



CHRIST AND GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Our Mission: Offering Hope, Healing and Hospitality

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 23, 2018

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (BCP p. 355)

10:30 AM ADVENT IV ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Prelude *Kyrie from Messa della madonna* Girolamo Frescobaldi

Entrance Hymn 437 *Tell out, my soul* Birmingham

Collect of the Day

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Parish Announcements and Offertory Sentence

Organ Anthem at the offering:

Canzona dopo l'epistola from Messa della madonna
Girolamo Frescobaldi

At The Presentation Doxology Old Hundredth (Hymn 380 vs. 3)
standing

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*



Christmas Pageant

Scene I: The Prophecy

Narrator

Jean Plymire

Prophet

Ray Ellis

Hymn 65 *Prepare the way, O Zion*

Congregation

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

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Scene II: The Annunciation

Narrator

Noah Hunter

Gabriel

Faith Geisz

Mary

Dylan Hoffman

Hymn *Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming*

Congregation

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seer of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love a right, she bore to us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.

Joseph

Aiden Lambert

Hymn *Hark the Glad Sound*

Congregation

Hark! the glad sound! the Savior come, the Savior promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.

**Scene III:
The Arrival in Bethlehem**



Narrator

Ashley Thacker

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Perusi Musazi/Tim Richardson

The Innkeeper

Samuel Mead

Away in the Manger

Angel Osogu/Tim Richardson



Scene IV: The Angels and the Shepherds

Narrator

Samuel Gates

Hymn *The first Nowell the angels did say*

The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was do deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light
and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

Head Angel

Angel Osogu

Head Shepherd

Tripp Matthews

Shepherds

Forest Ingles
Porter Dayberry
Kamci Osogu
Barry Osogu
Stephen Geisz
Brett Elder

Leading Angel

Zoe Jones

The Heavenly Host

Sophia Hoffman
Muriel Ifekwunigwe
Heidi Ingles

Hymn *Once in Royal David's City*

Congregation

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior
holy.

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Scene V: The Magi



Narrators

Jean Plymire
Noah Hunter
Ashley Thacker
Samuel Gates

HYMN *We Three Kings*

Congregation

We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain: O__ star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Star

Joy Osogu

Three Kings

Ann Morgan Matthews
Katherine Thacker
Jackson Matthews

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings alleluia:
alleluia the earth replies.

Congregation

Refrain: O__ star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Hymn *Joy to the World* All Stand Congregation

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.

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.

Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude *Chine Prelude on Joy to the World* Garth Edmundson



**A special thank you to all our youth and children for making
this *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!!*
Please join us in Lackey Hall for Christmas cookies!**



Acolytes: Ashley Thacker, Katherine Thacker, Joy Osogu
Ushers: Marwee Walsh and Andy Gates
Audio: Rick Talmage

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Lash Barksdale, Ashley Browder, Vera Crooms, Laura Eure, Earl Hale, Pret Kaichen, Peter Keyser, Judy Kinzer, Tracey Milliner, Ken Newman, Wayne Nesbitt, Mark Pagano, Tom Parson, Edward Roberts, Bill Surber, Dana Watkins Spiers, Billy Talley, Wayne Whitley, and Elaine Yeatts.

Narrators Jean Plymire, Noah Hunter, Ashley Thacker,
Samuel Gates

Cast

Prophet	Ray Ellis	Joseph	Aiden Lambert
Mary	Dylan Hoffman	Baby Jesus	Clay Mason
Gabriel	Faith Geisz	Head Angel	Angel Osogu
Star	Joy Osogu	Innkeeper	Samuel Mead
King 1	Ann Morgan Matthews		
King 2	Katherine Thacker		
King 3	Jackson Matthews		
Head Shepherd	Tripp Matthews		
Shepherds	Forest Ingles, Porter Dayberry, Kamci Osogu, Barry Osogu, Stephen Geisz, Brett Elder		
Leading Angel	Zoe Jones		
Angels	Muriel Ifekwunigwe, Sophia Hoffman, Heidi Ingles		
Donkey	Ainsley Mead		
Sheep/Cow	Ryleigh Jones, Patch Betts, Bodhi Mead		

Announcements:

RAYMOND ELLIS'S EAGLE COURT OF HONOR Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ellis cordially invite you to attend Raymond Ellis's Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, December 30, at 3:30 pm at Christ and Grace Episcopal Church. RSVP by December 28, to sg.ellis297@gmail.com or 804-861-6279.

YEAR-END GIVING: As the year draws to a close, it is time to fulfill your 2018 pledge, but also to consider an additional gift to Christ and Grace. The Advent season is a time of anticipation and serves as a reminder of our hopes for the coming year in our congregation – students to teach, services to celebrate, congregants to care for, new families to touch – and how your offering might help to make a difference. We also recall the visit of the wise men and their gifts to Jesus. As we give presents to our friends and relatives, remembering the church might also be appropriate. If you have not yet made a pledge for 2019, this would be a good time to do so. When giving online at www.christandgrace.org/online_giving.php or writing a check, our greatest needs are for roof repair or the general fund, so those designations would be most appropriate.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Monday, December 24

8:30 p.m. A Prelude of Music for Christmas

9:00 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Tuesday, December 25

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Carols

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, December 30

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:30 a.m. Christmas Lessons and Carols

(No Sunday School)



The Church office will be closed from
December 25 through January 1.