

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Evening of Our Lord's Nativity
December 24, 2021



Christmas Eve
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Prelude

THE HYMNS

O Come, All Ye Faithful	Hymnal 83
Hark! The herald angels sing	Hymnal 87
It came upon a midnight clear	Hymnal 89
God rest you merry gentlemen	Hymnal 105
Good Christian friends, rejoice	Hymnal 107
The first Nowell	Hymnal 109
What child is this	Hymnal 115
Joy to the world!	Hymnal 100

The Word of God

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit BCP 355
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. AMEN.

Officiant:

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.*

Angels we have heard on high Hymnal 96 v1

The Collect of the Day BCP 212
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.*

A reading from 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.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 96 *Cantate Domino* BCP 726

- 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.

A reading from 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.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

The Gradual "O little town of Bethlehem" Hymnal 79v1

The Gospel of Luke 2:1-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

The people respond: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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

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.

Officiant: The Gospel of our Lord

The people respond: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Words of Faith
Buchin

The Rev. Dan

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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.

Preface to Prayers

The Prayers of the People

The following form of Prayers of the People is used at New Song for Christmas:

Leader

God of the One who has come, your Star rises in our hearts as we make our own journey to greet you. Bring us to the humility of the stable as we join our voices in prayer.

For the church. For your people gathered here in joy, and for those gathered throughout the world. Remind us of what it means to be faithful, even as Mary offered her womb, Joseph, the strength of his protection, and the shepherds their awe and wonder. *(Silence)*

God of hope and promise,
We gather to greet you in love.

For the world. For our nation and for all nations. Keep us mindful that the hopes and fears of all time, of all hearts, and of all spirits are met in You, and that you are Emmanuel, God with us. *(Silence)*

God of hope and promise,
We gather to greet you in love.

For this community. Let the light of your star illumine the shadows that hide the needs of those around us.

Bring us your vision of justice and the courage to live it; the willingness to learn the names of those in need, and the compassion to respond as we discover you in each other. *(Silence)*

God of hope and promise,
We gather to greet you in love.

For ourselves. Open us ever more deeply to your Presence. Open our eyes to see by the stable lamp that we are created in your own image. Open our ears to hear the stars that bend their voices, and blend our voices with the stones that cry in praise of you. *(Silence)*

God of hope and promise,
We gather to greet you in love.

For our children and for children everywhere. That even as we greet the Holy Child, we may know the holy and joyous gift of their presence in our lives, and that we may come to know the Truth of your Love together. *(Silence)*

God of hope and promise,
We gather to greet you in love.

For those who suffer. Show them, through us, the brightness of your Star, the promise of your presence, and the Hope of your healing, that they may know, in special ways, grace upon grace. *(Silence)*

God of hope and promise,
We gather to greet you in love.

For those who have died. We rejoice that because of your birth, they now live in perfect joy, their spirit voices praising your name and reminding us that the absence we know is, by your grace, made full and holy. *(Silence)*

God of hope and promise,
With all your saints, we praise you.

The Collect at the Prayers

Confession of Sin BCP 360

The Celebrant says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People
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 Priest stands and says
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Passing of the Peace BCP 360
All stand. The Celebrant says to the People:
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory

Tonight's offering will be donated to the Daily Bread, to help with the mission to the homeless. Please be generous.

The Bread and the Wine

The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer D BCP 372
The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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.
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus Hymnal S-129

Celebrant and People

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 people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You

formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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 BCP 364
Officiant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for
us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following
Invitation*

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.

*(All baptized persons are welcome at the altar. If
you'd rather receive a blessing, come to the altar and
cross your arms.)*

Communion Hymn "Love came down at Christmas"
Hymnal 84

Post-Communion Prayer BCP 365
After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.
Celebrant and People
Almighty and everliving God,
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.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn "Silent Night" Hymnal 111
*(Please gather together in the aisles and form a circle
as we sing this song. The carol is printed below.)*

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.

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.

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.

Dismissal

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Enjoy the celebration of Christ's birth with your families and friends.

We will worship again on Sunday, December 26, at 9:30 a.m. with Morning Prayer Rite I. Please join us! Thank you for worshipping with us tonight!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/26 Sam & Mary Abraham's anniversary

12/27 Sarah Abraham's birthday

SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

12/21 St Thomas the Apostle

12/25 The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

COMMON PRAYERS WITH UNCOMMON RESULTS:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Bob; Bobbie; Sue; Ed & Audrey; Joyce; Bob & Donna; Jamie & Marvin; Jill; Julie; John; Nancy; Harriet; John; Margaret; Arnold; Paul Barth; Linda; Carrie; Lily & Violet; Al; Vickie; Lonnie; Corky; Sarah; Todd; Lonnie; JoAnn; Ted; Sherri; Helen; Dan's sisters & brother-in-law

BEREAVEMENT FOR the family of Jerry Bakewell

PRAYERS FOR those who are suffering the effects of the pandemic & the 800,000+ who've lost their lives.

PRAYERS FOR those who have suffered loss due to shootings, & those who live these threats every day.

PRAYERS for all those who have lost so much to recent tornadoes

PRAYERS FOR the unemployed, homeless & disenfranchised

IN HARM'S WAY our service men & women suffering from PTSD

CYCLE OF PRAYER: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Bonnie Perry, our Bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our Diocesan retired community household; Our Diocesan household; St Mark's, Haina, DR; St Matthew's, Nizao, DR

DONATIONS TO THE FOOD PANTRY ARE HAPPENING!

This 4th week we ask that you donate pantry staples (flour, sugar, etc.) and baby diapers (any size)

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