

## Gradual Hymn 65

*Bereden väg för Herran*

*Pastor* The Holy Gospel according to Matthew **1:18-25**  
**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Can you even begin to imagine Joseph's initial reaction to the angel's message? It must have taken great trust for him to change his mind about "dismissing" Mary and marrying her instead.*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

**The Christmas Pageant** "Who are we waiting for?"

*Any child who would like to put on a costume and take part this morning is welcome to do so. No previous rehearsal required!*

### Participants

Helen, Eleanore, Sarah, Gabby, Jazmine, Jacob, Kaylyn, Slava, all parish children and grandchildren.

*Thanks to Geoff, Terri, and all the parents for getting the children here, and costumed.*

**End of Pageant Hymn 92**

*Personent hodie*

**The Prayers of the People**

Father, we pray for all peoples throughout the world. May people who suffer, and are caught up in the midst of war in their lands, find peace through you;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all those in religious orders, for lay and ordained ministers, and all the holy people of God;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

We give thanks for the blessings of our lives. We lift up our thanksgivings (*we leave time for people to say silently or aloud the things for which they are grateful*). Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

On our parish cycle of prayer we pray today for Rob and Drew Babcock and for Martha Baer and for their families;  
**That we may serve and love them, and one another, as Christ loves us.**

Have compassion on those who suffer, especially (*we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added*). We pray for all who are afflicted with any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We pray for all those who have died, especially those who we name (*we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added*). Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for all the saints, those we love in this world, and in the next;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

**The Peace and the Announcements**

**The Thank Offering**

**God of mercy and love, grant that these our children may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of wonder and true holiness. Amen.**

## The Holy Communion

**Offertory Hymn 66** (please stand as you are able) *Stuttgart*

**Doxology Hymn 380 vs. 3** *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

**The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A** **pg. 361**

**Holy, Holy, Holy** *please see the Pew Card* Gevert

**The Lord's Prayer** **pg. 364**

**Fraction Anthem** *please see the Pew Card* Gevert

**Communion Hymn 71** *Bristol*

**Communion Hymn 76** *Winchester New*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

**Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn 72** *Richmond*

**Dismissal**

**Postlude** Gevert



Albrecht Dürer 1471 – 1528

*The greens on the altar this season  
are given to the glory of God.*

**Serving Today**

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax  
*Music Director:* Christine Gevert  
*Ministers of Communion:* Rob Babcock and a young person  
*Ushers:* young people  
*Intercessor:* Young People  
*Counters:* John Lloyd, Jason Gladding  
*Hospitality:* Team 1—Lloyd  
*Altar Guild:* Biz Rogers, Rachel Lamb  
*Greens:* Marian Browning, Joanne Grafe  
*Verger:* Geoff Brown

**Announcements**

*We offer both wine and grape juice at Communion and invite you to ask for whichever chalice you prefer. If you are not able to eat wheat, please ask Pastor Heidi for a gluten free wafer.*

- Today* 10:30 AM Annual Christmas Pageant  
11:45 AM Greening of the Church—help needed!
- Wed., Dec. 21* **Last day** to submit Christmas flower memorials to Pastor Heidi.
- Saturday, Dec. 24* 3:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Service  
7:00 PM Principal Christmas Eve Service
- Sunday, Dec. 25* 8:00 and 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
(no Bible Study)
- Friday, Dec. 30* 4:00 PM Crescendo Concert “In Dulci Jubilo”
- Sunday, Jan. 1* **(no 8:00 AM service)**  
10:30 AM Lessons and Carols
- Thursday, Jan. 5* 6:30 PM Dinner with Tim Hodapp in Walker Hall
- Sunday, Jan. 8* Epiphany Celebration (transferred from January 6)

*Pastor Heidi will be away Dec. 26– Jan. 3. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact Sr. Warden Randy Orzano.*

- Sundays* 9:00 AM Bible Study: Book of Proverbs
- Mondays* 7 PM Crescendo
- Wednesdays* 8 PM AA meeting in Walker Hall

**The Trinity Vestry**

Randy Orzano, Senior Warden  
 Pari Forood, Junior Warden John Oler, Treasurer  
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DECEMBER 18, 2016



**The Word of God**

**Prelude** Gevert

**Processional Hymn 74** Valet will ich dir geban

**Advent Wreath Hymn 56 vs 7 & 8** Veni, veni Emmanuel

*Pastor* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Pastor* 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.**

**Holy God (Trisagion) please see the Pew Card** Gevert

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Pastor* Let us pray together our collect.

**The Collect**

**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.**