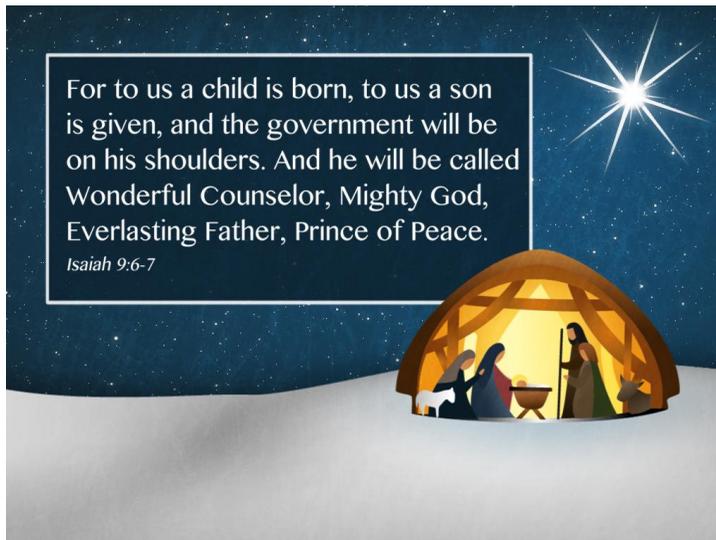
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Thursday, December 24, 2020

The Birth of the Lord: Christmas Eve

8:00 p.m. –Said Eucharist

Welcome



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The Gathering of the Community

Organ Prelude

Hymn #118 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Text by John Francis Wade & Étienne-Jean-François;
translation by Frederick Oakley & William T. Brooke

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:
come and behold him, born the king of angels;

Refrain: O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

2 God of God, Light of Light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created:

Refrain

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God in the highest:

Refrain

Celebrant Let the heavens rejoice!

People **Let the earth rejoice in exaltation!**

Celebrant Let the seas roar and the trees shout for joy!

People **The Lord is coming to bring righteousness and truth.**

Celebrant God's light has overcome the darkness!

People **The light shines upon us, around us, and through us.**

Celebrant Sing to the Lord and bless God's name!

People **Salvation has come! Christ has come!**

4 See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

Refrain

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

Refrain

Greeting

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Unto us a child is born.

People **Unto us a child is given.**

Celebrant Wonderful Counsellor,

People **Mighty God, Prince of Peace.**

Glory to God

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Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

People **and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light.**

As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Isaiah 9:2–7

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You 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.
⁴ 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.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
 authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
 Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ 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 onwards and for evermore.
 The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96: 1-3, 11-13

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| <p>1 Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.</p> <p>2 Sing to the Lord and bless his name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.</p> <p>3 Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>13 He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.</p> |
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We worship you, God of glory, in the beauty of holiness, and we joyfully proclaim your just and righteous rule, established for all, through your Son Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Second Reading:

Titus 2:11–14

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus.

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹² training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ 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.**

Celebrant Alleluia

People **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Celebrant I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

Luke 2:1–20

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ 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. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ 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.

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ 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: ¹¹ to you is born this day in

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the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favours!”

¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Solo: “The Sussex Carol” (Traditional)

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People **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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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

Leader Jesus, born in a stable because there was no room in the inn, we pray for the homeless.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Jesus, born away from your hometown, we pray for those away from their families this Christmas.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Jesus, hunted by Herod, we pray for those in danger, for those who live in war zones, and those who are treated unjustly.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Jesus, living as a refugee in Egypt, we pray for all refugees in the world and for the situations from which they flee.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Jesus, visited by shepherds and wise men, we pray that this Christmas everyone will be contacted by someone bringing comfort.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Jesus, preacher and teacher, we pray for all those who search for a meaning in life; may you provide them with people to guide them.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Jesus, healer and deliverer, we pray for healing for all those who are sick this Christmas.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Jesus, born as one of us, we pray today that peace, hope, and love of you be known and felt around the world.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Jesus, we pray to you knowing that you hear us, that you intercede for us, and that you answer our prayers. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Solo: "The Holly and The Ivy" (Traditional)

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

People **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Doxology*Celebrant* Glory to God,*People* **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.****Blessing***Celebrant* Do not be afraid. Go into the world now with courage. Share the good news. Proclaim tidings of great joy! A saviour has been born.And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you, those you love and all whom you serve, this joyous Christmas night and always. **Amen.****Dismissal***Subdeacon* Go now in wonder. Go to bring light to those in darkness, joy to those who can find no joy, magic to a world steeped in realism. Go with the songs of angels in your ears, and the love of God in your hearts. Go and spread the word—the babe of Bethlehem is born for all.*People* **Thanks be to God.****Closing Hymn #153 “Good Christians All, Rejoice”**

Text from German-Latin carol; translation by John Mason Neale

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| <p>1 Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice! Listen now to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass before him bow and he is in the manger now! Christ is born today; Christ is born today!</p> | <p>3 Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice! Now you need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save: come at his most gracious call to find salvation, one and all! Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save!</p> |
| <p>2 Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice! Hear the news of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this; he has opened heaven’s door and we are blessed for evermore! Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this!</p> | |

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