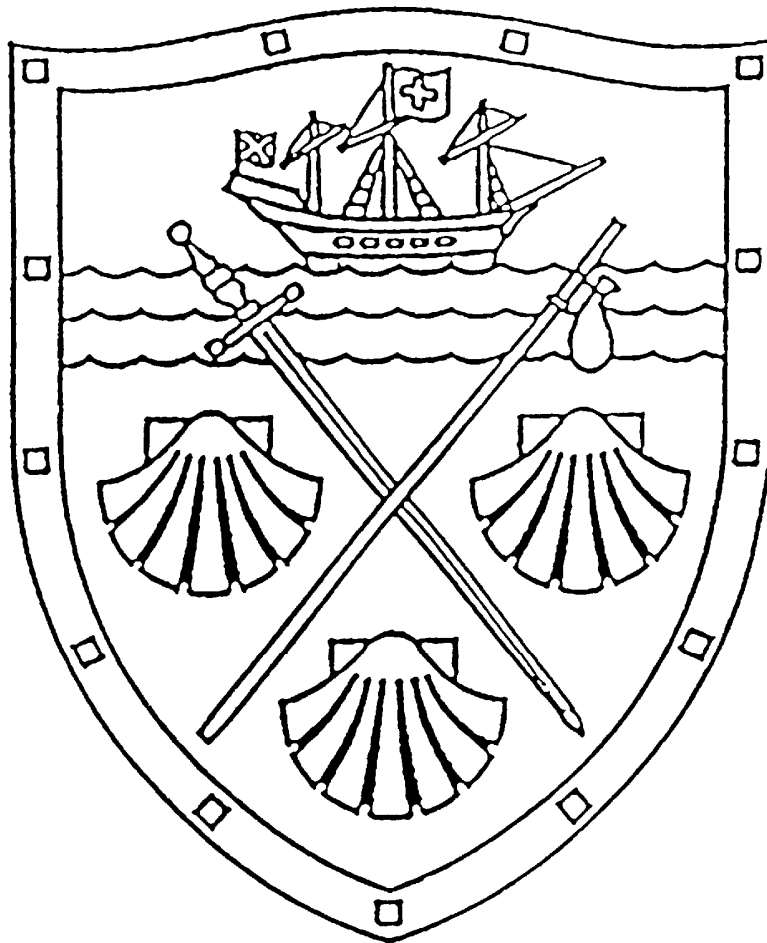


The Cathedral Church of St. James

The Birth of the Lord - Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25, 2021

Sung Eucharist at 9:00am



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Welcome! We are so glad you have joined us for worship this morning. Please ensure that cell phones are turned off and refrain from taking photographs during the liturgy.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

- *Masks must be worn at all times.*
- *Please maintain physical distancing at all times from those who are not part of your family bubble.*
- *Please do not use handheld fans or fan yourself with your leaflet.*
- *Offering plates will not be used but offering boxes are located at the back of the Cathedral and at the Mid-West exit.*

Mass Setting: St. James Christmas Service - arr. by Mark Schweizer

Prelude Berceuse based on a French Noel *Alexandre Guilmant*

Hymn Tune: Regent Square

All Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
You who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:
*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:
*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Though an infant now we view him, he shall fill the eternal throne,
gather all the nations to him; every knee shall then bow down:
*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Text: James Montgomery, alt.; Tune: Henry Thomas Smart.

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
People **May all the earth be filled with his glory.**

Presider Alleluia! When the fullness of time was come,
People **God sent the Son, born of a woman, so that we might become God's children. Alleluia!**

Presider Glory to God in the highest,
People **And peace to his people on earth.**

Gloria

All **Glory be to God on high, to all people, peace on earth.
Angels, shepherds drawing nigh, join to celebrate his birth
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Jesus Christ we now declare Lamb of God and Lord of Love.
Grant us mercy, hear our prayer, give us grace from heav'n above.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Praises to the Holy One, praises sing in highest heav'n;
to the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit giv'n.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray. *Please remain standing.*

O 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 our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 62: 6-12

Reader 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 laboured; 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.”

Reader
People

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Please remain seated.

Psalm 97—Tone I.7

Cantor

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
Clouds and darkness are round about him,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
A fire goes before him
and burns up his enemies on every side.
His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees it and is afraid.
The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
The heavens declare his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.
Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!
Bow down before him, all you gods.
Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgements, O Lord.
For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
Light has sprung up for the righteous,
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name.

The Second Reading

Titus 3: 4-7

Reader But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour 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 Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Sussex Carol

Cantor Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2: 8-20

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Gospeller 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 Saviour, 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 favours!" 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.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.
People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Nicene Creed

Please stand, as you are able.

Presider Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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: 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.**

The Prayers of the People

Please remain standing.

Presider Let us offer our prayers to our God who sent the Son, born of a woman, so that we might become God's children saying, "hear our prayer".

At the conclusion of the prayers.

Presider Incarnate God, we come to adore you, born in humility and laid in a manger. Forgive the sins of your people, give them open hearts to receive you still, and let the light of your love always shine within them, for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand, as you are able.

We offer each other a sign of peace, without any physical contact.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

Tune: In Dulci Jubilo

All Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Listen now to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now!
Christ is born today; Christ is born today!

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Hear the news of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this;
he has opened heaven's door, and we are blessed for evermore!
Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this.

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save:
come at his most gracious call to find salvation, one and all!
Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save!

*Text: German-Latin carol (14th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale, alt.; Music: Melody *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1533.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Generous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your Son.
Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed
in him, who is Lord now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you
thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of
his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his
mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our
joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Please assume a posture of prayer that is appropriate – stand, sit or kneel.

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have
made known to us in creation; in calling a people into covenant with you;
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 Saviour 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

People **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei

All **O Lamb of God, O Holy Child, who takes the sin of the world away; have mercy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the son of Mary. This, this is your body giv'n, your precious blood, the gift of heav'n. Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the son of Mary.**

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- *When coming forward to receive communion, please follow the directions of the sidespeople. Please remain in your pew until they indicate that it is your turn to go up to receive the sacrament.*
- *Please maintain physical distancing when coming forward for the sacrament.*
- *There are two communion ministers at the service. Please stop after the hand sanitizer station to wait for the communion minister on your side to be free.*
- *Proceed to the communion minister on your side of the centre aisle, keeping a safe distance.*
- *Extend your hands for the words of distribution, when the host will be dropped on your palm.*
- *Move all the way to the marked spot on the left or right before removing your mask and consuming the sacrament. There is a hand sanitizer station on either side.*
- *Please return to your seat using the side aisles.*

Hymn

Tune: Greensleeves

All

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain

*This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

Refrain

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.

Refrain

Text: William Chatterton Dix; Music: Melody English trad.; arr. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871, alt.

Hymn

Tune: Love Came Down

All

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, Love divine;
love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus: but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti; Music: Malcolm Archer.

Prayer after Communion

Presider

Let us pray.

Please stand, as you are able.

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life
always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ
the Lord.

People

Amen.

Presider

Glory to God,

All

**whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or
imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church
and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the One who loves us, the One who liberates us, and the One who leads us into all truth, be with you now and always.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: Antioch

All Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive the King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns: let us glad 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 wrongs and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as our sin is found,
far as our sin is found, far as, far as our sin 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.

Text: Isaac Watts, alt.; Music: Melody George Frideric Handel; adapt.
William Holford, Voce de Melodia, 1835; harm. Lowell Mason;

Dismissal

Deacon Go forth in peace, in the name of the Christ Child, the Prince of Peace, Immanuel, God with us.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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- *If you haven't already done so, please drop your offering or envelope in the box by the Mid-West door.*
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Homilist: The Very Reverend Stephen Vail

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