Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist
and
Nativity Story
December 24, 2019

4:00 PM
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. 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.

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 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.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF 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 96:1-9 (spoken in unison)
Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the L ORD a new song; *
   sing to the L ORD, all the whole earth.
2 Sing to the L ORD 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 L ORD 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 L ORD 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 L ORD, you families of the peoples; *
   ascribe to the L ORD honor and power.
8 Ascribe to the L ORD the honor due his Name; *
   bring offerings and come into his courts.
9 Worship the L ORD in the beauty of holiness; *
   let the whole earth tremble before him.
THE NATIVITY STORY

**Narrator**  And it came to pass, in those days, that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus stating that a census should be taken of the entire Roman World and that all should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment when Quirinius was governor of Syria and everyone was required to return to his own city to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee traveling with Mary to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David. Because Joseph was of that house and lineage it was there that he was required to register. The town, being full, had no inns with rooms.

Though there was one with a stable. And while they were there, the time came for the baby to be born and Mary gave birth to her firstborn, a son. Because there was no room for them in the inn, she wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger.

**HYMN**  

**O little town of Bethlehem**  

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
   Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars 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 men on earth.

3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
   So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
   No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
   Where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.

**Narrator**  And there were, in the fields nearby, shepherds abiding there and keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo, an angel of the Lord appeared to them and the Glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good tidings, news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in Bethlehem, the town of David, a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord and this will be a sign to you. You will find the baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and singing…

**HYMN**  

**Go tell it on the mountain**  

**Refrain**  Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
   go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!  

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
   behold, through-out the heavens there shone a holy light.

**Refrain**  Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
   go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

2. The shepherds feared and trembled when lo above the earth  
   rang out the angels chorus that hailed our Saviors birth.

**Refrain**  Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
   go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
   and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

**Refrain**  Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
   go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!
Narrator When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the angel of the Lord has told us about. And they hurried off and found Mary, Joseph and the baby, lying in the manger. When they had seen him they hastened to spread the word about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told to them. The shepherds returned to their fields glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, just as the angel had said to them.

HYMN

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 is such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
   Good Christian fear; for sinners here the silent word is pleading.
   *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

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* This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
   haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary

HOMILY

The Rev. Leslie J. Hague

The people stand.

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.**

The Peace is then exchanged
**Officant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.
**People** And also with you.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B**

**OFFERTORY SOLO**

**O Holy Night (Cantique de Noël)**

Jane Andersen, Soloist

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)
text: Placide Cappeau (1808–1877)

O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining It is the night of the dear Savior’s birth!
Long lay the world in sin and error pining till he appear’d and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees, oh hear the angel voices
Oh night divine, Oh night when Christ was born
Oh night divine, Oh night divine.

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here come the wise men from Orient land
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger in all our trials born to be our friend
Truly He taught us to love one another, His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother. And in His name all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, Let all within us praise His holy name

**OFFERTORY HYMN 87**

Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

(Please stand)

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 heralds angels sing glory to the newborn King!

2. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
   born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
   Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
   Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
   Hark! The heralds angels sing glory to the newborn King!
The Eucharistic Gifts are brought forward
The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or 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 the 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

Sanctus

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 as they so choose.

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.
THE LORD’S PRAYER
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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. Then may be said, or sung

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

Hymnal, S-155

The Celebrant says the following Invitation
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION SOLO
Sure on this Shining Night, Op. 13, No. 3
Jane Andersen, Soprano
Samuel Barber (1910-1981)
text: James Agee (1909-1955)

Sure on this shining night of star made shadows round,
Kindness must watch for me this side the ground.
The late year lies down the north. All is healed, all is health.
High summer holds the earth. Hearts all whole.
Sure on this shining night I weep for wonder wand’ring far alone
Of shadows on the stars.

COMMUNION HYMN 111
Silent night, holy night!  
Stille Nacht
(Please kneel and join in singing Silent Night)

1. Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the savior, is born! Christ the savior, is born!

3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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
Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
or thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.

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

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words
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)
HEALING PRAYERS will be included at the conclusion of the Wednesday, Christmas Day Holy Eucharist. The service will begin at 10:30 am. tomorrow, December 25th.

VESPERS (EVENING PRAYERS—RITE I) AT ALL SAINTS
Every Thursday Evening at 6:30 p.m. in St. Luke’s Chapel
Vespers is a wonderful and deeply spiritual liturgy of prayer which is the penultimate of the ancient daily Christian “Prayer Hours.” Vespers offers us an opportunity for thanksgiving for the good in the day, to let go of the stresses of work and life; and to turn all things earthly, over to God near the end of the day.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26
This week is the commemoration of St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS

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The All Saints Office will be closed: Wednesday, Dec. 25
Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec. 31 & Jan. 1
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KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ALL SAINTS
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The special music enhancing our worship and the flowers adorning our altar this Christmas Season are given to the Glory of God and 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 Handjojo; 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