

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. HELENA



# CHRISTMAS EVE

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

5:30 P.M., 7:30 P.M., & 9:30 P.M.

*Thursday, December 24, 2020*

# A Musical Prelude

*As a courtesy, please turn off all cell phones.*

The Trumpet Shall Sound from <i>Messiah</i>	G.F. Handel, arr. Chuck Seipp
En Natus Est Emmanuel	M. Praetorius, arr. Douglas Haislip
Ukrainian Bell Carol	Mykola Leontovich, arr. Bill Holcombe
I Saw Three Ships	English Traditional, arr. Keith Snell
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	Michael Praetorius, arr. Russell Anixter
My Spirit Be Joyful, from Cantata 146	J.S. Bach, arr. Robert Madeson
Coventry Carol	English Traditional, arr. Jane Frasier
And the Glory of the Lord from <i>Messiah</i>	G. F. Handel, arr. David Thomas

Brass Quintet and Timpani

O Holy Night	Izzy Hipple, Violin	Adolphe Adam
Nativity Carol	The Parish Choir and The Choir of Boys and Girls	John Rutter

# The Holy Eucharist

*Congregation, please stand, as you are able.*

**Procession Hymn:** O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Adeste fideles*

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 heav'n above;  
Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain.*
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain.*

Celebrant: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**People:** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

*The Celebrant says:*

### **The Collect for Purity**

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 Summary of the Law**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

**Gloria:** Angels We Have Heard on High

*Gloria*

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

*Refrain:* Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

### **The Collect of the Day** (*kneeling*)

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.**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 9: 1-7

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.

- 5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.
- 6 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.
- 7 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

*Congregation, please stand, as you are able.*

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

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

**The Gospel:** Luke 2:1-14 (*standing*)

<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, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Prayers of the People** (*kneeling*)

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*After each intercession, prayers from the congregation are invited.*

Reader: For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For Archbishop Foley and our Bishop Mark, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those on our parish prayer list.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader: Lord in your mercy:

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer:*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

## Confession of Sin (*kneeling*)

***Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*The Celebrant stands and pronounces 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 (*standing*)

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: *And with your spirit.***

## Welcome and Announcements

# The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

*Mendelssohn*

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.

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. *Refrain.*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings;  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. *Refrain.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: *And with your spirit.***

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: *We lift them up to the Lord.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord 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. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:  
 Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to  
 thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Then the Celebrant continues (please kneel or sit):*

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For 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, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we your humble servants celebrate and make here before your divine Majesty, with these holy gifts, the memorial your Son commanded us to make; remembering his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and his promise to come again.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

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 for ever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray,

*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**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

*People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

### **The Prayer of Humble Access *(all together)***

*We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

### **The Invitation**

Celebrant: 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 Ministration of Communion**

**Communion Response:** Silent Night

*Stille Nacht*

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.
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!
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.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your*



*Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## **The Blessing**

**Procession Hymn:** Joy to the World

*Antioch*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

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**

**Postlude:** Alleluia from Cantata 142

J.S. Bach, arr. Robert King

*Please take your bulletin with you and be mindful of social-distancing recommendations as you leave.*

**Christmas poinsettias are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:**

Elizabeth Thoesen, Carl C. Tipton, Jr. and Sampson Paul Schwartz, Jr.  
*by Sharon, Rebecca, Tracy, Jim, Paul III, John, Lisa and John, Jr.*

Ruth and Frank Parsons, Sonny Parsons and Anita Wright *by Shirley Parsons*

Mark Cameron Richardson, Lloyd & Martha Thompson and Hal and Louise Richardson *by Maxine Richardson*

Emil H. Klatt, Jr., William J. Newill and Margaret A. Newill *by The Rev. Dr. Emil & Barbara Klatt*

Andy Anderson, Tony Anderson, Bud Cornwell and Bert Mumma *by Butch & Stellena Mumma*

Dianne Taylor Bush, Henry Spann Laffitte and Carson Bush *by Ashley Laffitte*

Dr. Earnest S. Collins *by Sue Collins*

The Rt. Rev. & Mrs. Clarence Haden and Rita Carrington Beevers *by Robin Beevers*

Charles & Sarah Williams and Lawrence & Hazel Richardson *by Chuck Williams & Laura Richardson*

Hannie & Al McDuff, Deena & John Ausband and Liam McDuff *by Bill & Ann McDuff*

W. Robert & Louise Quackenbush, William J. and Anne Acker and Glen Quackenbush  
*by Catherine & Walter Quackenbush*

Thomas Morgart *by Gail Morgart*

Francis R. & Priscilla S. Walsh and Lucille M. Freuler *by Sharon & Dick Stanley*

Nancy & Oswald Copeland and Alice McTeer Jones *by Bob & Lucyle Copeland*

Robert S. Leach and Bobbie H. Englisbe *by Susan Leach & Wynn Englisbe*

John & Aline Griffin, Robert & Rose Shelley and Greer Connor Stone *by Paul & Jackie Griffin*

Joseph Anthony Mix, William Devlin McCormick and Sandra Marie Jones *by Delinda Mix*

James W. Goettle and Mary Hagy *by Bette Goettle*

Dr. R. Ray Kearns, Sr., Jean H. Kearns and C. Douglas Tootle, Sr. *by Connie Kearns Tootle & Family*

F. William Scheper and Jean V. Scheper *by Wanda Scheper*

George F. "Pete" Moose III and Micky Masters *by Susan Moose*

Ruby Anderson, Virginia & Julian Nomina and Mildred & Gunhild Johnson *by Tom & Carol Anderson*

Elizabeth Parker Goldsborough and John Goldsborough *by Mary Beth Demosthenes*

**Christmas poinsettias are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for:**

Our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, *by John and Ann Ballantyne*

LaClaire Laffitte, Lauren Ivens, Amanda Leigh Bump and Charlie Laffitte Jr. *by Ashley Laffitte*

C. Tradd Stanley, Logan S. Green, and Ty Reichel, *by Sharon and Dick Stanley*

Barbara Cornwell, Blair Mumma, Caroline Mumma and Sue Mumma *by Butch & Stellena Mumma*

Randy Beevers *by Robin Beevers*

Martha, Lee, Jimmy, Whitney, Holbrook and Heston *by Bill & Ann McDuff*

Our children and grandchildren *by Catherine & Walter Quackenbush*

The Harbin Family: Nicole, Jeff, Michael & Clara *by Gail Morgart*

Our grandchildren: Kirsten Ansley, Griffin and Grisham Stone; Ellison and Madison Hapner; Anna Blaire and Banks Killen; Cadence and Morgan Green *by Paul & Jackie Griffin*

**The high altar and baptismal font flowers** are given to the glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**The Advent candle wreath greens** are given by Vola Whitcomb  
to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Calcraft and Whitcomb families  
and in thanksgiving for her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

**THANK YOU**

*A special thank you to the choirs, musicians, and all the members of the Altar Flower Guild  
and Altar Guild for the hard work that went into the preparations for this evening's services.*

**PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENING'S SERVICES:**

**Clergy**

The Rev. Shay Gaillard, Rector  
The Rev. Jamie Sosnowski, Associate Rector for Families  
The Rev. Joe Lawrence, Associate Rector  
The Rt. Rev. Alden Hathaway, Bishop in Residence  
The Rev. Claudia Carucci, Deacon (5:30 P.M.)  
The Rev. Keith O'Neal, Deacon (7:30 P.M.)  
The Rev. Jim Cato, Deacon (9:30 P.M.)

**Lectors**

Barbara Hathaway (5:30 P.M.)  
Rae Reem (7:30 P.M.)  
Jim Grimsley (9:30 P.M.)

**Director of Music and Organist**

Jeff Harbin

**The Parish Choir and the Choir of Boys and Girls**

**Musicians**

Antonio Martí, Trumpet  
Timothy Kintzinger, Trumpet  
Katherine Caliendo, Horn  
Carl Polk, Trombone  
Jimmy Hendricks, Tuba  
Jesse Monkman, Timpani

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