

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2015, 10PM

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

TRINITY CHURCH

FOR A WORLD OF GOOD

BROADWAY AT WALL STREET, NEW YORK CITY



*an Episcopal parish
in the city of New York*



WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Please add your voice and heart to the worship: sing the hymns and pray the prayers. Everyone is welcome at Jesus' Table, and everyone's voice is needed to tell the Good News of God's love in Christ. Please help others find a place near you, and greet the person next to you as we prepare to worship together.



GATHERING MUSIC AND CAROLS

PRELUDE

HYMN

Please stand as you are able.



Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the
low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so
ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in
ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he
hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -
was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
vealed to faith - ful eye, set at God's right hand on high.

Words: Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Irby*, melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)

Please be seated.

MOTET

Ave Maria

Robert Parsons (c.1530-1570)

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum, benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui.
Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb. Amen.*

—Luke 1:28, 42

HYMN

Please stand as you are able.



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a -
lie! A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the
bove, while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their
si - lent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets
watch of won - d'ring - love. O morn - ing stars, to -
shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light; the
geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth! and
hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

continue to verse 3 below



3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we
given! So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the
pray; cast out our sin and en - ter in, be
bles - ings of his heaven. No ear may hear his
born in us to - day. We hear the Christ - mas
com - ing, but in this world of sin, where
an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell; O
meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

Music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908) and *Forest Green*, English melody; Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), adapt.

Please be seated.

MOTET

Lully, Lulla

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

Lully, lulla, Thou little tiny Child, bye, bye, lully, lulla. O sisters too, how may we do, for to preserve this day this poor youngling for whom we do sing bye, bye, lully, lulla. Herod, the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day his men of might, in his owne sight, all young children to slay. That woe is me, poor Child for thee! And ever mourn and sigh, for thy parting neither say nor sing, bye, bye, lully, lulla.
- 15th century, from the Coventry Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors

HYMN

Please stand as you are able.

It came up on the mid - night clear, that
Still through the clo - ven skies they come with
For lo! the days are hasten - ing on, by
glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing
peace - ful wings un - furled, and still the heaven - ly
pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -
near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace
mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world; a -
cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told, when
on the earth, good will to men, from
bove its sad and low - ly plains they
peace shall o - ver all the earth its
heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn
bend on hover - ing wing, and ev - er o'er its
an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give
still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt. Music: Carol, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900).

Please be seated.

MOTET

O Magnum Mysterium

Tomas Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611)

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, jacentem in praesepe. O beata virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Jesus Christum. Alleluia.

O great mystery, and wondrous sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord lying in their manger. Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

HYMN

Please stand as you are able.

The first No-well the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor
They look - ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the
This star drew nigh to the north-west, o'er Beth - le -
Then en - tered in those wise - men three full rev - erent-
shap-herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay,
east be - yond them far, and to the earth it
hem it took its rest, and there it did both
ly up - on their knee, and of - fered there in
keep-ing their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
stop and stay right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay,
his pre - sence their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.
No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Words: English Carol, 18th cent. Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent

Please be seated.

MOTET

A Hymn to the Virgin

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Of one who is so fair and bright Velut maris stella, [Like a star of the sea] Brighter than the day is light,
Parens et puella: [Both mother and maiden] I cry to thee, thou see to me, Lady, pray thy Son for me, Tam
pia, [so pure] That I may come to thee. Maria! [Mary] All this world was forlorn, Eva peccatrice, [because
of Eve, a sinner] Till our Lord was yborn, De te genetrix. [through you, his mother] With ave it went away,
Darkest night, and comes the day Salutis; [of salvation] The well springeth out of thee. Virtutis. [of virtue]
Lady, flower of everything, Rosa sine spina, [Rose without thorn] Thou bare Jesu, heaven's king, Gratia
divina: [by divine grace] Of all thou bearest the prize, Lady, queen of paradise Electa: [chosen] Maid mild,
mother es effecta [you are made].

- Anonymous, c. 1300

HYMN

Please stand as you are able.

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let
Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let
No more let sin and sor - rows grow, nor
He rules the world with truth and grace, and
earth re - ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre -
us our songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks,
thorns in - fest the ground; he comes to make his
makes the na - tions prove the glo - ries of his
pare him room, and heaven and na - ture
hills and plains, re - peat the sound - ing
bless - ings flow far as the curse is
right - eous - ness, and won - ders of his
sing, and heaven and na - ture sing, and
joy, re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
found, far as the curse is found, far
love, and won - ders of his love, and
heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
as, far as the curse is found.
won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The bells are rung as the people remain standing.

INTROIT

Hodie Christus natus est; hodie Salvator apparuit; hodie in terra canunt Angeli laetantur Archangeli; hodie exsultant justi dicentes: Gloria in excelsis Deo, alleluia.

Today Christ is born; today the Saviour has appeared; today the Angels sing, the Archangels rejoice; today the righteous rejoice, saying: Glory to God in the highest, alleluia.

STATION AT THE CRÈCHE

The infant Jesus is placed in the crèche.

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant The people who have walked in darkness
People have seen a great light.

Celebrant For unto us a child is born,
People unto us a Son is given.

Celebrant His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
People the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,
People and peace to his people on earth.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
God of God, Light of Light,
Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove;
Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry giv'n;

come and be - hold him born the King of an - gels:
ve - ry God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted:
Glo - ry to God in the high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh a - pear - ing:

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others.
Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody, att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

People remain standing as the Choir sings.

Gloria in excelsis Deo from *Missa ad praesepe*

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris
qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

George Malcolm (1917-1997)

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

People Amen.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

Please be seated.

Reader A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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 Counsellor, 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 onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

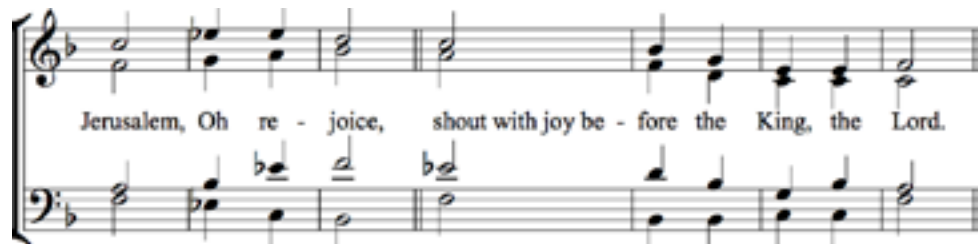
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96

Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874-1946)

The Choir sings the Refrain, then all repeat and sing as indicated.



Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

REFRAIN

Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

REFRAIN

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honor and power
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.

REFRAIN

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."
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.

REFRAIN

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes,
when he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth.

REFRAIN

THE EPISTLE

Titus 2:11-14

Reader

A Reading from the Letter to Titus.

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 Saviour, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.

An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing
Shep - herds why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the
See him in a man - ger laid whom the choirs of
o'er the plains, and the moun - tains in re - ply
strains pro - long? What the glad - some tid - ings be
an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee,
an - gels praise; Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid,
ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains,
which in - spire your heav - 'nly song? Glo - - -
Christ the Lord, the new - born King,
while our hearts in love we raise,
- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - -
- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

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

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

Deacon 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

† THE SERMON

The Rector

A brief silence follows the sermon.

ΠΙΣΤΕΙΣ CREED

Please stand as you are able.

We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - migh - ty, by whose plan
Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,
We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be - low, a - bove:

earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be - gan,
suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he des - cend - ed to the dead,
saints of God in one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li - ness and love.

We be - lieve in Christ the Sa - vior, Son of God in hu - man frame,
We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, hea - ven's king to rule and reign,
So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sa - vior, Lord and friend,

vir - gin - born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came,
to the Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain,
we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926) © 1993 Hope Publishing, Inc. Used by permission.
Music: Nettleton, Melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Reader* God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this night by the utterance of your Word made flesh.
- People* **May your word of compassion and reconciliation resound in us and through us.**
- Reader* On this holy night angels proclaim the peace of your unconquered Sun of Righteousness.
- People* **Strengthen all who work for peace and justice.**
- Reader* On this holy night shepherds and outcasts hear your good news.
- People* **Give us grace to spread your gospel of joy and liberation.**
- Reader* On this holy night you come to us in a child cradled in a borrowed bed of straw.
- People* **Open our hearts to the needs of the homeless and the hungry.**
- Reader* On this holy night your living Word leaps down, shedding light on all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.
- People* **Give strength and peace to all who suffer in body, mind and spirit.**
- Reader* On this holy night we rejoice at the coming of this season of feasting and re-creation.
- People* **Guard those who travel, enrich our rejoicing, and strengthen the bonds between us.**
- Reader* On this holy night heaven and earth embrace, and in your true child you give us power to be your children. Hold in your love all who have departed this life and gone before us in faith.
- People* **May we, like them, remain faithful to the mystery of the Word made flesh and live in your eternal light.**
- Celebrant* Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, bring us to share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- People* **Amen.**



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

Please be seated.

WELCOME

AT THE OFFERTORY

The Dream Isaiah Saw

Glenn Rudolph (b. 1951)

Lions and oxen will sleep in the hay, leopards will join with the lambs as they play, wolves will be pastured with cows in the glade, blood will not darken the Earth that God made. Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart. Bring the dream Isaiah saw: life redeemed from fang and claw. Peace will pervade more than forest and field: God will transfigure the violence concealed deep in the heart and in of systems of gain, ripe for the judgment the Lord will ordain. little Child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart. bring the dream Isaiah saw: justice purifying law. Nature reordered to match God's intent, nations obeying the call to repent, all of creation completely restored, filled with the knowledge and love of the Lord. Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart. bring the dream Isaiah saw: knowledge, wisdom, worship, awe.

-Thomas H. Troeger (b. 1945)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able.

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, 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 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:

ΣΑΠΤΥΣ

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Please remain standing, or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

All **Amen.**

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.**

FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the bread.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Note: Communion stations are at the front and rear of the church. Please go to the station nearest you, following the direction of the ushers.

All who hunger for God are cordially invited to this table, including children. You may stand or kneel to receive communion. You may consume the bread and then drink from the chalice (please grasp the bottom of the chalice to guide it to your lips). Also, you may dip the bread in the wine and then consume it, or you may leave the bread in your palm for the chalice-bearer to dip in the wine and place on your tongue. Gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate to the priest that you require this alternative and the gluten-free paten will be brought to you. Those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. The ushers will guide you.

If you would like to pray with someone confidentially for any need in your life, go through the archway at the front right-hand side of the church to All Saints' Chapel, and someone will meet you there before or after you receive Communion.

COMMUNION ANTHEMS

A Spotless Rose

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

A spotless rose is blowing, sprung from a tender root, of ancient seers' foreshowing, of Jesse promised fruit; its fairest bud unfolds to light amid the cold, cold winter, and in the dark midnight. The rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said, is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest Maid; for through our God's great love and might, the blessed babe she bare us in a cold, cold winter's night. -Anonymous, 14th cen.

O Magnum Mysterium

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum, et animalia viderent Dominum natum, jacentem in praesepio. Beata virgo cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum.

O great mystery, and wondrous sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord lying in their manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hodie Christus natus est

F. Poulenc

Hodie Christus natus est; hodie Salvator apparuit; hodie in terra canunt Angeli laetantur Archangeli; hodie exsultant justi dicentes; Gloria in excelsis Deo, alleluia.

Today Christ is born; today the Saviour has appeared; today the Angels sing, the Archangels rejoice; today the righteous rejoice, saying: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia.

Sing Lullaby

H. Howells

Sing lullaby, While snow doth gently fall, Sing lullaby To Jesus Born in an oxen stall. Sing lullaby to Jesus Born now in Bethlehem. The naked blackthorn's growing To weave his diadem. Sing lullaby to Jesus While thickly snow doth fall. Sing lullaby to Jesus The Saviour of all. Sing lullaby. -F.W. Harvey

All sing, kneeling

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,
 all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,
 Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
 peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior is born.
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885) Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863)

CONCLUDING RITE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Celebrant May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

People Amen.

Celebrant May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

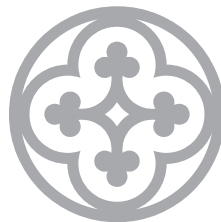
People Amen.

Celebrant May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

People Amen.

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new born King!
 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by born that man no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a Vir - gin's womb,
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with man to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Righ - teous - ness! hail, the heav'n born Prince of Peace!

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new born King!

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Julian Wachner



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- Burial site of Alexander Hamilton
- Home of the renowned Choir of Trinity Wall Street

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