ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
December 25, 2019         10:30 AM
The celebrant and preacher today is the Rev. Carl H. Beasley.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

VOLUNTARY    Chorale Prelude ~ Vom Himmel hoch    Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN  83    O come, all ye faithful

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

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.
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 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.

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.
PSALM 96  (continued)

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.
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.

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.

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

THE SERMON  THE REV. CARL H. BEASLEY

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.

CONFESSSION 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 Wexford Carol   traditional Irish Carol arr. Mark Sedio   
Dan Bishop, soloist

Good people all, this Christmastime, Consider well and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done, In sending his beloved Son.
With Mary holy we should pray To God with love this Christmas Day:
in Bethlehem upon that morn, There was a blessed Messiah born.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep:
To whom God’s angels did appear, Which put the shepherds in great fear.
"Prepare and go," the angels said, "To Bethlehem, be not afraid:
For there you’ll find, this happy morn, a princely Babe, sweet Jesus born."

With thankful heart and joyful mind The shepherds went the babe to find,
And as God’s angels had foretold, they did our Savior Christ behold.
Within a manger he was laid, And by his side the Virgin maid.
Attending on the Lord of life, Who came on earth to end all strife:
Who came on earth that Christmas night.

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, 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

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

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    Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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What our good God for us has done, In sending his beloved Son.
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Within a manger he was laid, And by his side the Virgin maid.
Attending on the Lord of life, Who came on earth to end all strife:
Who came on earth that Christmas night.
COMMUNION HYMN 115       What Child is this, who laid to rest  

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  

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      Fugue ~ Vom Himmel hoch  

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)  

Thanks to Dan Bishop, soloist,  
for the beautiful music that he has 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 presence of Jesus Christ in the World by Frank Asterita

In memory of Juanita Helie by Jack Gillis

In memory of Jim Cooper and Peyton Hopkins by Bob Daugherty

In memory of our dearly missed family and friends by Drs. Christopher G. Rudman and Blaine Branchik

In thanksgiving for flourishing ministries and countless All Saints ministers by S.J. (Skip) Schlafer

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

In memory of family members by Father Carl H. Beasley

In memory of the Rev. L. Denver Hart by Betty Bahlke

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

In memory of Siennie Budiman, Robby Budiman, Freddie Budiman, Cu Kim Moi, Tjee Ton Cien, Thio Mon Tok, Hartono Putra Handoyo; 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 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 my husband, Robert Castle by Chuck Zilly

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

In loving memory of K. Pat Ross on what would be his 60th Christmas Day birthday by Kerry Ross and Family

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

In memory of Jerry Oshinski by Terry Colli

In memory of the Rev. G. Michael McIntyre, my late partner, by Barry Moss

In memory of Weir and Pauline Finlayson, Roger Zenobi, Grey Woods; and in thanksgiving for Don Finlayson by Carol Ann Finlayson
In memory of John and Vivian Benedict, and Emily Benedict by Harry Benedict

In thanksgiving for Norm Geil and Steven Price by Mowry Spence and John Newton

In thanksgiving for All Saints; and in memory of Sara Zevallos by Zule Mesa-Zevallos

In thanksgiving for Mike Patterson, Colin Donnelly, Jon Owens, and my All Saints Family; and in memory of Brian Cirigliano, Robert W. Adams, Reverend Jean French Russo, MDiv- “Mom”, Mayor Charles McElyea, and Reverend Grant Ford by Bob Adams

In thanksgiving for the blessing of the life of Patti Huffman by Bob Sheavly and George Huffman

In memory of Hayden Lindblade, Don and Grace Currie, Robert Lindblade, Durwood Rollins, Janis and Mike Fulp, and Joe Klemp; and in thanksgiving for Millie Kemp by Dan, Sharon and Allie Lindblade

In thanksgiving for all of my blessings and for helping me find my All Saints Episcopal by Elaine Grossman

In memory of Jennifer Daly and Maureen Kelman by Denise Restaino

In memory of Evelyn Bozek, Wanda Figuerido, Lester Hindle, James Lipscomb, Jr. and June Delorme
   By Allen Bozek

In memory of Frank Phillips Jr. (2nd Christmas in eternity. Always loved and missed) by Allen Samuelson

In thanksgiving for John S., and Markus Angel Navedo, my friend; and in memory of Mike, Clark and Gerry Mahannah by John Mahannah

In memory of Alvin Beam, Richard Peterson, and Jeff Thompson by Frank Crawford

In memory of Josephine Vowell Humphreys by Fred Humphreys

In memory of Robert E. Lewis, Jr and Helen P. Lewis; and in thanksgiving for my life and good health
   By S. Jones

In memory of Jim Cooper & Dorothy Green; and in thanksgiving for Cynthia Cone by Carol Anders

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

In memory of my parents, Agnes and Clarence Powers, my sister Helen Mason, and my aunt, Lois Brooks
   By Father Clark Powers

In memory of Chuck Ebert, Les and Jeannette Hemphill by Jim Hemphill

In memory of Theresa and Harold Byers, Brevard, NC, by Judith Morris Jones

In memory of James Stephen Price, Donn Michael Price, Janet and Otto Schneider, Rosalie Klimek, Raymond Wincko, Sr., Stephen Wincko, and the Rev. Bruce T. Powell by the Price-Wincko Family