

CHRISTMAS EVE  
*Family 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 Entrance Rite

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**The Prelude**

*Recitation of Luke 2: 1-20*

**Daniel Ashoo**

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

**#87 Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

*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 th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

*Refrain*

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King."

*Verse 3*

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n 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. (*Refrain*)

**The Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant:* For unto us a child is born,  
*People:* **To us a son is given.**

**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.**

## The Creation of the Crèche

*Children are invited to place one of the figurines in the crèche as the congregation sits and sings the carol below.*

### *#79 O Little Town of Bethlehem*

#### *Verse 1*

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight

#### *Verse 2*

For Christ is born of Mary  
And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep  
The angels keep their watch of wondering love  
O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King  
And peace to men on earth

#### *Verse 3*

How silently how silently  
The wondrous gift is given  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven  
No ear may hear His coming  
But in this world of sin  
Where meek souls will receive Him still  
The dear Christ enters in

#### *Verse 4*

Where children pure and happy  
Pray to the blessed Child  
Where misery cries out to Thee  
Son of the mother mild  
Where charity stands watching  
And faith holds wide the door  
The dark night wakes the glory breaks  
And Christmas comes once more

#### *Verse 5*

O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born in us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
O come to us abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel

## The Gradual

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

*Verse 1 and Chorus before Gospel*

### *Verse 1*

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

### *Chorus*

Gloria  
In Excelsis Deo  
Gloria  
In Excelsis Deo

## The Gospel *The People stand.*

**Luke 2:1-20**

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

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Gradual**

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

*Verse 3 and Chorus after Gospel*

### *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*

Gloria  
In Excelsis Deo  
Gloria  
In Excelsis Deo

## **The Homily**

**Fr. Justin Hogg**

**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.*

*After each bidding the People are invited to offer their own prayers silently or aloud.*

Jesus, whose mother was Mary: we pray for ... [families].

Lord Jesus,

**hear our prayer.**

Jesus, cradled in a manger: we pray for ... [the homeless, refugees].

Lord Jesus,

**hear our prayer.**

Jesus, sharing the stable with the animals: we pray for ... [the creation].

Lord Jesus,

**hear our prayer.**

Jesus, worshipped by shepherds and kings: we pray for ... [nations, races, peoples].

Lord Jesus,

**hear our prayer.**

Jesus, our Emmanuel: we pray for ... [those in particular need].

Lord Jesus,

**hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **The Confession of Sin**

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

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.**

*Greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated for announcements.*



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## The Holy Communion

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**The Offertory Congregational Carol** *The People sit.*

*Go Tell it on the Mountain*

*Led by the Children's Ensemble*

*Chorus*

Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born

*Verse 1*

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light (*Chorus*)

*Verse 3*

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn (*Chorus*)

**The Great Thanksgiving** *The People stand.*

*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, 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, so that we might be cleansed from sin and be 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 say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **The Sanctus**

**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, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **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.*

## The Communion Carols

### *The First Nowell*

#### *Verse 1*

The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where 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 6*

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
that hath made Heaven and earth of nought,  
and with His blood our life hath bought. (*Refrain*)

*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

*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*)

*Verse 6*

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing (*Chorus*)

**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**

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.***



**The Closing Hymn** *The People stand.*

**#100 Joy to the World**

*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. (3x)

*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. (3x)

*Dance Break!*

*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. (3x)

**The Dismissal**

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

**The Postlude**

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