

CHRISTMAS EVE  
*Candlelight Service*

December 24, 2021



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## Welcome!

We are so glad that you have decided to join us this Christmas Eve to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus. Everything you need to join in worship at tonight's service is printed in this bulletin.

Christmas is a special time of year when our normal routines are interrupted. This interruption provides space for us to reconnect with family and friends, exchange gifts, relax, and feast (pass the cookies!). But the real purpose of this interruption is for us to do what we are doing tonight: worship. Whether you come from a faith background or not, you have chosen to come and hear the story of the newborn King Jesus. As you hear this story for the first time or for the 100th time, my prayer is that you would be filled with wonder. Wonder at the angels and shepherds. Wonder at the Virgin Mary & Joseph. Wonder at a King in a cattle stall. Wonder at a God who became a man.

By coming here tonight, you have made a clear choice to bring Christ into your Christmas, to bring the story of Jesus into your present circumstances. We hope you leave knowing that God loves you, and left heaven to come to earth to be with you.

We also hope you feel welcome here at Trinity. We are a community seeking to love God, love people, and share life. We are honored that you have chosen to come to Trinity on this special night. Our pastoral & ministry staff are here to serve you. Please let us know if there is any way we can pray for or minister to you tonight or in the future.

On this night, we gaze in wonder with the shepherds, Joseph, and Mary at what God has done for us. O come let us adore him!

Merry Christmas!

In Christ,



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# The Holy Eucharist

*Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation.*

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**The Prelude**

Christmas Selections

String Quartet

**The Entrance Hymn** *The People stand.*

**#96 Angels We Have Heard on High**

*Verse 1*

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains

*Chorus*

Gloria In Excelsis Deo  
Gloria In Excelsis Deo

*Verse 2*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song? (*Chorus*)

*Verse 3*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (*Chorus*)

*Verse 4*

See within a manger laid  
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
With us sing our Savior's birth. (*Chorus*)

## The Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* For unto us a child is born,

*People:* **To us a son is given.**

## The Collect for Purity

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

**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.***

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant:* 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.*



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## The Liturgy of the Word

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### The Old Testament Reading *The People sit.*

Isaiah 9: 1-7

<sup>1</sup> But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Congregational Carol

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

*Verse 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

*Verse 2*

God from God, Light from Light eternal,  
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
only-begotten Son of the Father; (*Chorus*)

*Chorus*

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

*Verse 3*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest; (*Chorus*)

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gradual**

**#87 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing***  
*Verses 1 and 2 before Gospel*

*Verse 1*

Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise; Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

*Verse 2*

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Diety  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

*Assisting Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

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

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and 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 among those with whom he is pleased!" <sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Assisting Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Gradual**

**#87 Hark the Herald Angels Sing**  
*Verse 3 after Gospel*

### *Verse 3*

Hail! the heavenborn Prince of Peace! Hail the son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that men no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"





**The Nicene Creed** *The People stand.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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** *The People kneel.*

*Assisting Priest:*

Father, in this holy night your Son our Savior was born as a child among us.

Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

Holy God,

**Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn.

Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty.

Holy God,

**Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to birth.

Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress.

Holy God,

**Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world.

Holy God,

**Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night the angels sang ‘Peace to God’s people on earth’.

Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in Thomasville, in our nation and in all the world.

Holy God,

**Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy.

Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ’s redemption.

Holy God,

**Hear our prayer.**

In this holy night Christians the world over celebrate his birth.

Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.

Holy God,

**Hear our prayer.**

Father, in this holy night angels and shepherds worshiped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**The Confession of Sin** *The People kneel.*

We pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Most merciful God,**

**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 neighbors 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.***

**The Absolution**

*Celebrant:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**The Peace** *The People stand.*

*Celebrant:* Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,

*People:* **And his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.**

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

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

*The people sit, after greeting each other with the peace of Christ.*

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## The Holy Communion

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### The Offertory

### *O Holy Night*

by Adolphe Charles Adam  
Arr. Dan Galbraith

Fernando Rodriguez, Soloist  
String Quartet

O holy night  
The stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of the  
Dear Savior's birth  
Long lay the world in  
Sin and error pining  
Till He appeared and the  
Soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary  
World rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new  
And glorious morn

Fall on your knees  
O hear the angel voices  
O night divine  
O night when Christ was born  
O night divine, O night  
O night divine

**Presentation Hymn** *The People stand and sing.*

***Doxology***  
*(to the tune of Old 100th)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost  
Amen**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:*   
The Lord be with you.

*People:*   
And al - so 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.

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## The Sanctus

*El Shaddai*

**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**

**The Prayer of Consecration** *The People kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in 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:*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things into subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,

*Priest*

*People*



now and for ev - er. **A-men.** ❀

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,  
*People:* **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 Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The People may remain kneeling or be seated while they prayerfully wait to come to God's altar to receive Holy Communion. We invite all baptized and believing Christians to share with us in Holy Communion. You do not have to be an Anglican to participate. If for any reason you do not wish to receive communion, we still invite you to come forward to receive a prayer of blessing from the priest. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you are not receiving communion today.*

**Agnus Dei** *The People remain kneeling.*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us, grant us peace.**



## The Communion Songs

## #109 The First Nowell

### Verse 1

The first Nowell the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

### (Refrain)

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.

### Verse 2

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night. (Refrain)

### Verse 3

And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went. (Refrain)

### Verse 1

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

### Refrain

This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary.

### Verse 4

This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay. (Refrain)

### Verse 5

Then entered in those wise men three  
Full reverently upon their knee,  
And offered there in His presence  
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. (Refrain)

### Verse 6

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought. (Refrain)

## #115 What Child Is This?

### Verse 2

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here:  
The silent Word is pleading. (Refrain)

### Verse 3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone him. (Refrain)

**The Postcommunion Prayer** *The People kneel.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

**Heavenly Father, 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.**

**The Lighting of the Candles** *The People remain kneeling.*     **#111 Silent Night! Holy Night!**

*Verse 1*

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

*Verse 2*

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

*Verse 3*

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

**The Blessing** *The People remain kneeling.*

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*Verse 1*

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

*Verse 2*

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;  
Let us our songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

*Verse 3*

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

*Verse 4*

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*The People:* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**The Postlude**

A special thank you to tonight's musicians:

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2ND VIOLIN: Bailey Salinero



VIOLA: Melissa Brewer  
CELLO: Boyan Bonev

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**Merry Christmas!**







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