

# CHRIST & GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Nativity of our Lord  
December 24, 2017

## 8:30 P.M. A PRELUDE OF MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS

*Personet Hodie*

from *Piae Cantiones*, arr. Gustav Holst

*Noel 1*

Marcel Tournier

*Ave Maria*

Franz Schubert

*Pavane on Coventry Carol*

arr. Matthew Little

*Ding Dong Merrily on High*

French carol , arr. Charles Wood

*Noel 2*

Marcel Tournier

*I wonder as I wander*

Appalachian carol, arr. John Jacob Niles

*Noel 3*

Marcel Tournier

*Sussex Carol*

English carol, arr. David Willcocks

*Angelus*

Henriette Renie

The Choir of Christ and Grace

Laraine Smith, Soprano

Matthew Little, Clarinet

Elizabeth Dechent, Harp

**9:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**HYMN 83** *O come all ye faithful*

Adeste fideles, arr. Willcocks

**Opening Acclamation** *standing*

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

**Hymn 96** *Angels we have heard on high*

Gloria

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

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.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7**

*sitting*

*see scripture insert*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 96** (sung by choir)

**HYMN 107** *Good Christian friends rejoice*

In dulci jubilo

**Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14**

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN 79** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (stanzas 1 - 3)  
(stanzas 4 - 5 follow the Gospel Reading)

St. Louis

**Gospel:** *standing*

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Luke 2:1-20**

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** following, *a moment of silence is observed*

Bill Queen

**The Nicene Creed**      standing (p. 358)

**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 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 Form III**      *standing or kneeling* (p. 387)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. I invite you to offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.  
*(pause)*

Let us pray together our prayer for Christ & Grace's Rector Search;  
**Dear Lord, Surround us with your abundant love. Unite us as a parish during our journey together and encourage every voice to be heard at this time of transition. Grant us patience and wisdom to discern your will for our church. Strengthen our hearts and minds in our search for our new rector. All this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

**The Peace**      *standing*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

## Greeting and Announcements

### Offertory Sentence

### The Holy Communion

**The Offertory Anthem:** *O holy night*

Adolphe Adam, arr. John Rutter

**At the Presentation Hymn 115** *What child is this* (verse 3)

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A** *standing*

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord** (Hymnal S-129)

Powell

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Standing or kneeling*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

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**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**

**Fraction Hymn S-154 Alleluia**

New Plainsong

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized persons, regardless of denomination or church membership, are welcome to come forward and receive the Holy Bread and Wine. A larger chalice for drinking or a small chalice for intincting (dipping) are available at the altar rail. If you wish to intinct, please hold your wafer up so chalice bearers can see it. If you would like Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.*

### **Communion Music:**

**Hymn 81** *Lo, how a rose e'er blooming*

Es ist ein Ros

**Hymn 82** *Of the Father's love begotten*

Divinum mysterium

**Hymn 112** *In the bleak mid-winter*

Cranham

**Hymn 101** *Away in a manger*

Cradle Song

**Kneeling Hymn 111** *Silent Night*

Stille Nacht, Descant Gerre Hancock

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**     *standing or kneeling*

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Let us pray.

**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 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.**

**The Blessing**

**Hymn 87** *Hark! the herald angels sing*

Mendelssohn, arr. Willcocks

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude** *In dulci jubilo*

J S Bach

Lay Readers: Nancy Rawlings, Claire Brill, Jim Hunter, Bill Miller

Acolytes: Paige Whitley, Moses Musazi, Meade Hall, Samuel Gates, Faith Geisz and Perusi Musazi

Ushers: Marwee Walsh, Andy Gates     Audio: Jim Donnelly

Bill Queen, Interim Rector

Claire R. Brill, Lay Assistant

**Jackson Feild Home and Boys' Home** will receive the loose plate offerings from the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

**Tomorrow, Christmas Day**, Holy Communion Rite II with Carols at 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, December 31**, 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10:30 a.m. Christmas Lessons and Carols.

**Sunday School** for will resume on Sunday, January 7, at 9:30 a.m.

**The Church Office** will be closed, Monday, December 25, through Monday, January 1. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Bill (301-0927) or Claire (478-4027).

**To all our members and visitors, may you have a beautiful Christmas and a New Year filled with God's blessings.**

The poinsettias that decorate the church this 2017 Christmas season are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

**Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Talmage and Mr. & Mrs. J. Doyle Nugent, and William Hunter Banty** by the Talmage family.

**Joe L. Jones** by Valerie L. Jones and family.

**Pidgy Betts** by her family.

**Catherine Taylor** by the 10 O'clock Circle.

**Carolyn B. Ross** by Gene, Jeff, Beth, Conner, Troy and Pam Ross.

**Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Beville, Jr. and Charlotte Beville Hale** by William G. Beville.

**Alice Wright Wallace** by Mary and Dean Hutson.

**Kathie Elder** by her family.

**J.T. Morriss, V** by his little angels.

**Mrs. Elizabeth F. James** by Ken & Debbie Newman.

**Chika Eze** by Chinelo Joy Osogu.

**Jean Gerard Smith** by Nancy W. Rawlings.

**Mary Spain and William Edward Wells** by their daughter Barbara Wells Bristow and her family.

**Mr. & Mrs. C.E. Gill & the Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Boston Lackey** by their family.

**Ellsworth Spain** by Kay Spain and family.

**Bob Howard and Mr. & Mrs. Phil Roper** by their family.

**Dr. and Mrs. William M. Turner and William M. Turner, Jr.** by their family.

**William Norvel Walsh, Jr.** by his family.

**Frank and Mildred Petet** by Nancy Furr.

**Nick Riggs and Mac & Iris McClurg** by Ann Riggs.

**Our parents Mr. & Mrs. J. Lee Thacker, Sr., and Thomas Munt, III, and Katherine Munt Tompkins** by Carolyn & Jimmy Thacker.

**Her husband, parents, and sister** by Margaret Dacey.

**Thomas Preston Trigg Roper, Sr., Emma Thompson Roper and Thomas Preston Trigg Roper, Jr.** by their family.

**Boots & Bob Holden and Vivian and Clayton Kniffin** by the Holden children.

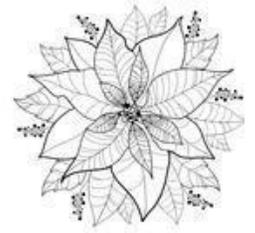
**Mr. & Mrs. Garland Brockwell** by John, Teresa & Caitlin Brockwell.

**Harold R. & Mabel C. Minetree** from Laraine & Harry Smith.

**Our Loved Ones** from the Gates Family.

In honor of:

**Laraine Minetree Smith** by a friend.



The altar flowers were arranged by Kay Wray, Suzanne Wright and Karen Becker.