

# LESSONS & CAROLS THE HOLY EUCHARIST 10:30 A

The First Sunday After Christmas

DECEMBER 26, 2021

# WELCOME

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. We are glad that you are with us to celebrate the gift of God's love revealed in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. We invite you into the mystery of the incarnation and into the understanding of Emmanuel, God with us. It is in this awareness that we know that we are loved and that we abide in the peace that passes all understanding. Central to Christmas is a gift given to us – a gift that we recognize because we know it from deep within us. Thank you for joining us to celebrate this gift.

Whether you are returning to church after a time away or are altogether new to the faith; whether you are looking for a new church home or simply seeking a place to be quiet; please know that you are welcome here at Good Shepherd.

If you are a guest today and would like for the church to be in touch with you, we invite you to fill out a newcomer card located in the pew in front of you and by the doors to the Parish Life Center lobby.

We gather for worship on this campus on Sundays at 8:00a, 10:30a and 6:00p. At 10:30a, worshippers can select a traditional service with organ and choir in the church building or a less formal service featuring an acoustic band in the Parish Life Center.

Our second campus is Good Shepherd on the Hill at 1700 Woodland Avenue. At the Hill, you will find an intimate congregation committed to creatively engaging the community surrounding it.

Whether you worship at the Windsor campus or the Hill, our vision is to offer the experience of being fully known and fully loved in all of our ministries.

We are glad you are with us. May you know God's love, presence and peace in the year ahead.

Merry Christmas!

#### **ABOUT OUR SERVICE TODAY**

- Please don't attend if you are feeling sick
- Please wear a mask if you are not vaccinated
- At communion please intinct, or dip the bread in the wine

#### **RESTROOMS**

Public restrooms are available in the narthex and the Parish Life Center atrium.

#### **PARKING**

In addition to on-campus parking, space is available (Sunday mornings only) at Tarrytown Shopping Center across Windsor and Wells Fargo Bank one block east on Windsor. If you park on a street, please be sure that you are not parked in a fire lane or blocking a driveway.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you are new to Good Shepherd or are interested in learning more about our community, please fill out a newcomer card located in the pew racks, narthex, or Parish Life Center atrium and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or clergy person. You can also fill out a newcomer card online at gsaustin.org > connect > let's connect.

Call the parish office at **512.476.3523** if you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other needs.

# Lessons & Carols

# The Word of God

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be the God of our salvation.

*People* For the Word became flesh, and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

#### A BIDDING PRAYER

## Celebrant Dear People of God:

In this Christmas Season, it is our privilege and our delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us then hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion until the glorious redemption brought to us by the holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

Let us pray also for the needs of the world God created, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which Christ died, and especially for the Church in our country and in this city. And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude of saints which no one can number, who, though dead, placed their hope in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all.

People Amen.

#### HYMN IN PROCESSION Once in Royal David's City

- Solo 1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:

  Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
- Choir 2. He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall; with the poor, the scorned, the lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.
  - All 3. We like Mary, rest confounded that a stable should display heaven's Word, the world's creator, cradled there on Christmas day, yet this child, our Lord and brother, brought us love for one another.

- 4. For he is our lifelong pattern; daily, when on earth he grew; he was tempted, scored, rejected, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.
- 5. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love; for that child who seemed so helpless is our Lord in heaven above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.
- 6. Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing round, we shall see him; but in heaven, where his saints his throne surround: Christ, revealed to faithful eye, set at God's right hand on high.

#### Prelude

Vom Himmel Hoch da komm Ich her (Ernst Pepping)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

People Amen.

## FIRST LESSON A reading from the Book of Genesis

3: I-23

Lector Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them. Then the LORD God said, "See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Words: Traditional English

Music: Boris Ord

SECOND LESSON A reading from the prophet Isaiah

35: I-I0

Lector The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

CAROL Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Words: 18th c. English
Music: Elizabeth Poston

THIRD LESSON A reading from the prophet Isaiah

7: 10-15

Lector Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.

Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

CAROL Lo, how a Rose e'er Blooming

Words: Traditional German Music: Hugo Distler, 1933

FOURTH LESSON

Lector Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Gaudete! CAROL

Words: 16th c. Spanish

Music: 16th c. Spanish, arr. Brian Kay

FIFTH LESSON John 1: 1-18

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

CAROL Verbum Caro Factum est

Words: St. John I
Music: Will Konitzer

#### NICENE CREED

Celebrant Let us profess our faith.

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 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.

### We pray for those...

#### In need of comfort

Kelly Ferguson Sondra Ryan Milam Greg Ray Tricia Helstrom Dave Swenson Hunter Hart Pat Hoppe Jack Jennings Robert Reynolds **Bob Malouf** 

Bob Zelsman

Jaxson White Pam Bell

Larry Roy

Robin Ryan Charbeneau Stephen Ankenbauer

Gregory Neff Mary Gary Gartzke Elizabeth

George Hickox Will

Griffin Perkins Ardon Moore

Gennie Barbara Eckert

Meredith Skogman Ernie Dean Pat Jones Ann Whiting Sam Perry Mollie Shands

Julie Harrington Coleman Horton

Anne Michael **Taylor** 

Gwiazda family Tomaszewski family

Mark family Reilly family Rutland family Neff family

## The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters in the faith, God has called us into the family of the church. In the Spirit of Christ, we call out "Abba, Father," asking our creator

to hear the prayers we offer.

Lector: Let us pray for the human family: that God, who entrusted to Mary and Joseph the life of the child, Jesus, might strengthen all parents and children in the bonds of love, peace, and faith. Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: Let us pray for the household of the church: that the Creator of all life might make of the church a fruitful vine, and all those who have been reborn in the living waters of baptism might be continually nourished and refreshed at the table of Christ's body and blood. Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: Let us pray for God's holy catholic church; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Hector, Jeff and Kai, our bishops; and all who minister to this congregation; that we might all find Christ reborn in our hearts, and together show forth his meekness and poverty, Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: Let us pray for those who are sick, or suffer in any way .....: that the Consoler of the afflicted might sustain the homeless and the abandoned; protect the widow, the widower and the orphan; and comfort those who mourn. Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: We pray for those who have died, especially.... and those we name before you now.....; that that Author of life might receive these and all who have died into peace, light, and unending joy. Lord, in your mercy

*People:* Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Gracious God, may your favor and blessing rest upon the family which you

have gathered in the name of your child Jesus. Accept the prayers we offer in

his name. So may your love embrace us, now and forever.

People: Amen.

#### The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

## The Offertory

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

**Anthem** O Radiant Dawn (James MacMillan)

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

# The Great Thanksgiving EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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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....

¶ The Celebrant praises God according to the occasion

... 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:



#### Expecting the birth of a child

Kimberly Moore
Mackenzie Pinhoulster
CoCo Robertson
Georgia Jolink
Emily Spears
Cassie Graydon Lemons
Megan Burrus
Julia Davis Prickett
Kate Richter
Lori Young
Jennah Granger

#### Births

Helen Williams Paschal Lawrence Preston Flynn, Jr. Adelaide Collins Kline Wilson Huntley Hughes Jack Chapman Bauer Faith Ferguson

#### Deaths

Regina Tomaszewski Hans Mark Edward Reilly

#### Serving in the armed forces

Scott Simpson
Caleb Hayen
Shay Archer
Connor Downing
Alexandra Mauro
Michael Hart
Nico Barrangan
Joseph Turner
Davis Brown
Brandon Sharp
Jim Lively
Andrew Gray
Claten Bechtol
Zachary Pierce

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God...

¶ The Celebrant praises God according to the occasion

... 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...

¶ The Celebrant asks God's blessing on this celebration and the gathered community

...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.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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,

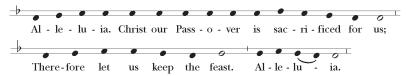
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

¶ A period of silence is kept



#### THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

**Anthem** *I Sing of a Maiden* (Music: Will Konitzer, Words: Anon., 15th c.)

I sing of a maiden that is makeless, King of all kings to her son she ches. He came all so still, where his mother was, as dew in April that falleth on the grass. He came so still to his mother's bower, as dew in April that falleth on the flower. He came so still where his mother lay, like dew that falleth on the spray. Mother and maiden was never none but she; well may such a lady God's mother be.

#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray

All 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

#### The Dismissal

#### 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.

HYMN 100 Joy to the world!

#### DISMISSAL

¶ The assisting priest dismisses the people.

People Thanks be to God.

#### ABOUT COMMUNION

All baptized Christians, including children, are welcome to receive Communion in The Episcopal Church. All worshippers are welcome to receive a blessing from a priest, during the distribution of Communion.

If you would like to know more about the Christian faith and the sacrament of Baptism, a member of the clergy would be very glad to speak with you.

Gluten-free wafers are available at the altar upon request.

If you are unable to reach the altar, please notify an usher, and Communion will be brought to you.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

# WEDNESDAY JANUARY 5

# JANUARY

#### **FEAST OF LIGHT**

Join us on Windsor for Feast of Light where we celebrate the arrival of the wise men and continue the medieval tradition of "chalking the door". Dinner is served beginning at 5:00p and the Chalking of the Door will begin at 6:30p in front of the church building. Don't forget to reserve your Chef Robert meal! For more information and to order your meal please visit: <code>gsaustin.org/event/feast-of-light/</code>

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#### **CHORAL EVENSONG**

Join us on the Windsor Campus at 6:00p for Choral Evensong, an evening prayer that has its origins in the monastic hours and is one of the treasures of the Anglican Communion. The church gathers in the evening to give thanks for the day that is ending, lifting up to God the needs and sorrows of our community and the world.



#### WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Women's Book Club is an intergenerational group that meets at 6:00p for lively conversation while discussing books through the lens of a shared spiritual journey. For more information and a list of upcoming books please visit: <code>gsaustin.org/event/womens-book-club</code>



#### WEDNESDAYS ON WINDSOR: FAITH AND ART

Please join the Rev. Terry Gleeson as he shares with us how art REflects God made manifest. This week's topic "Intro to Late Medieval Tuscan Panel Painting" begins at 6:30p in the PLC. Dinner is served beginning at 5:00p on The Common. Don't forget to register for your Chef Robert meal at gsaustin.org/event/wednesdays-on-windsor



#### **CANDLELIGHT CONCERT**

Our first Candlelight Concert of the new year on the Windsor Campus features Sa Ra Park, graduate student at Texas State University. Ms. Park will present a varied program of organ masterworks, including music of J.S. Bach. Join us for this unique candle-lit experience in our church building, Windsor Campus. Admission Free. For more information please visit: <code>gsaustin.org/event/candlelight-concert</code>

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