

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

December 25, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.



The Word of God

Prelude—Christmas Pastoral

Corelli

Please STAND, as able, and join in singing,

The Processional Hymn

Joy to the World!

Hymn #100

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Today I bring you good news of great joy!

**People A Savior has been born to us. A Son has been given.
He is Christ the Lord.**

Celebrant Come, let us adore him.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All 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.**

A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper.

It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

Please remain STANDING as able, and join in singing,

The Gloria

Robert Powell

7 Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
13 might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
19 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
26 sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re - ceive our
32 prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, 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.

Setting by Robert Powell S-280 The Hymnal 1982

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic
Deacon/Preacher: The Rev. Jude Lyons

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader Today we light all the candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, the third candle is JOY, and the fourth candle is LOVE. The center candle is the Christ candle."

(The candles are lit.)

Leader "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

(Isaiah 9:6)

People O God of hope, peace, joy, and love. As Mary and Joseph welcomed you into the world, now help us welcome you into our lives. Give us courage to hope; strength to seek peace. Fill our spirits with joy; and our hearts with love. Through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all, the Light of the World. Amen."



Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 62:6-12

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

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."

1st Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Please remain seated and join in singing

The Response

Psalm 96

Marty Haugen

To - day is born our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord.

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Sing out to God a new song, sing out to God all you lands; sing out in joy, sing out in love to our God! (Refrain)
Announce God's salvation forever, and glory proclaim to the earth; tell all the people the wondrous deeds of our God. (Refrain)

Let us rejoice in our Savior, who has come now to rule the earth; rule it in justice, rule it in mercy forever! (Refrain)
Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice, let the seas now resound in your praise!
Let the plains be joyful, and the forests exult! (Refrain)

The Second Lesson

Titus 3:4-7

2nd Reader A Reading from the letter of Paul to Titus

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.

2nd Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please STAND, as able, and join in singing the first verse of 'Angels We Have Heard On High'.

Gospel Procession

Angels We Have Heard On High

Hymn #96

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

Refrain:

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2: 8-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please join in singing the third verse of 'Angels We Have Heard On High', as the Gospel Procession returns.

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

Refrain:

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

*Please be seated for,
The Sermon*

The Rev. Jude Lyons

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

*Please STAND as able, and join in saying,
The Nicene Creed*

(Updated from The Book of Common Prayer addendum, Enriching our Worship I)

All 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human.

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, 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.

*Please remain STANDING, as able for
The Prayers of the People*

*The People read the responses in **bold**.*

God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of night by speaking your Word in the flesh of Jesus Christ, our Lord. May your Word of compassion and reconciliation resound throughout the world.

Let the heavens rejoice:

and the earth be glad.

On this holy morning, Christians throughout the world are celebrating Christ's birth. Unite us in one family that we may shine with the one light that scatters all our darkness. Let the heavens rejoice:

and the earth be glad.

On this holy morning, the angels proclaimed your Peace. Strengthen all who work for peace and justice, especially those who serve in the armed and foreign services of our country and their families — Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve — as well as those who advocate peace in all places of conflict in our world, especially in the place of Christ's birth.

Let the heavens rejoice:

and the earth be glad.

On this holy morning, you came to us in a child cradled in straw, a borrowed bed because there was no room in the inn. Open our hearts to the needs of those who are homeless and hungry. Let the heavens rejoice:
and the earth be glad.

On this holy morning, shepherds and outcasts heard your good news. Give us grace to spread your gospel of joy and liberation. Let the heavens rejoice:
and the earth be glad.

On this holy morning, we rejoice at this time of rest and recreation. Be with those who travel, enrich our rejoicing, and strengthen the bonds between us. Let the heavens rejoice:
and the earth be glad.

On this holy morning, your living Word came down, shedding light on all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Give strength and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Andrea, Aidan and Lorcin, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Stephanie Bezner, Howard Dale, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Sally Hill, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Nathan Reddall, Shelley Reece, Gwynne Shaw, Steve Smith, and all those we name to you now: *(Please add your prayers silently or aloud)*.

Let the heavens rejoice:
and the earth be glad.

On this holy morning, heaven and earth embrace. Through your Child you give us power to become children of your Light. Fulfill in your love all who have gone before us in a faithful death, especially those we name to you now: *(Please add your prayers silently or aloud)*.

May we, like them, remain faithful to the mystery of the Word made flesh and live in your eternal light.

Let the heavens rejoice:
and the earth be glad.

Celebrant Hear these prayers we bring to you, O God, and fulfill your purposes in us in the name of Jesus, your Incarnate Word. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements



The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Wexford Carol
Soloist—Jeannie Cobb

arranged by Anna Laura Page.

*Good people all this Christmas time, consider well and bear in mind what our good God for us has done,
in sending his beloved Son.*

*With Mary holy we should pray to God with love this Christmas day; in Bethlehem upon that morn,
there was a blessed Messiah born.*

*The night before that happy tide, the noble virgin and her guide
were long time seeking up and down to find a lodging in the town.
But mark how all things come to pass: from every door repelled, alas!
As long foretold their refuge all was but a humble ox's stall.*

*Near Bethlehem did the shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep;
to whom God's angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear. "Prepare and go," the angel said, "to Bethlehem.
Be not afraid, for there you'll find this happy morn a princely babe, sweet Jesus born."*

*With thankful heart and joyful mind the shepherds went the babe to find, and as God's angel had foretold,
they did our Savior Christ behold.*

*Within a manger he was laid by his side the virgin maid,
attending to the Lord of Life, who came to earth to end all strife.*

Please STAND, as able for,

The Offertory Hymn

What Can I Give Him?

CRANHAM

9 What can I give him poor as I am? If I were a shep-herd I would bring a lamb;
 if I were a wise man I would do my part, yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

Words by Christina Rossetti Music by Gusstav Holst

The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

People Blessed be God forever.

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People Blessed be God forever.

The Great Thanksgiving

from the Book of Common Prayer

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, 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:

Please join in singing,

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Forest Green

7 Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry, Ho-
 12 san - na in th high-est. Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

FOREST GREEN Traditional English tune adapt by Ralph Vaughn Williams

All stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues. The people read the parts in **bold**.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.

You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves.

We would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.

You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,

Do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your Creation this bread and this wine.

† By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring all of us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Francis and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.



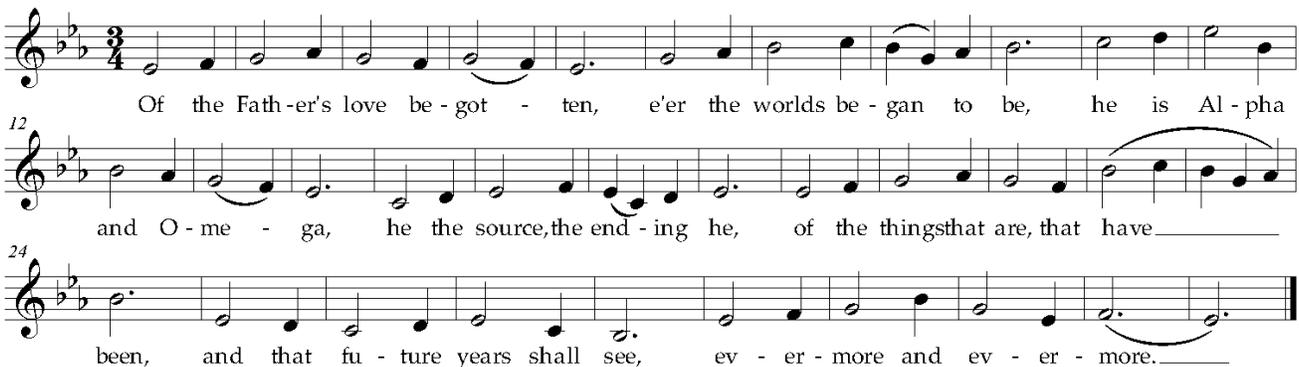
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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 Fraction Anthem

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINIUM MYSTERIUM



The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to share in Communion, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish to be served in your seat.

Communion Anthem

Baby, What You Goin' to Be?

Natalie Sleeth

*Baby, lyin' in a manger, slumberin' so sweetly, what you goin' to be?
Baby, all the world is watching, all the world awaits to see—what will you be?*

*Baby, sleepin' in a stable underneath the heavens, what you goin' to say?
Baby, did you bring the Good News? Did you come to light our way?*

*Baby, gazin' at the cattle, lookin' at the shepherds, what you goin' to do?
Baby, will you be the Savior? Will you bring the Kingdom, too?*

Oh, Baby, hope of all the people, what you come to do here? What you come to say?

Baby can you be the Savior, come to save the world one day? Baby, lyin' in a manger, will you save the world one day?

Please kneel or STAND, as able

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The Christmas Blessings

Celebrant Gift-giving God of angels and stars, shepherds and magi, promise and hope;
God, who calls and sends, blesses and guides:
God of ancient love that is always new;
God of Christmas, bless us now and always,
in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Please STAND, as able, and join in singing,

Closing Hymn

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Hymn #99

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go forth in Christmas joy and peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Variations on "Joy To The World"

