# The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him." Psalm 96:9



December 24, 2024 4 o'clock in the afternoon St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

# Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church!

At St. Andrew's, we believe that God's love is always expanding and calling us to love one another in new and deeper ways. The love of Christ welcomes us all to fully participate in the life and leadership of the Church, regardless of gender, identity, race, age, culture, ethnic background, sexual orientation, economic circumstances, family configuration, or difference of ability. All are truly welcome to participate in worship and we believe our community is made stronger by your unique presence as we join in prayer and communion.

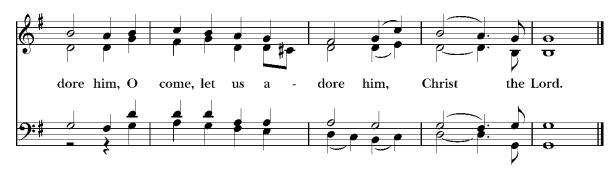
# THE WORD OF GOD

# PRELUDE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful *Please stand in body or spirit.* 

The Hymnal 1982 #83





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

#### Refrain

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.

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son

Jesus Christ: Grant 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 forever.

People Amen.

The people are seated. Our Creche will be assembled by the children during the following lessons and carols.

We remain seated and join in singing the carols. Music can be found in The Hymnal 1982.

#### The Christmas Story

During the singing of these verses, the animals except the sheep and camels are brought forward to the creche.

**CAROL** 

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The Hymnal 1982 #56

O, come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

#### The Annunciation

During the singing of this verse, Joseph and Mary are brought forward to the creche.

#### **CAROL**

# O Little Town of Bethlehem

The Hymnal 1982 #79

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and years of all the years are met in thee tonight.

#### Journey to Bethlehem and Birth of Jesus

During the singing of these verses, the baby Jesus is brought forward to the creche.

#### **CAROL**

#### O Little Town of Bethlehem

The Hymnal 1982 #79

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God inparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

# The Shepherds are Visited by an Angel

During the singing of the carol, the Angel, shepherds and sheep are brought forward to the creche.

#### **CAROL**

# Angels we Have Heard on High

The Hymnal 1982 #96

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

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheers? What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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.

#### The Magi Search for the Newborn King

During the singing of this carol, the three wise people and their camels are brought forward to the creche.

CAROL We Three Kings The Hymnal 1982 #128

We three Kings of orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;

westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;

Heaven sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies Refrain

Conclusion

CAROL Go Tell it on the Mountain The Hymnal 1982 #99

Refrain Go tell it on the mountain,

Over the hills and everywhere;

Go tell it on the mountain that, Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,

behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. Refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth

rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,

and God sent us salvation that blessed morn.

Refrain

HOMILY The Very Reverend Bridget E. Coffey

THE NICENE CREED Please stand in body or spirit.

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.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader God of Love, on this holy night, you sent your son to be born among us,

making us your children and holy, too. With prophets, shepherds and magi,

may we seek Jesus and find him in everyone we meet.

Leader God of Love:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader God of the angels whose song was "Peace on earth, goodwill to all", we pray

for the leaders of this nation, and this world. May conflicts end, divisions

cease, and justice prevail.

Leader God of Love:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader God of the shepherds who shared good news of great joy, we pray for the

Church and all who minister in it. May we be messengers of hope, inclusion

and love for your people everywhere.

Leader God of Love:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader God of the manger, you came to us a helpless baby, cradled in straw because there was no

room at the inn. We pray for those who are homeless or hungry, sick or in need,

remembering especially those who have asked for our prayers. And those we name silently

or aloud:

Silence

Leader God of Love:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader God of heaven and earth, we pray for those who have died and those who

mourn, remembering especially those we now name silently or aloud:

Silence

Leader God of Love:
People Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Son of God, child of Mary

Born in the stable at Bethlehem, Be born again in us this day

That through us the world may know The wonder of your love. Amen.

Prayers of the People for Christmas Day by Wendy Claire Barrie, concluding Collect by The Rev. Bill Tully.

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus

Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you

in eternal life. Amen.

Please stand in body or spirit.

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### **OFFERTORY**

#### In the Bleak Midwinter

The Hymnal 1982 #112



Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894). Music: Cranham, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934).

Please stand in body or spirit.

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

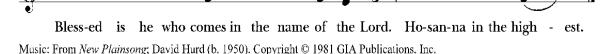
#### Then the Celebrant continues

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 the 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:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord The Hymnal 1982 #S-124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and carth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - cst.



#### Then the Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint Andrew, and 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. **AMEN.** 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

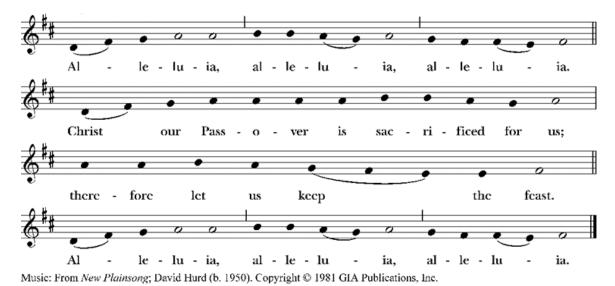
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

#### FRACTION ANTHEM

The Hymnal 1982 #S-154



The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

For those who desire to receive communion or a blessing, please come forward to the altar rail and kneel or stand.

Place one hand on top of the other outstretched to receive the bread from the Priest.

To receive from the chalice, please stay at the altar rail and the Lay Eucharistic Minister will come to you.

If you desire to receive a blessing please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest.

Please take a candle as you return by the side aisles.

We invite the congregation to join in the singing of the following hymns during the communion.



Words: Traditional carol. Music: Cradle Song, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).





6 Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord; that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

Words: English Carol, 18th cent. Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1841-1901); alt. refrain harm. and desc. Healey Willan (1880-1968). Alternative setting with descant, Copyright © 1926, by Oxford University Press, Inc.

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.





Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885). Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910).

# The Celebrant blesses the people saying

May Christ, who, by his Incarnation, gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.



#### THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of Spirit

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

#### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

GIVEN BY IN MEMORY OF

Rich & Mary Anne Preston Loved Ones

Nancy Preston Mitts Marion Weigand

Dr. and Mrs. W.T. Preston

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IN THANKSGIVING FOR

John & Mary Keener Family

Dale & Ellen Pittman For their meeting at and being married at

St. Andrew's

Carson & Joaquina Dye God's Blessings

The Rev. Bridget Coffey The Staff, Vestry & Parishioners

# Worship Leaders

Celebrant The Very Rev. Bridget E. Coffey

Preacher The Rev. Megan Allen-Miller

Parish Musician Nick Bai

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Cathy Kaminiski, Rich Preston

Readers & Intercessors Children & Youth of the Parish



Wishing you a Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year! The Staff, Vestry, and Parish of St. Andrew's

> Sunday Schedule 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 am Multi-Generational Formation 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music

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