

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven. give you his peace and favor.

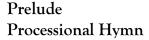
The Nativity of our

Lord Jesus Christ

December 24, 2022 11:00 pm

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

★ THE WORD OF GOD ★



Episode on "Veni Emmanuel" O Come All Ye Faithful Please stand as you are able

Smith The Hymnal 1982 #83

1 Ocome, all ye faith - ful, joy ful and tri - um - phant, O 2 God from. God,-Light from Light e - ter - nal,-Sing, 3 of ex - ul - ta - tion,_ choirs an - gels, sing in shep-herds, *4 See how the sum - moned to his cra - dle,_ *5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man-ger, ev heart him and ceive her King; let erv pre - pare room, rocks, hills songs em ploy, while fields and floods, and plains, re -fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far right - eous glo his na - tions prove the ries of _ ness, and ດ:: and heaven and na ture sing, heaven and na ture _ peat the sound - ing peat the sound - ing re joy, as the curse is found, far as the curse is won - ders \mathbf{of} his love, and won - ders \mathbf{of} his): D dore him, O come, let a dore him, Christ the Lord. us **೧**:: 6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given;

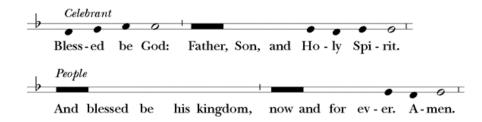
Word of the Father,

now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

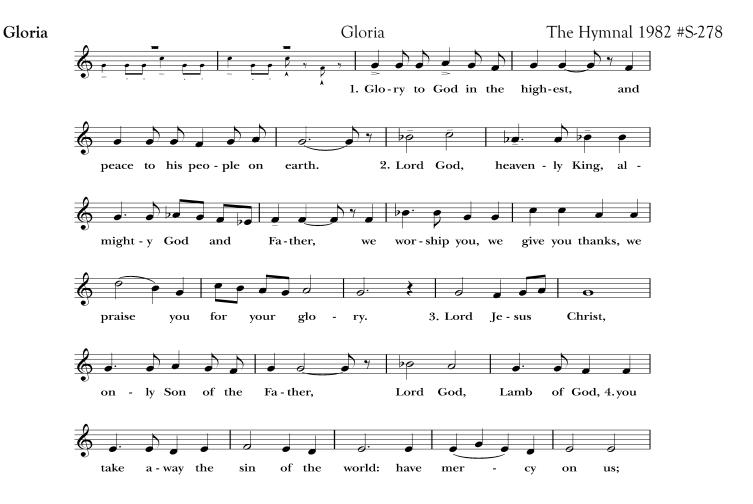
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Opening Acclamation



Collect for Purity (chanted)

Celebrant 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.





Collect of the Day (chanted)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 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."
- 11 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.

Psalm 96

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy

before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.

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

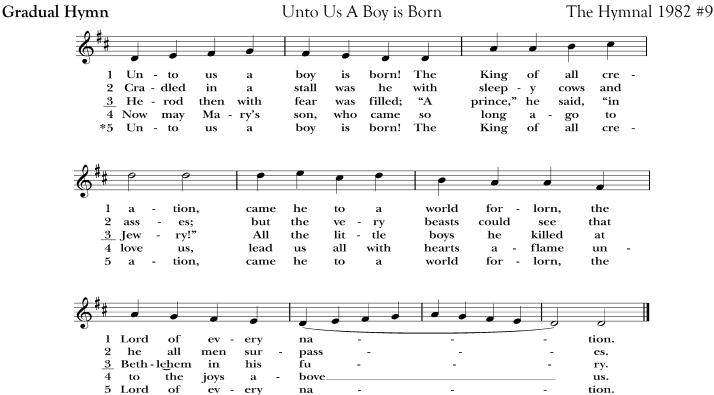
The Second Lesson

A reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus. Reader

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. Reader

Thanks be to God. People



Words: Latin carol, 15th cent., tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), alt. Music: Puer nobis nascitur, melody from Piae Cantiones, 1582; harm. Geoffrey Turton Shaw (1879-1943)

Titus 2:11-14

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The Gospel

Celebrant 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. 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.

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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: The Very Reverend Bridget E. Coffey

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 People	Come let us adore Christ, the Lord. Let us pray, Glorious Lord, Grant us your peace.	
Leader	Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: make joyful our hearts. Strengthen your Church with humility and faith that we might triumph over the power of evil. Glorious Lord,	
People	Grant us your peace.	
Leader	Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you abhor neither the simple nor the lowly. Shine your light on all the world that the nations may look upon your truth and find their salvation. Glorious Lord,	
People	Grant us your peace.	
Leader	Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: may all of creation burst forth in songs of praise. May all he works of your hand glorify you. Glorious Lord,	
People	Grant us your peace.	
Leader	Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: summon the people of the city to yourself. May all of the distractions and heartache of our lives fade away in the joy of your presence Glorious Lord,	
People	Grant us your peace.	
Leader	Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you love us so dearly. Grant that your healing grace to sinners, to the poor, to those in need of love. Open your arms to the sick and the lonely. Glorious Lord,	

People Grant us your peace.

Leader Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: all glory be given to you. You blessed our earthly bodies with your birth; and you promise to raise us to new life your death and resurrection. Glorious Lord,

People Grant us your peace. Amen.

Celebrant

Loving and gracious Creator, from the beginning you have brightened our darkness with the light of your life: Let your vindication shine out like the dawn, and your salvation like a burning torch, that your Word made flesh may bring grace upon grace to all the earth, in the power of your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

Confession of Sin

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.*

The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

✤ THE HOLY COMMUNION ✤

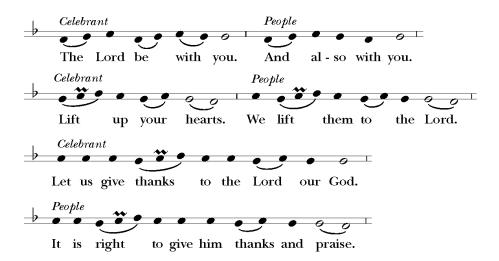
Offertory

What Child is This?

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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.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B



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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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 of 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 bead 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 Spirt all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

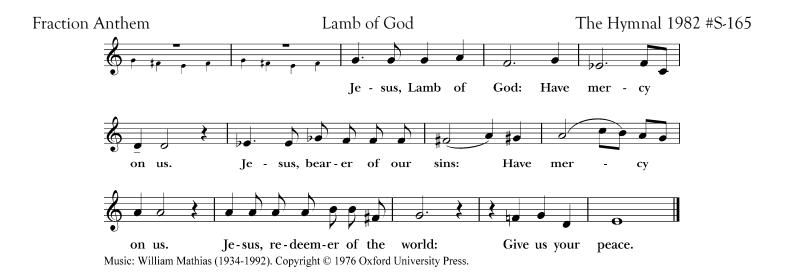
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

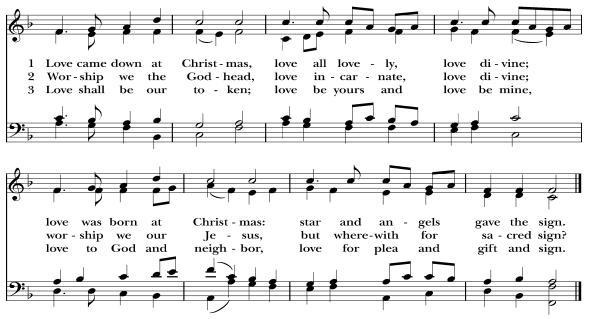
For those who desire to receive communion or a blessing, please come forward to the altar rail and kneel or stand. Place one hand on top of the other outstretched to receive the bread from the Celebrant. To receive from the chalice, please stay at the altar rail and the Lay Eucharistic Minister will come to you. There are small bowls of wine for intinction next to the pulpit and lectern as you return to your pews. Those who do not wish to receive communion are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Please return by the side aisles picking up a candle from the basket as you make your way to sit.

Communion Hymns

Love Came Down at Christmas

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After Communion the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with the 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.



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)

Christmas Blessing

Celebrant	May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.
People	Amen.
Celebrant	May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.
People	Amen.
Celebrant	May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.
People	Amen.
Celebrant	And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
People	Amen.



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

CelebrantAlleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

PostludePostlude on a Christmas CarolWilson

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Given by	In memory of
Rich & Mary Anne Preston	Loved Ones
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Worship Leaders The Very Reverend Bridget E. Coffey Celebrant & Preacher

> Heidi F. Clausius Musician

Sallye Miyara Eucharistic Minister

Rich Preston Reader & Intercessor



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

> St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Sunday Services & Formation
> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
> 9:00 am Multi-Generational Formation
> 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

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