## ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



"And the Word became flesh and lived among us."

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

December 25, 2022 ♣ 10:00 am

## THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude	Angels We Have Heard on High	arr. W. Held
Processional Hymn	Angels from the Realms of Glory	Hymnal 93
Opening Acclamation		BCP p. 323
Hymn of Praise	Angels We Have Heard on High	Hymnal 96
	verses 1 and 2	

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 160

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

The First Lesson Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Psalm Psalm 98 BCP p. 727

The Second Lesson Hebrews 1:1-12

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."

Gradual Hymn

Of The Father's Love Begotten

Hymnal 82

The Gospel

John 1:1-14

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.

Homily	The Rev. Bridget Coffey
The Nicene Creed	BCP p. 326
The Prayers of the People	BCP p. 328
The Confession and Absolution	BCP p. 331
The Peace	BCP p. 332

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory	The Coventry Carol/Away in a Manger	arr. C. Berry	
Doxology	The First Nowell	Hymnal 109	
	verse 6		
The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer I		BCP p. 333	
The Lord's Prayer		BCP p. 336	
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP p. 337	
The Communion of the People			
Communion Hymn	Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	Hymnal 324	
The Post Communion Prayer		BCP p. 339	
The Blessing			
Recessional Hymn	Joy to the World	Hymnal 100	
The Dismissal		BCP p. 340	
Postlude	O, How Joyfully! with Joy to the World	arr. C. Berry	

## SERVING TODAY

The Very Reverend Bridget Coffey

Celebrant & Preacher

Rachel Schultz Musician

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