

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Gradual Hymn 265

Gabriel's Message

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to Luke

1:26-38

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Christmas Pageant A story about Jesus as a Young Man

Based on The Gospel of Luke 2:41-52

A Manger filled with Love (choir and youth) Sally de Ford

The shadows fell o'er Bethlehem,
And o'er the waiting world
And darkness gathered 'round the shepherds
biding in the fields
When in a moment song and splendor
Rent the skies above
And the night was filled with wonders
And a manger was filled with Love

Ah, that I had seen the shepherds
come to seek the Lamb
And looked with them on Jesus' face,
And touched the infant hands
And felt with them the Father's peace
descending from above
When their hearts were filled with wonder
at a manger filled with Love

A voice as pure as angel-song
Has spoken from above
And my heart is filled with wonder
at a manger filled with Love

Hymn 92

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The Creed

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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 Matthew and Eleanore Boyse, and for Terri Brennan, 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. We pray today especially the people, and their homes and farms, that have been affected by the wildfires in California.
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 Confession

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The Peace and the Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn 75

Ascension

Doxology Hymn 380 vs. 3

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The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

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Holy, Holy, Holy: Hymnal S 130 From *Deutsche Messe*;
Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828) arr. Richard Proulx

The Lord's Prayer

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Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S 164 From *Deutsche Messe*;
Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828) arr. Richard Proulx

Communion Anthem "Matin Responsory for Advent"
Adapted from a Magnificat by G.P. da Palestrina

Communion Hymn 73

St. Stephen

Postcommunion Prayer

Faithful God, in baptism you have adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom: we thank you that in this Eucharist you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional Hymn 72

Richmond

Postlude

Gevert

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DECEMBER 17, 2017



The Annunciation by James Christensen

The Word of God

Prelude

Gevert

Processional Hymn 74

Valet will ich dir geben

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn 56 vs. 5, 6

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.

Trisagion: Hymnal S 102 (3X) after Alexander Archangelsky

The greens on the this morning are given to the glory of God.

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director: Christine Gevert
Ministers of Communion: Carol Taylor, young people
Ushers: Allen Berrien, young people
Lector: young people
Epistler: young people
Intercessor: young people
Counters: Martha Nesbitt, Al Dorf
Hospitality: Team 5—Schindler
Altar Guild—Mike Cuoco, Taylor Neil
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.

<i>Today</i>	Noon: Greening of the Church
<i>Sunday, Dec. 24</i>	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Family Christmas Eve Service 5:45 PM Christmas Service Prelude 6:00 PM Festive Christmas Eucharist 8:00 PM Misa de Nochebuena
<i>Mon., Dec. 25</i>	10:00 AM A peaceful Christmas service
<i>Sat., Dec. 30</i>	3:00 PM Crescendo Concert Three Wise Kings follow a Star (snow date Dec. 31)
<i>Sun., Dec. 31</i>	No 8:00AM Service 10:30 AM Lessons and Carols
<i>Wed., Jan 10</i>	Annual Reports due to alexisdorf@sbcglobal.net
<i>Sunday, Jan. 14</i>	Noon Vestry Meeting
<i>Sunday, Jan. 21</i>	Annual Meeting and potluck lunch (snow date 1.28)
<i>Sundays</i>	8:45 AM Bible Study is on hiatus til January
<i>Mondays</i>	7:00 PM Crescendo
<i>Wednesdays</i>	8:00 PM AA meeting in Walker Hall

Dec. 25—Jan. 3 Pastor Heidi will be on vacation. The church office will be closed. For pastoral emergencies please contact the Rev. Mary Gates at 860-672-6773.

The Trinity Vestry

Pari Forood, Senior Warden
Carol M. Taylor, Junior Warden Bev Becker, Treasurer
Allen Berrien, Clerk Martha Nesbitt, Assistant Treasurer
Rob Babcock, Al Dorf, Gordon Gustafson, Rachel Lamb,
Susanna Schindler, Alice Tweed

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OFFICE HOURS: WED.—SAT. 9 AM—NOON

These days bathe us in images
of abundance and happiness,
but we pray for those
who do not find in this time
a season of goodness and light.

Give us eyes to see
into the shadows

cast by the millions of
blinking lights;

ears to listen

beyond the carols

to hear

the anguished weeping;

and hearts that long for the liberation

Your advent truly brings.

Jan Richardson in

*Night Visions: Searching the Shadows of Advent
and Christmas*