



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2021

4:00 PM

## VISION STATEMENT

We seek to form Beloved Community, which is welcoming and diverse,  
with Christian worship and service at the heart.

## MISSION STATEMENT

We feed people in body, mind and spirit with the love of God, in the name of Jesus,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## CORE VALUES

Beloved Community + Loving Service + Sacred Space + Spirit Filled + Sustainability



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

## ENTRANCE RITE

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty 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.

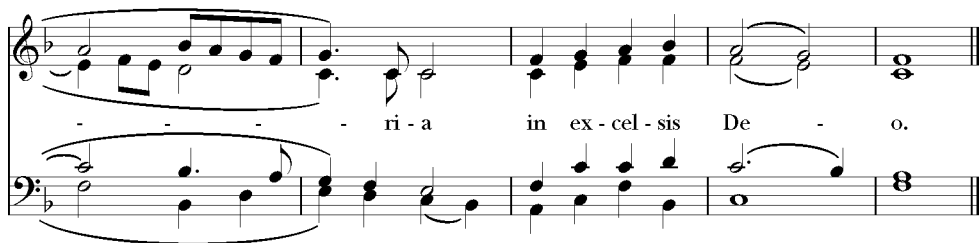
*People* **Amen.**



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.



## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*People* **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.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON *seated*

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.

*Following the reading*

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 96

Sing to God a new song; \*  
sing to God all the whole earth.

**Sing and bless God's holy Name; \***  
**proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.**

Declare God's glory among the nations, \*  
God's wonders among all peoples.

**For God is great and greatly to be praised, \***  
**more to be feared than all gods.**

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

**Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's presence! \***  
**Oh, the power and the splendor of God's sanctuary!**

Ascribe to God, you families of the peoples, \*  
ascribe to God honor and power.

**Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; \***  
**bring offerings and come into the courts of praise.**

Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness; \*  
may the whole earth stand in awe.

**Tell it out among the nations that God reigns! \***

**God has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
God 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 God, who will come, \*  
who will come to judge the earth.**

God will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with truth.

THE EPISTLE *seated*

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.

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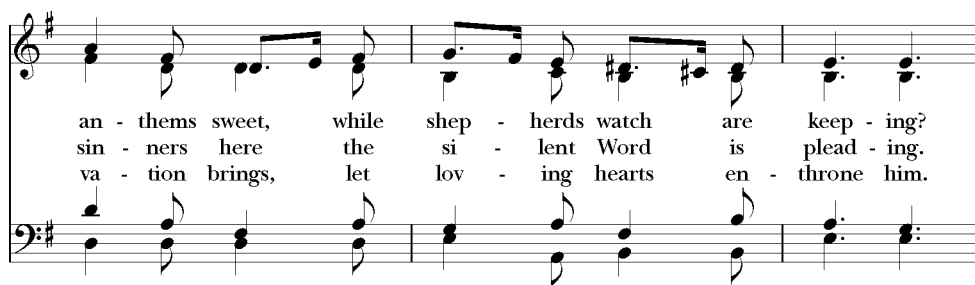
*Unison or harmony*



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,



Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -



an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds



guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to  
bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *standing*

Luke 2:1-20

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

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Britt Olson

THE NICENE CREED *said by all, standing*

**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 human.**

**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

*The Intercessor offers the petitions, and the People respond*

**Hear our prayer**

## THE CONFESSION

*The Presider says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Presider and People*

**God of all mercy,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

### THE PEACE *standing*

*Presider*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Those present celebrate the peace with a bow, hands raised in blessing, or the peace sign.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND SPECIAL PRAYERS

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
 \*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

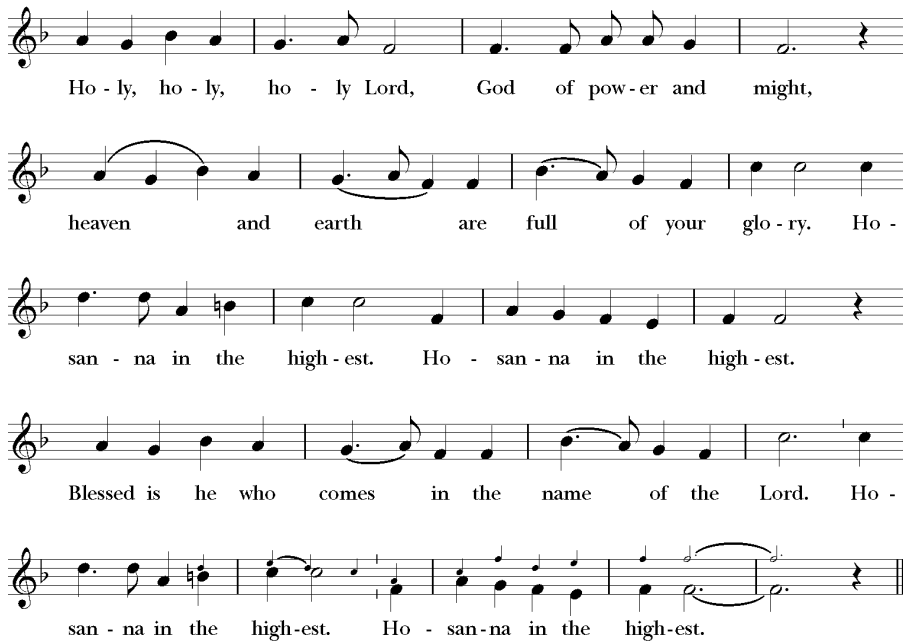
1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!



Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The prayer continues until*

*Presider* Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues until*

*Presider* 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

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray

*People and Presider*

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence may be observed.*

*Presider* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
*People* **We who are many, are one body for we all share in the  
one bread.**

## THE INVITATION AND COMMUNION

*The Presider says*

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*During communion the ushers will direct you to come forward. Sanitize your hands at the station. You may choose between wafer or pre-packaged wafer and wine. Return to your seat. Remove your mask. Consume the element(s). Replace your mask. Sanitize your hands. Place the empty receptacle in the basket by the door as you leave.*

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Mysterious God, we thank you  
for feeding us with yourself;  
and for making yourself known to us  
in the holy child Jesus, the Christ.  
Let us carry within our hearts your Holy Spirit,  
that same Spirit which was in Jesus,  
so that that we may help bring your peace to all the earth  
in Jesus' Name. Amen.**



Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
 heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

## THE BLESSING

*The Presider blesses the People.*

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!  
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

## DISMISSAL

*The Presider dismisses the People, who respond*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## Christmas Worship Schedule

**Christmas Day Eucharist** at 10am in Bennett Hall. You can bring a favorite Christmas present to show or tell about a favorite Christmas memory.

## Christmas Offering for Refugee Resettlement

Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry writes, "The Christmas stories are reminders that this Jesus came to show us how to love as God loves. And one of the ways we love as God loves is to help those who are refugees, those who seek asylum from political tyranny, poverty, famine, or other hardship.

St. Luke's 2021 Christmas offering will be directed to the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia's Refugee Resettlement Office, as they continue their important work helping refugees recently arrived in this country, including those from Afghanistan. Please consider an additional special gift for this important purpose by indicating it as "Christmas offering." You may write a check or donate online here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p86r6hc>.

## End of the Year Giving to St. Luke's and Edible Hope Kitchen

Please consider a special gift to St. Luke's and/or the Edible Hope Kitchen as this strange and difficult year comes to an end. The challenge of raising funds when folks can't be present in person has made it difficult to meet our goals for income. Your additional, generous offering will allow us to begin the year without a deficit as we plan for a brighter future. You may give online on the [website](#), by check or to Edible Hope via Facebook. Thank you so much!

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