

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2022

9:00 p.m.



Photo: Rachel Boge

*As we gather before the service begins,
we encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation.*

Please recycle your bulletin. Bins are located at the entrances.

If you wish to light a prayer candle, they are located on the right side as you enter the Sanctuary.

8:30-9:00 Prelude

Wayne Hatwich, organ | Mark Baldin, trumpet | Mike Swope, trumpet

Brass/Organ:	Lo, how a Rose (German)	<i>arr. Dale Adelman</i>
Duet:	Wexford Carol (English/Irish) <i>Mickey Swart & Timothy Borden</i>	<i>arr. Hatwich</i>
Brass/Organ:	While by my sheep (German)	<i>traditional</i>
Congregation:	While Shepherds watched their flocks	#94
Brass/Organ:	The holly & the ivy (English)	<i>Walford Davies</i>
Brass/Organ :	Ding Dong Merrily on High (French)	<i>arr. Willcocks</i>
Congregation:	What child is this?	#115
Brass/Organ:	O Tannenbaum (German)	<i>traditional</i>
Organ:	Pifa (from Messiah)	<i>G. F. Handel</i>
Congregation:	It came upon the midnight clear	#89
Organ:	Toccata a l'Offertorio	<i>Domenico Zipoli</i>

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

(stand as you are able)

The Processional

O come, all ye faithful

Hymn #83

The Opening Acclamation

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: **A**lmighty 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.
Amen.

The Collect for Christmas Eve

Celebrant: **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. *Amen.*

Blessing of the Creche

Celebrant: O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

V. The Word was made flesh

R. *And dwelt among us.*

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty God, who in the Incarnation of your Son has revealed to us the holiness of creation, be pleased to bless and hallow this image of his sacred birth, so that those who gaze upon it may behold this mystery, whereby humanity shares in your very nature; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The crèche is then censed.

Gloria:

Angels, we have heard on high

#96

THE LESSONS

The First Reading

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 9:2-7

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 forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Away in a manger

Hymn #101

The Second Reading

A Reading from the Book of Titus

Titus 2:11-14

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 Savior, 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.

Gradual Hymn

Hark! the herald angels sing

Hymn #87

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Luke 2:1-20

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(seated)

Sermon

The Rev. Diane Tomlinson

A moment of silence is observed after the sermon

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Paula our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, Joseph, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Rockford, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Nancy, Kylla, and the people of Ukraine and Rockford, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating birthdays especially, Thailer Castrey (12/20), Elizabeth Castrey (12/21), and Marilyn Freedlund (12/23), let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory

Sing, be Joyful

Louis-Claude D'Aquin

(Noël VI from "Douze Noël's Anciens" for organ)

arr. Noël Goemane

Sing, be joyful, Christ is born! He has come to save us.

Sing with us this happy morn! Gloria in excelsis!

He came down from heav'n to earth to set us free by his holy birth;

With the angels sing, to the newborn King;

Sing we Noël, Emmanuel, let us sing Noël, Noël! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Sound the trumpet, play the flute! Praise your God and Savior!

Play the harp and pluck the lute; Gloria in excelsis!

Sing and dance and shout for joy, Play the drums, and the tambourines!

With the angels sing, to the newborn King;

With the shepherds and Wise Men, our offering bring;

Emmanuel! Sing we Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

The Offertory Response

Hymn #124

vs. 5

To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night,
To God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.

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:

Celebrant: **A**nd 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 Mary and Joseph 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.*

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

Lord's Prayer

*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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn:

In the bleak mid-winter

Hymn #112

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

***E**ternal 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.*

Post-Communion Hymn:*Silent Night***Hymn #111***The congregation kneels as the individual candles are lit and the hymn is sung.***Verse 1:**

Silent night, holy night,
 all is calm, all is bright,
 round yon virgin mother and child.
 Holy infant, so tender and mild,
 sleep in heavenly peace
 sleep in heavenly peace.

Verse 2:

Silent night, holy night,
 shepherds quake at the sight,
 glories stream from heaven afar,
 heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
 Christ, the Savior, is born!
 Christ, the Savior, is born!

Verse 3:

Silent night, holy night,
 Son of God, love's pure light,
 radiant beams from thy holy face,
 with the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Blessing (†)

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one 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.*

*(standing)***Recessional Hymn***Joy to the world, the Lord is come***Hymn #100****Dismissal**

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Postlude

Noël Étranger [Noël VIII from 12 Ancient Noëls]

*Louis-Claude D'Aquin**(Noel of the Stranger)**Trumpets: Mark Baldin and Mike Swope*

Christmas flowers are given by ...

<u><i>Name</i></u>	<u><i>In Honor, Loving Memory or Thanksgiving of:</i></u>
John and Jean Frana	Bill and Elnor Geissman & John and Mabel Frana
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David Ross and Tamara Ohr Ross	Fred & Esther Ohr
Maria Mendia	Fortino & Eliboria Martinez
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Mary E. Johnson

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In Honor, Loving Memory or Thanksgiving of:

Walter & Florence Johnson & the health of Ravin and baby Georgia

Marilyn & Ward Rogers

Chloe

All of Eliot's grandparents & great grandparents

My mom, Peggy

Announcements

The Church office is closed December 26th to January 3rd.

There will be one service at 10 am January 1st.

The Rockford Chapter of the AGO will present an organ concert and carol sing on Thursday, December 29, at 7:00 p.m. in Westminster Presbyterian Church (2821 N. Bell School Road). Henry Rye, one of the chapters 2022 scholarship recipients and a student at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, will be the featured performer along with other Rockford organists. Admission is free. A freewill offering will benefit the Kay Hotchkiss Scholarship Fund.

Wine Tasting fundraiser for Shelter Care Ministries on January 6, 2023. Artale & Co. is opening its store with 24 different wines for you to sample. The event is from 5:30 - 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door, with 100% of ticket sales going to Shelter Care. Artale & Co. is located at 6876 Spring Creek Road.

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Nancy Sauer- Clerk, Jennifer Smith, Sean Cramer,
Mickey Swart, Mary G. Johnson, Stacey LaRosa,
Phil James, and Denis Anderson

Assisting in the Liturgy

9:00 p.m.

Crucifer: Tyler Hillman
Thurifer: Stacey LaRosa
Old Testament: Maryanne Theyerl
Epistle: Nick Theyerl
Prayers of the People: Sam Theyerl
Altar Guild: Mary Johnson, Gale Degner,
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