

All Saints Episcopal Church
Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist
and
Nativity Story



December 24, 2023
4:00 PM

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NATIVITY STORY AND HOLY EUCHARIST

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The Rev. Leslie J. Hague is the celebrant and preacher.

PRELULDE O Holy Night *arr. by David Lanz (b. 1950)*

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)
4. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; (Refrain)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people standing

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

HYMN 96 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.

**4. See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above:
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love (Refrain)**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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

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

THE GOSPEL

THE NATIVITY STORY ACCORDING TO LUKE

Reader 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.

The people respond to each portion of the Gospel reading with the indicated verse

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 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.**

Reader 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!"

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.**

Reader 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.

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.**

HOMILY

THE REV. LESLIE J. HAGUE

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

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

During the offertory anthem, we invite your offerings for All Saints' ministry of sharing God's love with the world. You may place your offering in the plates passed by the ushers or scan our QR code to give online.



HOLY COMMUNION EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

OFFERTORY SOLO **Sweet Holy Child** *Mary E. Caldwell (1909-2003)*
Jane Andersen, Soprano

What shall I bring for the sweet holy Child who has but the straw for a bed? Shall I bring stars for a silver crown to place by his dear little head? Gold from the sun shall I bring for a light, softest of moonbeams to garland the night. Gentle white lambs for his delight, sweet Jesus, the Lord of my heart.

What shall I bring for the sweet holy Child who smiles as he wakes from his sleep? Roses so fair and a soft blanket warm, all these the young Jesus may keep. Songs for his joy and delight I shall bring, all of my heart for this dear little King. Love and devotion the tribute I bring, sweet Jesus, the Lord of my life.

Lullay, lullay, thou sweet holy Child, I bring thee a lullaby song. Dreamless thy slumber for night winds are still, the wise men and shepherds have gone. Far in the eastern skies shadows appear. Hush little Princeling, there's nothing to fear. Soft as an echo thy name I hear, sweet Jesus, the Savior of all.

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 heralds angels sing glory to the newborn King!**

- 3. 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 people remain standing.

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 say

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.

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 the ever blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph, and 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept. Then may be said*

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

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are invited to receive Holy Communion, an ancient practice intended for all baptized Christians, no matter your tradition. You may receive just the Bread or both the Bread and the Wine. Alternative to sipping directly from the cup, you may hold the Bread up between your fingers; the chalice bearer will dip the Bread in the chalice for you, then place the Bread on your tongue. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the priest. For those not receiving Holy Communion, you may also cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.

COMMUNION SOLO The Virgin's Slumber Song Max Reger (1873-1916)
Jane Andersen, Soprano

Amid the roses Mary sits and rocks her Jesus child, while amid the treetops sighs the breeze so warm and mild. And soft and sweetly sings a bird upon the bough:

Ah, baby, dear one, slumber now!

Happy is Thy laughter, holy is Thy silent rest, lay Thy head in slumber, fondly on Thy Mother's breast! Ah, baby, dear one, slumber now.

COMMUNION HYMN 115 What child is this 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 Christians, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. (Refrain)**

As the lights are dimmed in the Church, you may kneel and then turn on the individual candles.

HYMN 111 Silent night, holy night Stille Nacht

**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,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth. Jesus, Lord at thy birth.**

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION SAID BY THOSE NOT PRESENT AT HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant

In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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 heaven, 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. **No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

4. **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.**

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

arr. by David Lanz (b.1950)

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for providing today's music.**

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O COME, LET US ADORE HIM!

Please join us in person or online for our continuing Christmas week services

Sunday, December 24

10:30 PM Christmas Eve Festive Choral and Holy Eucharist*

Monday, December 25

10:30 AM Christmas Day Celebration of Carols and Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday, December 27

12:05 PM Noonday Prayer with prayers for healing*

Thursday, December 28

6:30 PM Commemoration of the Slaughter of the Holy Innocents &
Prayers for Peace in the Holy Land* *LIVESTREAM ONLY*

Sunday, December 31

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM Holy Baptism and Eucharist with Prayers for the New Year*

*Indicates service will be livestreamed

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Please join us online or in person each Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. for our
WEDNESDAY HEALING AND PRAYER SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2022
THE COMMEMORATION OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

Please join us online this Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. for our
VESPERS ~ EVENING PRAYER RITE I

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023
THE COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Please join us online each evening, except Thursday, at 8:30 p.m. for our
SERVICE OF COMPLINE.

The Sanctuary Candle this week is given to the Glory of God and
and in loving memory of my father, Joseph,
who entered eternal life 9 years ago on Dec. 26th,
by Gerald Iacullo.



BLESSINGS TO ALL CELEBRATING THIS WEEK OF DEC. 24 – 30

Birthdays: Phil Farnsworth, John Mahannah,
Jim O'Keeffe, and Cliff McIntosh

Anniversaries: Berry and Phyllis Barnes
Earl and Kathryn Congdon

The All Saints Office will be closed from December 26 through 29, 2023.



**The special flowers adorning our altar this Christmas Season
are given to the Glory of God
and in Memory and Thanksgiving**

In thanksgiving for the ability to wake up each day healthy and thankful for this life I live every day; and in memory of my parents Edgar and Elsie Neaverson and my husband Harold (Harry) Acker – all of whom are no longer here but will be in my heart forever by A. J. Acker.

In thanksgiving for our marriage, and the dear friends that have become our family; and in memory of Brian Cirigliano, Raymond Hurst, Robert W. Adams, Rev. Jean French Russo, MDiv, Katherine Curreri, Nick Rella, Howard Forman, Bill Harris, and Carolyn Jones by Bob Adams and Andy Li.

In memory of our families: The Balceraks and the Connors by Al and Pam Balcerak.

In thanksgiving for my All Saints Family by Father Carl Beasley.

In thanksgiving for God's Love by Harry Benedict.

In memory of the Bowen Family by Jay Bowen.

In loving memory of Oliver, Beatrice and Sharon Cotton by Gordon Cotton.

In thanksgiving for our parents, Mary and Chris Fertig by Sarah, Katie, Bobby, Margaret, Mary Beth and Anne.

In thanksgiving for our family: Rob, Stephanie and Andy, Kelsey, Jena, Jamie, Gavyn, Stacy, and Joey, Little Joey and Rylee; and in memory of Bob, Ruth, Merita, Bob and Sue, Judyth and Joel by Bob and Jennifer Field.

In memory of Christopher Cavan by Jon and Cynthia Floria.

In memory of John and Gloria Foerster, Arthur and Eleanore Jones by David Foerster.

In thanksgiving for our family that was, our family that is, our family yet to be by Kathy Friend and Sarah Young.

In memory of Siennie Budiman, Robby Budiman, Freddie Budiman, Cu Kim Moi, Tjee Ton Cien, Thio Mon Tok, Hartono Putra Handojo, Ho Ing Bian, William McNaughton, and Jack Brown; and in thanksgiving for Rosilawaty Marti, Lois Cohen, Ellie and Sol Bleiweiss; and others, by Ron Handojo.

In memory of Josephine Vowell Humphreys by Frederick Humphreys.

In memory of Mario Satori by Gerald Iacullo.

In memory of my birth parents Rollin and Betty Keith, and my second parents Austin and Florence Rindchen by Don Keith.

In thanksgiving for my wonderful All Saints family by Cathy Lucas.

In thanksgiving for all those, living and deceased, who have given so much to me during my life by Michael Lee.

In memory of Gene Markey by Sharon Markey.

In memory of Dr. G. Michael McIntyre, and Myrlinn and Lillian Moss by Barry Moss.

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Edward McManmon and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fornwalt by Michael McManmon and Stephen Fornwalt.

In memory of Nanette Olson by Mark Olson.

In memory of Agnes Powers, Clarence Powers, Sr., Helen Mason and Lois Brooks by Father Clark Powers.

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

In memory of K. Pat Ross on his Christmas birthday by Kerry Ross, Mackenzie, Sean, Will and families.

In memory of Frank Phillips on his 5th Christmas in eternity awaiting the day we all see our Savior, Jesus Christ face to face by Allen Samuelson.

In thanksgiving for my wonderful family; and in loving memory of Ted by Lou Strennen.

In memory of Laurice and Edmund Swaya, Nora and Nicolas Hawa, Emily and Arthur Swaya by Steve Swaya.

In memory of Jim Yiannou by Tony Tsagris.

In thanksgiving for my All Saints family; and in loving memory of my husband John Wolfe, and the Wolfe and Vaccaro families by Joan Wolfe.

In the loving memory of my husband, Bob Castle, by Chuck Zilly.

