



## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

The Vigil of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ | 7:00PM

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## THE CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

*Cantor* Today, the twenty-fifth day of December, unknown ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth and then formed man and woman in his own image; Several thousand years after the flood, when God made the rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant; Twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah; Thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt; Eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the Judges; One thousand years from the anointing of David as king; In the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel; In the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad, the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of Rome, the forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus, the whole world being at peace, Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, and nine months having passed since his conception, was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary. Today is the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

## Prelude

*Gesù Bambino*  
(Pietro Yon)

*Before the Marvel of this Night*  
(Carl Schalk)

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*In this ancient proclamation,  
the birth of Jesus is set in  
the context of Biblical and  
secular history*

## INTROIT

*Christmas Eve Carol*

(Will Konitzer)

*O God, this night bright angels sing, hosannas to the King of Kings.*

*While on earth peace is sung to men:*

*“Leave your sadness, turn to gladness,  
for now is born the Son of all creation.”*

*Angels, powers, and all that be,  
wake with joy this Son to see. Alleluia!*

## The Word of God

### Entrance Rite

#### ENTRANCE OF THE MINISTERS

HYMN 83 ‘O come, all ye faithful’

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 from God,  
Light from Light eternal,  
lo! he abhors not the Virgin’s womb;  
only-begotten  
Son of God the Father;

**Refrain**

3. Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God,  
glory in the highest:

**Refrain**

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing:

**Refrain**

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

HYMN 96 'Angels we have heard on high'

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

***Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

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2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see?  
What glad tidings did you hear?

***Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

***Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

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

***Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

***Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

4. See him in a manger laid  
whom the angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while we raise our hearts in love.

***Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

***Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

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*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* 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 Lessons

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 9.2–7

*Lector* 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 forever more.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

NRSV

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

- Choir* 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.

## HYMN 87 'Hark! the herald angels sing'

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| <p>1. Hark! the herald angels sing<br/>glory to the newborn King!<br/>Peace on earth and mercy mild,<br/>God and sinners reconciled!<br/>Joyful, all ye nations, rise,<br/>join the triumph of the skies;<br/>with the angelic host proclaim<br/>Christ is born in Bethlehem!<br/><i>Refrain</i><br/><i>Hark! the herald angels sing<br/>glory to the newborn King!</i></p> | <p>3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!<br/>Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!<br/>Light and life to all he brings,<br/>ris'n with healing in his wings.<br/>Mild he lays his glory by,<br/>born that we no more may die,<br/>born to raise us from the earth,<br/>born to give us second birth.<br/><i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p>2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;<br/>Christ, the everlasting Lord;<br/>late in time behold him come,<br/>offspring of the Virgin's womb.<br/>Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;<br/>hail the incarnate Deity.<br/>Pleased as man with us to dwell;<br/>Jesus, our Emmanuel!<br/><i>Refrain</i></p>                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*Gospeller* 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.

NRSV

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon** The Rev. Channing Smith, *Rector*

*Officiant* We believe in one God,  
*All* 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.

**The Prayers of the People**

*Intercessor* Let us pray to God, who came among us in the birth of Jesus.

¶ *After each petition:*

*People* Hear our prayer.

¶ *The Officiant adds a concluding Collect*

*Officiant* O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM *O Magnum Mysterium*

(Morten Lauridsen)

*O great mystery,  
 and wonderful sacrament,  
 that animals should see the newborn Lord,  
 lying in a manger!  
 Blessed is the virgin whose womb  
 was worthy to bear  
 the Lord, Jesus Christ.  
 Alleluia!*

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

*All* Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Dismissal

### BLESSING

¶ *The Officiant blesses the people*

*People* Amen.

### DISMISSAL

¶ *The Officiant dismisses the people*

*People* Thanks be to God.

### HYMN 100 'Joy to the world! the Lord is come'

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;  
let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods,  
rocks, hills, and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy.
3. 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.
4. He rules the world  
with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love.

## Postlude

*In Dulci Jubilo*

(Johann Seb. Bach)

# CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

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In honor of Eugenia Betts Miller  
*Kathryn & Larry Anderson*

In memory of Frank Roberts Miller  
*Kathryn & Larry Anderson*

In memory of Mitchell Link  
*Anonymous*

In memory of Judy Bray  
*Terry Bray*

In memory of the lives of Tom Burke, Dave Williams, and our beloved daughter Maggie Burke Daugherty, with grateful hearts  
*Ann & Bill Burke*

In honor of Emily, Jack, Jackson and Conger Cardwell; Sara, Andrew, and Kaydee Cardwell; and DW Cardwell  
*Hallie & David Cardwell*

In celebration of the Clemons family  
*Lamar, Anne, Reed & Betsy Clemons*

Given to the Glory of God  
*The Coney family*

In memory of Marge and John Kelley; and T9E Cooper  
*Marjann, Michael, Caroline and Catherine Cooper*

In celebration of Will Bashur  
*Marjann Cooper*

In memory of Allie Reese Macrum  
*Jeff & Lana Craig*

In memory of Tom E. Nelson, Jr., Thelma & Curtis A. Davis, Sr., and Neoma Allen  
*Rebecca & Mark Davis*

In memory of Bill Dockery  
*Sue Dockery*

In memory of Alan Erwin  
*Gay Erwin and family*

In memory of Arline Fitzpatrick, Curtis Fitzpatrick, Curt Fitzpatrick, and Leslie Finnell  
*Kay & Charles Finnell*

In memory of Joseph H. Goldberger  
*Floylee Goldberger*

In memory of loved ones  
*Diane Grant*

In honor of our children: Meredith & Mac Jones, and Lindsey & Aaron Trull; and our grandchildren: Kate and Jacob Jones, and Ava and Parks Trull  
*Jane & Don Hammond*

In memory of Virginia Hickox  
*Susan & John Harris*

In celebration of Hillside Early Childhood Center  
*Susan & John Harris*

Given to the Glory of God  
*The Hart family*

Given to the Glory of God  
*The Hasiotis family*

In memory of Moss Pieratt  
*Jan & Bobby Jenkins*

In honor of Madeline and Frances Pieratt; and Robby Jenkins  
*Jan & Bobby Jenkins*

Given to the Glory of God  
*Shawna Kelso*

Given to the Glory of God  
*Lana Macrum*

In memory of Judson Cowper Sheppard  
*Sally Sheppard Mandell*

In honor of our children and grandchildren  
*Tracey & Chris Marchbanks*

In celebration of the ministry of Kathy Pfister and Sam Hensley at The Hill  
*Tracey & Chris Marchbanks*

In memory of our parents  
*Tracey & Chris Marchbanks*

In memory of Patricia Allen McMillan  
*her family*

In memory of Tom E. Nelson, Jr.  
*Kristen & John Nelson*

In memory of Dorothy Paschal  
*David & Lee Lee Paschal*

In memory of Moss Pieratt  
*Jessica & J. Pieratt*

In celebration of the Good Shepherd Episcopal School staff  
*Madeline and Frances Pieratt*

Given to the Glory of God  
*Mary Polk & Agnes Wommack*

In memory of our parents and grandparents  
*Bitsy & Bill Rice and family*

In memory of Art Shepperd  
*The Shepperd family*

In memory of Susan Richards and Virginia Robinson  
*Channing Smith & Mary Richards*

In celebration of our daughter Alex and Good Shepherd Episcopal School and its wonderful staff  
*Meredith & Tyler Spears*

In honor of teachers, medical professionals, first responders, and those who care for our seniors  
*The Svahn family*

In memory of Jamie Goode and Catherine Umstaddt  
*Shannon & Hale Umstaddt*

In memory of Mary Jo & Tom Green; Thelma Watson; and Mike Yasick & Chris Yasick  
*Donnis, Lindsey and Reese Watson*

In honor of Karen and Bob Anderson, our parents and grandparents  
*Kelly, Joe, Reyden and Natalee Weis*

In memory of Joan Anderson  
*The Weis family*

In memory of Craig Plumhoff  
*Harvill Weller, Jr.*

In memory of Coral Brown Weller  
*Harvill Weller, Sr.*

In memory of Dorothy Fitzpatrick, William R. Fitzpatrick, and William R. Fitzpatrick, Jr.  
*Nancy & Harvill Weller*

In memory of Harvill E. Weller, Sr.  
*Harvill E. Weller, Jr.*

In memory of Sterling Wilson  
*Sharon Wilson and family*

In celebration of Leland Wolf Henson  
*Sharon Wilson and family*

Given to the Glory of God  
*The Rev. Kathy Young*