ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
December 25, 2018          10:30 AM
The celebrant and preacher today is the Rev. Carl Beasley.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

VOLUNTARY

Portraits of Christmas        arr. Penny Rodriguez

PROCESSIONAL HYMN  83  O come, all ye faithful        Adeste fideles

1.  O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye,
   O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him, born the King of angels
   
   Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
   O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2.  God from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! He abhors not the Virgin’s
    womb; only begotten Son of the Father; (refrain)

3.  Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven
    above: glory to God, glory in the highest: (refrain)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people standing, the Officiant says

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

People          And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen

The Officiant then continues

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.

GLORY TO GOD  Angels we have heard on high        Gloria

1.  Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
    and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
    
    Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2.  See Him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above:
    Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.  Refrain

Officiant          The Lord be with you.
People          And also with you.
Officiant          Let us pray.
COLLECT OF THE DAY
O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A READING FROM 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 trampling 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.

PSALM 96 (spoken in unison) Cantate Domino

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.
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

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."

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

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

A READING FROM 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 79 O little town of Bethlehem  
St. Louis

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent starts go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

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.

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

THE SERMON  

A quiet time for reflection follows the 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:  
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

Celebrant  As we join the angels and celebrate with joy the birth of the Son of God,  
let us offer prayers to God who gives new birth to sons and daughters in  
every place.

Intercessor  By the birth of the Jesus in the womb of the Virgin Mary, we pray.  
People  Lord, hear our prayer!

Intercessor  For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God.  
People  Lord, hear our prayer!

Intercessor  For the leaders of the nations and all in authority.  
People  Lord, hear our prayer!  
Intercessor  For our armed forces, our enemies, and a return to peace.  
People  Lord, hear our prayer!

Intercessor  For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the  
oppressed, for those in prison.  
People  Lord, hear our prayer!
Intercessor  For all who are separated from their loved ones by illness, distance, work, or alienation this Christmas Festival.
People  Lord, hear our prayer!

Intercessor  For the dying and the dead.
People  Lord, hear our prayer!

Intercessor  For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.
People  Lord, hear our prayer!

Intercessor  Remembering Mary, Joseph, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.
People  O come, let us adore him!

Celebrant  Source of light and gladness, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow in Jesus Christ who unites our lives to yours and who is Lord for all eternity. Glory to God in the highest. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN
The Officiant says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister 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.

A Priest, stands and says
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 is then exchanged
Officiant  The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People  And also with you.
OFFERTORY SOLO
The Jesus Gift
Gilbert M. Martin
Dan Bishop, soloist
Shall I gather emeralds, shall I bring him gold?
Shall I shower diamonds, white hard, bright cold?
Shall I spangle jewels like stars above?
Give him laughter, bring peace filled laughter
Offer him warm laughter, and love

Simplest of gifts, gentlest of hearts; Kindness he'll use as he leads.
So, give him these gifts, hand him your hearts, honor his birth and you'll need no,

Emeralds nor rubies, silver nor gold; Neither bright diamonds, white hard, bright cold.
Spangle not rich jewels like stars above;
You'll have laughter sweet peace filled laughter,
Simple warm laughter and love.

OFFERTORY HYMN 87
Hark! the herald angels sing
Mendelssohn

1. Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
   Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
   Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
   With the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
   Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
   Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb.
   Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
   Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
   Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

The Eucharistic Gifts are brought forward.
The people remain standing. The Celebrant says
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 God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds
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:

Celebrant and People sing

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.

The people stand or kneel.

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 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 bread 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 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 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,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,**

*thou 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**FRACTION ANTHEM**

*Hymnal, S-155*

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

_Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation_

**The Gifts of God for the People of God.**

**COMMUNION SOLO I Wonder as I Wander**  
*Appalachian Carol arr. by John Jacob Niles*

**Dan Bishop – Soloist**

*I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,*

*How Jesus the Savior did come for to die,*

*For poor on’ry people like you and like I.*

*I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.*

*When Mary birthed Jesus, ‘twas in a cow’s stall,*

*With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.*

*But high from God’s heaven a star’s light did fall.*

*And the promise of ages it then did recall.*

*If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing.*

*A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing.*

*Or all of God’s angels in heav’n for to sing.*

*He surely could have it, ‘cause he was the King.*
COMMUNION HYMN 115  What Child is this, who laid to rest  Greensleeves

1.  What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
   Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?  
   [Refrain]  This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
            Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!

2.  Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding?  
   Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. [Refrain]

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. [Refrain]

Celebrant  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 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

RECESSIONAL HYMN 100  Joy to the World! The Lord is come  Antioch

1.  Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
    Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
    And heaven and nature sing, and heave, and heaven and nature sing.

2.  Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,  
    While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,  
    Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3.  He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
    The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
    And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love

Celebrant  Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People  Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY  Chorale Prelude on Adeste fideles  Sigvart A. Hofland

Thanks to Robert Strusinski, organist and to Dan Bishop, soloist,  
for the beautiful music that they have shared with us.
The special music enhancing our worship and the flowers adorning our altar this Christmas Season are given to the Glory of God in Memory and Thanksgiving

In thanksgiving for the coming of the Christ consciousness into the World by Frank Asterita

In memory of Evelyn Bozek, Wanda Figueredo, Lester Hindle, James Lipscomb, Jr., and Stephen Bozek by Allen Bozek

In memory of our dear family and friends no longer with us by Drs. Christopher G. Rudman and Blaine Branchik

In steadfast memory of Jeffrey R. Smith, my beloved nephew by S.J. (Skip) Schlafer

In thanksgiving for the Eker Family; Damian, Amy, Gabriel, Samantha, Alexander, Julianna, Dylan, Marliah and Lucas; and in memory of Robert B., Helen F. and Elizabeth A. Titterton by Susan King

In memory of Joseph and Dorothy Wright, Mary McHugh Markey by Gene and Sharon Markey

In thanksgiving for Kayla, Ray III and Megan; and in memory of James Stephen Price, Donn Michael Price, Jane and Otto Schneider, Stephen Wincko, Rosalie Klimek, Raymond Wincko, Sr., the Rev. Bruce T. Powell by the Price-Wincko Family

In memory of Uncle Frank J. Beasley and Father Dave Jenkins by Carl H. Beasley

In memory of John Hofmann by Jay Bowen

In memory of Balcerak and Connor Families by Al and Pam Balcerak

In thanksgiving for continuing health and love for all of my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and in loving memory of Ted Strennen by Lou Strennen

In memory of Siennie Budiman, Robby Budiman, Freddie Budiman, Cu Kim Moi, Tjee Ton Cien, Thio Mon Tok, Hartono Putra Handojo; and in thanksgiving for Rosilawaty Marti, Lois Cohen, Ellie and Sol Bleiweiss; and others, by Ron Handojo
In memory of John and Gloria Foerster by Dave Foerster

In memory of Jim Cooper and Peyton Hopkins by Bob Daugherty

In thanksgiving for my loving families (my relatives and my church family); and in loving memory of Harold & Rita Lee; Chris Lee, Nick Lee, Chuck Ebert, Jimmy Cooper, Peyton Hopkins, Steve Maschke, Steven Schottler and Robert Willey by Michael Lee

In loving memory of Robert Castle by Chuck Zilly

In thanksgiving for Jeanann and Pete with love from their crew

In loving memory of our parents, Eugene and Marjorie Van Ness and Gerard and Helen Michels by Joan Van Ness and Lorraine Michels

In memory of Evelyn, Randolph, and Randy Vaughan, Florence and Gail Sherman by Rick Vaughan and Walter Sherman

In memory of Marie and Jerry Bielawski, Marion and William Emert, and Mary and Amos Glass by Jon P. Templin and David D. Emert

In thanksgiving for Stephanie, Andy, Kelsey Ann, Jena, Joey, Stacy, Jaime, Gavyn and Rob; and in memory of Bob and Sue Collins, Dr. Robert Field, Ruth Field and Meriata Dunn Field by Bob and Jennifer Field

In loving memory of K. Patterson Ross on his 59th Christmas Day birthday by Kerry, Sean and Will Ross, Mackenzie, Chris, Violet and Sally Spencer

In thanksgiving for family and friends, and in memory of family and friends by Ron Lett and George Moreno

In memory of all those that I have loved by Edward Sciarretti

In memory EM and Gertrude Culbreth, Robert Nolen by Martin Culbreth