

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Offering Companionship along the Way

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PAGEANT SUNDAY

DECEMBER 18, 2022



Prelude Organ Improvisation on tune *Valet will ich dir geben*

Opening Hymn 74 Blest be the King whose coming

Valet will ich dir geben

Candle Lightning Hymn 56 vss. 7 and 8

Veni, veni Emmanuel

THE WORD OF GOD

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

Priest Behold, the dwelling of God is with humankind. God will dwell with them and they shall be God's people, and the Lord himself will be with them, and be their God. *Revelation 21:3*

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

Gradual Hymn 58 vss. 1 and 4 Lo he comes with clouds descending

St. Thomas

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 1:18-25
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

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

The Christmas Pageant 2021

Narrator	Jarrold Sisk
Mary	Pari Forood
Joseph	Maurice Maddox
The Star	Brennan Sisk
Melchior	Emma Sisk
Melchior's Father	Tom Schindler
Gaspar	Lyla Boone
Balthazar	Lucas Wang
Soldiers	Teddy Sisk, Jack and Parker Plouffe, Willie and Berkley Karcheski
Townsperson	Jack Plouffe
King Herod	Tom Schindler

*With many thanks to Michelle Sisk for turning the book by Susan Eaddy into a pageant script.
And special thanks to Christine Gevert for writing a new tune to Chris Webber's Hymn.*

What Is the Gift the Angels Brought, verse 1

Sung by the choir during the Pageant.

1. What is the gift the angels brought
To a hillside long ago?
A song of peace to the earth beneath
That hearts might hear and glow
With a song of peace and of God's good will,
An echoing song we remember still,
And a song the whole world needs to hear,
That the world must hear and know,
That the world must hear and know.

The choir and congregation will sing verses 2 and 3 after the conclusion of the Pageant.

What Is the Gift the Angels Brought verses 2 & 3



2 What did the ma - gi come to bring To a place at Christ child's feet? Gifts of in-cense and myrrh and gold, Gifts to of - fer but not to hold, For hearts may be warm but gifts are cold; So here where earth and heav - en meet We Bring him gifts both new and old In a sto - ry we still re - peat, In a sto - ry we still re - peat.

3 What shall we give to the king who comes To reign from a man-ger throne? The wise men had gifts and the an - gels a song We have on - ly our - selves a - lone, We have on - ly our - selves, our - selves a-lone, With emp - ty hearts and a love un - known, But we are the gift Christ came to seek And our hearts shall be God's throne, And our hearts shall be God's throne.

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Brief Homily

The Rev. Heidi Truax

The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation (*we read from the list and leave time for names to be added.*) Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life (*we leave time for thanksgivings to be offered.*) On our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Carol Taylor, for Alison and Gary Tripp, and for their families. We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (*We read from the list and leave time for other names to be added.*) Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

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

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 73 The King shall come when morning dawns *St. Stephen*

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3 Praise God from whom all blessings flow *Old 100th*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

Christine Gevert
November 2016

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests and a final double bar line.

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever.
AMEN.

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

Fraction Anthem *Christ our Passover*

Christine Gevert
November 2016

Christ our Pass - ov - er is sa - cri -
ficed for us, there - fore let us keep the feast.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Christ our Pass - ov - er is sa - cri - ficed for us, there - fore let us keep the feast." The music is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

The Communion *on the floor level of the nave. Bread, wine and grape juice offered.*

Communion Hymn 61 Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us

Wachet auf

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.

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The Blessing

And now to our Great God who is able to accomplish in us far more than we can ask or even imagine, to him be glory for ever and ever. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn 128 We three kings of Orient are

Three Kings of Orient

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Organ improvisation on *The Kings of Orient*

The greens on the altar this season are given by Fran Colombo, Fred and Sally Harris, and by Eleanore Boyse, who gives them in the memory of her sister, Jacqueline Kuhn.

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director: Christine Gevert
Minister of Communion: Theresa Kenny
Intercessor: Pari Forood
Altar Guild: Mike Cuoco
Greens on the Altar: Marilyn Anderson
Counter: Bev Becker
Greeter/Usher: Pari Forood
Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

- Saturday, Dec. 24** 3:30 PM Christmas Prelude of Renaissance and Baroque music
4:00 PM Christmas eve service
6:30 PM Misa de Nochebuena
- Sunday, Dec. 25** no 8 AM service
10:30 AM Christmas Day service
- Dec. 26—Jan. 3** Pastor Heidi takes time with family
- Thurs., Dec. 29** 5:30 PM Crescendo Concert *Story of Hope in the voice of the New World*
- Sunday, Jan. 1** No 8 AM Service
10:30 AM Service of Lessons and Carols
- Sunday, Jan. 8** Vestry Meeting
- Sunday, Jan. 22** Annual Meeting with Pot Luck Lunch
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- Mondays** 7:00 PM Crescendo Rehearsal
- Tuesdays** 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous in Walker Hall
- Wednesdays** Services at Noble Horizons, Geer Nursing, Geer Lodge
6:00 PM on first and last Wednesday of the month, Women's AA in Walker Hall
- Thursdays** 1:00 PM Bible Study on Zoom. **Next meeting will be on January 12.**
- Saturdays** 9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office

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and wait to have private conversations until after you have left the nave.*

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