



Serving All for the Glory of God

CHRISTMAS DAY

I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. Luke 2.10–11



December 25, 2024; 10:00 AM

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Liturgy: Book of Common Prayer

Hymns and Sung Responses: Common Praise

The Reverend Bonnie Luft, Incumbent Priest

The Reverend Rob Petkau, Associate Priest

Welcome, friend! We are glad you chose to worship with us today. To learn more about our faith community, please fill out the card in the pew and join us for coffee following the service.

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude: In Dulci Jubilo BuxWV 197 by Dietrich Buxtehude

PROCESSIONAL: 123, “Once in Royal David’s City”

The Lord’s Prayer 67 *ff*

The Collect for Purity

The Two Great Commandments

The Collect for the King..... 70

The Collect of the Day.....104

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10 Karen P.

⁷ 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.” ⁸ 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. ⁹ Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰ 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.

Reader. Here ends the First Lesson. **People.** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 455-456

Refrain: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4 Karen P.

¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² 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. ³ 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, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Reader. Here ends the Epistle. **People.** Thanks be to God.

Gradual: 138, “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14 The Rev. Rob Petkau

Gospeller. The Holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke beginning at the first verse.

Then shall the people sing or say: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 Saviour, 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 favours!"

Gospeller. This is the Gospel of Christ.

People. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed 71 ff

THE SERMON The Rev. Bonnie Luft

Silence for quiet meditation may follow.

Offertory Sentence for Christmas 73

Offertory: 117, "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Prayer over the Gifts 74

The Prayers of the People / The INTERCESSION 75 ff

Confession and Absolution

Comfortable Words / Sharing the Peace

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Thanksgiving and Consecration 78 ff

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (Sanctus) sung response 735

Proper Preface

Prayer of Humble Access

At the breaking of the Bread

“Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)” sung response 685

RECEIVING COMMUNION

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are gluten intolerant, you may request a rice wafer from the priest administering the bread.

Communion Music: 131, “Love Came Down at Christmas”

The Lord’s Prayer 85 *ff*

Prayer after Communion

Gloria 86

THE BLESSING

“Amen” sung response 721

Recessional: 153 “Good Christians All, Rejoice”

DISMISSAL **Deacon.** Go forth in the name of Christ. **People** Thanks be to God.

Postlude: In Dulci Jubilo by Johann Michael Bach

Flowers are given by Rev. Bonnie to the Glory of God in memory of her husband Lawrence for 50 years of faithful marriage. God be praised!

Assisting Today

Music Director: Patricia Yuen Sparrow; Pianist: George Langley; Adminstrant: Karen Petkau; Reader: Karen Petkau; Intercessor: Clergy; Sound Tech: Peter Leigh; Chancel Guild: Marilyn Shaw & Sudsy Paget. Sidesperson: Hal Anderson; Warden on Duty: Hal Anderson.

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WELCOME

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