

Evening Prayer – Rite II

Christmas Eve Service – Year B

December 24, 2020

Prelude: “Pastoral Symphony” (Pifa) from Messiah *G. F. Handel*

Organist: Wayne Hatwich

“Silent Night” *Franz Gruber*

Sophia Gottlick, cello solo

Opening Hymn: “O come all ye faithful” **Hymn #83**

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;
O come, let us adore him, (x3) Christ the Lord.
2. God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin’s womb;
only-begotten Son of the Father;
O come, let us adore him, (x3) Christ the Lord.
3. Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, (x3) Christ the Lord.
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing
O come, let us adore him, (x3) Christ the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements:

Officiant: **B**lessed are you, Sovereign God, our light and our salvation, to you be glory and praise for ever. To dispel the darkness of our night you sent forth your Son, the firstborn of all creation, to be the Christ, the light of the world. Rejoicing in the mystery of the Word made flesh, we acclaim him Emmanuel, as all creation sings to you: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Silence is kept.*

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise now and for ever.

Confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Officiant 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**

The Priest alone stands and says

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.**

Psalm 96

Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

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."

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.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

Gradual Hymn:

“Go tell it on the mountain”

Hymn #99

*Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hill and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!*

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent
flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens, there shone a holy
light. **(Refrain)**
3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas
morn. **(Refrain)**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of 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.

Here ends the Lesson.

Hymn:

“Away in a Manger”

Hymn #101

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head,
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
the little Lord Jesus no crying he makes,
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Second Lesson *(Children of Emmanuel)*

Luke 2:1-14(15-20)

A Reading from Luke

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.]

Here ends the Lesson.

The Sermon

The Reverend Diane Tomlinson

"Silent Night"

Franz Gruber

Martin Anderson, viola solo

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

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

Officiant: Let us pray to God, who came among us in the birth of Jesus:

Gracious God, as a star rose, and drew people from great distances to Bethlehem that they might greet the Christ-child; Draw us, your Church, and all of your people to you – that we might be the Church and the People who you call us to be. **Hear our prayer.**

As you gave Mary your Holy Spirit, filling her with the delight of your Presence; Fill us with your Spirit, and renew our lives. **Hear our prayer.**

As Gentiles streamed to Jesus' Light, and Kings to the brightness of his rising; Draw our nation, our President, and all in authority, to His brightness. **Hear our prayer.**

As angels sang 'glorias' to you and proclaimed peace on earth, and goodwill among all peoples; Bring us your peace, and bring an end to and terror and strife. **Hear our prayer.**

As shepherds were drawn away from their flocks by night; Draw those who do not know you yet to the knowledge and love of you. **Hear our prayer.**

As Jesus was born in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn; Be especially present with those who have nowhere to lay their head, those who are vulnerable, and those who are hungry. **Hear our prayer.**

As the Holy Family gathered together in Bethlehem and traveled together to far off lands; Bless all families, especially the families of our parish, and protect those who travel. **Hear our prayer.**

As your son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins and the gift of Life Eternal; Give to the departed eternal rest and let Light perpetual shine on them. **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For those who are sick, especially Children & Families of Emmanuel, Dorothy, Ellen, Kristen, Margaret, Maryanne, Matt, Nick, Owen, Patrick, Rich, Russell & family, Sam, Scott, Sean, Tammy, baby granddaughter to Alan & Barrie and for our families, friends, and neighbors.

For those who are serving in our armed forces.

For those who have died especially Richard, Patti.

Blessing of the Creche

In the faith of Christ, and in your name, O God most holy, we hallow this crib of Christmas, to set before the eyes of your children the great love and humility of Jesus Christ your only Son; who for us, and for our salvation, came down as at this time from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary his mother, and was made man; to whom with you and the same Spirit be all honour, majesty, glory and worship, now and to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

May the grace of Christ our Saviour be with us all. **Amen.**

Celebrant:

O Lord our God, may the Light and Hope of this night/season, and of your Son's Incarnation, reassure our hearts that you are among us, that you hear our prayer, and that you will be with us always, even to the end of the age. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, we pray. **Amen.**

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.**

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen.**

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.**

Closing Hymn:

“God rest you merry”

Hymn #105

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay:
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,
to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.
Refrain:
2. From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.
Refrain:
3. “Fear not, then” said the angel, “Let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and
might.” **Refrain:**
4. Now to the Lord, sing praises, all you within this place,
and with true love and charity each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace.
Refrain:

**Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

Organ Postlude:

“All Praise to Jesus' Hallowed Name” BWV604
(Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ) from the Orgelbüchlein

J. S. Bach

Carol Singing:

Hymn

“It came upon the midnight clear”

Hymn #90

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of
gold.
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all-
gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful
wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary
world;
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering
wing,
and ever o’er its Babel-sounds the blessed angels sing.
3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered
long;
Beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years
of wrong;
And warring humankind hears not the tidings which they
bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels
sing!
4. For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time
foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors
fling,
and all the world give back the song which now the angels
sing.

Hymn

“Silent night, holy night”

Hymn #111

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

Announcements

The church remains closed for worship during mitigation. There are no in-person meetings per Bishop Lee.

Calendar of Upcoming Events!:

Christmas Eve Friday, **December 24, 6 pm**

Christmas Day 10 am

Christmas I & II 10:30

Services are broadcast on Facebook, and you do not need an account to view them.

Aspire Presents: Join us after the New Year on **Wednesday, January 6, at 7 pm**, for the fifth program in the series of “Not Your Ordinary Saints.” The program will be available via *Zoom (no masks or social distancing required)*. This is the fifth of the series that will highlight – Francis Perkins and will be presented by Millie Zimmerman and Ruth Cox. Go to www.emmanuelrockford.org or follow our Facebook page for future dates and details.

Virtual Trivia: Tuesday, January 12, get your team together to play Trivia on Zoom \$10 per person. Sign up with Diane, don't worry if you don't have team, we will find you one.

Kacie Hackett's Trivia game raised \$10,000 for Restaurant Association of Washington Relief Fund, One Fair Wage Relief Fund, World Central Kitchen, and other relief funds for individuals in the restaurant and hospitality industry who have lost their jobs. As we enter “Season 2” of the trivia game, we’re raising money for housing security for those facing uncertainty from COVID-19. A full list of organizations that we’ve donated to are listed here.

Book Club: Diane is starting a Book Club which will **meet at 7 pm Wednesday, January 13th** via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2990474775> - We will discuss Bishop Curry's book "Love is the Way"
Hope you can join us!

**Church office will be closed from
Monday, December 28 through Sunday, January 3, 2021**

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Assisting in the Liturgy

6:00 p.m. Cello Solo: Sophia Gottlick
Viola Solo: Martin Anderson

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