

CHRIST & GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Nativity of our Lord December 24, 2019

8:30 P.M. A PRELUDE OF MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS

<i>“Ricercare dopo il Credo” from Messa della Madonna</i>	Girolamo Frescobaldi
<i>Ding Dong! Merrily on High</i>	harm. Charles Wood
<i>Mille Cherubini in Coro, Wiegenlied</i>	Schubert
<i>Variations on “Je suis l’archange de Dieu”</i>	Louis-Claude Daquin
<i>Jesus, Jesus, rest your head</i>	Adpt. John Jacob Niles
<i>Noël Nouvelet</i>	Arr. John Rutter
<i>“Es ist ein’ Ros’ entsprungen” from Eleven Choral Preludes, Op. 122</i>	Johannes Brahms

The Choir of Christ and Grace
William Owen *Organist – Choirmaster*
Matthew Little *Assistant Organist*
Laraine Smith *Soprano*

9:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 83 *O come all ye faithful*

Adeste fideles, arr. Willcocks

Opening Acclamation *standing*

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.

Hymn 96 *Angels we have heard on high*

Gloria

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The 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.**

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

sitting

see scripture insert

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96 (sung by choir)

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 79 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (stanzas 1-3)

St. Louis

Gospel: *standing*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 2:1-20

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 79 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (stanzas 4-5)

St. Louis

The Sermon

Robin Teasley

Prayers of the People *standing or kneeling*

(p. 387)

Intercessor Let us pray to God, who came among us in the birth of Jesus:

Gracious God, as a star rose, and drew people from great distances to Bethlehem that they might greet the Christ child: draw your Church, and all people to you.

All **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor As you gave Mary your Holy Spirit, filling her with the delight of your presence: fill us with your Spirit, and renew our lives.

All **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor As Gentiles streamed to the light of Christ and kings to the brightness of his rising: draw all nations, and all in authority, to your brightness.

All **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor As angels sang proclaiming peace on earth and goodwill among all peoples: bring us your peace, and bring an end to terror and strife.

All **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor As Jesus was born in a manger, because there was no room in the inn: be especially present with those who have nowhere to lay their heads, those who are vulnerable, and those who are hungry.

All **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor As the Holy Family gathered together in Bethlehem, and traveled together to far off lands: bless all families, especially the families of our parish, and protect those who travel.

All **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor As your Son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of life eternal: give to the departed eternal rest and let light perpetual shine upon them.

All **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Presider O Lord our God, may the light and hope of this night, and of your Son's Incarnation, reassure our hearts that you are among us, that you hear our prayer, and that you will be with us always, even to the end of the age. In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. **Amen.**

The Peace *standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Greeting and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem: *What Sweeter Music*

John Rutter

At the Presentation Hymn 112 *In the bleak mid-winter* (vs. 4)

Cranham

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

yet what I can I give him give my heart.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B *standing*

(p. 367)

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 him thanks and praise.**

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:

Hymn S-130 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Schubert

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

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, (p. 364)

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

Fraction Hymn S-154 Alleluia

Hurd

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Hymn S-164 Jesus, Lamb of God

Schubert

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

All baptized persons, regardless of denomination or church membership, are welcome to come forward and receive the Holy Bread and Wine. A larger chalice for drinking or a small chalice for intincting (dipping) are available at the altar rail. If you wish to intinct, please hold your wafer up so chalice bearers can see it. If you would like Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.

Communion Music:

Hymn 81 *Lo, how a rose e'er blooming*

Hymn 82 *Of the Father's love begotten*

Hymn 101 *Away in a manger*

Es ist ein Ros
Divinum mysterium
Cradle Song

Prayer of Thanksgiving *standing or kneeling*

(p. 365)

Let us pray.

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.

At this time the acolytes will light candles for the singing of Silent Night. As you share the flame with the person next to you, keep lighted candles upright, turning the candle to be lighted sideways, to prevent wax from dripping.

Hymn 111 *Silent Night* *please kneel as you are able*

Stille Nacht, Descant Gerre Hancock

The Blessing

You may extinguish your candle after The Blessing

Hymn 87 *Hark! the herald angels sing*

Mendelssohn, arr. Willcocks

Dismissal

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

Postlude *In dulci jubilo*

J S Bach

Lay Readers: Martha Burton, Andy Gates, Missy Gates, Sean Little

Acolytes: Samuel Gates, Jackson Matthews, Tripp Matthews, Ann Morgan Matthews, Gavin Zimmerman

Ushers: Kathy Talmage, Rick Talmage, Jonathan Shockley, Jim Hunter Audio: Kevin Whitley

Robin Teasley, Rector

Tomorrow, Christmas Day, Holy Communion Rite II with Carols at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 29, 10:30 a.m. Christmas Lessons and Carols (No 8 am service or Sunday school)

The Church Office will be closed, Wednesday, December 25, through Wednesday, January 1. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Robin Teasley (338-0698).

To all our members and visitors, may you have a beautiful Christmas and a New Year filled with God's blessings.

The Christmas floral display is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Her husband, **Donald D.P. Dacey**, by Margaret H. Dacey.

Nancy & Jillene Wiele by their family.

Dr. Aaron Ifekwunigwe, husband & father, **David Ifekwunigwe**, son & brother, and

Jasper Cecil Freeman, brother & uncle, by Muriel & Ann Ifekwunigwe.

Nick Riggs, and Mac & Iris McClurg by Ann Riggs.

Mr. & Mrs. C.E. Gill, and Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Boston Lackey by Dixie & Boston Lackey.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Talmage, and Mr. & Mrs. J. Doyle Nugent by Rick & Kathy Talmage.

Carolyn B. Ross by Grandson Conner and Gene, Trey, Jeff & Beth Ross.

Alice Virginia Wright Flory Wallace by Mary and Dean Hutson.

Kathie Elder by her family.

Ellsworth Spain by Kay and family.

Joe L. Jones and Jeremy R. Bowles by their family.

Dr. and Mrs. William M. Turner and William M. Turner, Jr. by their family.

William Norvel Walsh, Jr. by his family.

Diane Motley Striffler by her friend.

Clyde W. Vick, Jr., with love from his family.

Pete & Patsy Adams, and Frank Miller by their families.

Dr. Bob & Boots Holden, and Clayton & Vivian Kniffin by their children.

Thomas Preston Trigg Roper, Sr., Emma Thompson Roper and Thomas Preston Trigg Roper, Jr.
by their family.

Harold & Mabel Minetree, and Evelyn P. Coley by Laraine & Harry Smith.

Albert L. Seward, Jr. and Mr. & Mrs. Cyril J. Porter by Sally Seward, Chris Seward and
Sara Seward McGlothlin.

Phillip H. McClure by Anne & Sophie McClure.

Kevin Collier Bristow, nephew, by The Bristow Family.

John D. Meade, Nancy Tyler Meade, George W. Mahaney, & Agnes Lawler Mahaney
by Michael & Mary Tyler Mahaney.

J.T. Morriss, V, and Mr. & Mrs. J.T. Morriss, IV by their little angels.

Ben Sumpter by Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Sumpter.

And in thanksgiving for:

The Ministry of the People of Christ and Grace by Robin Teasley.