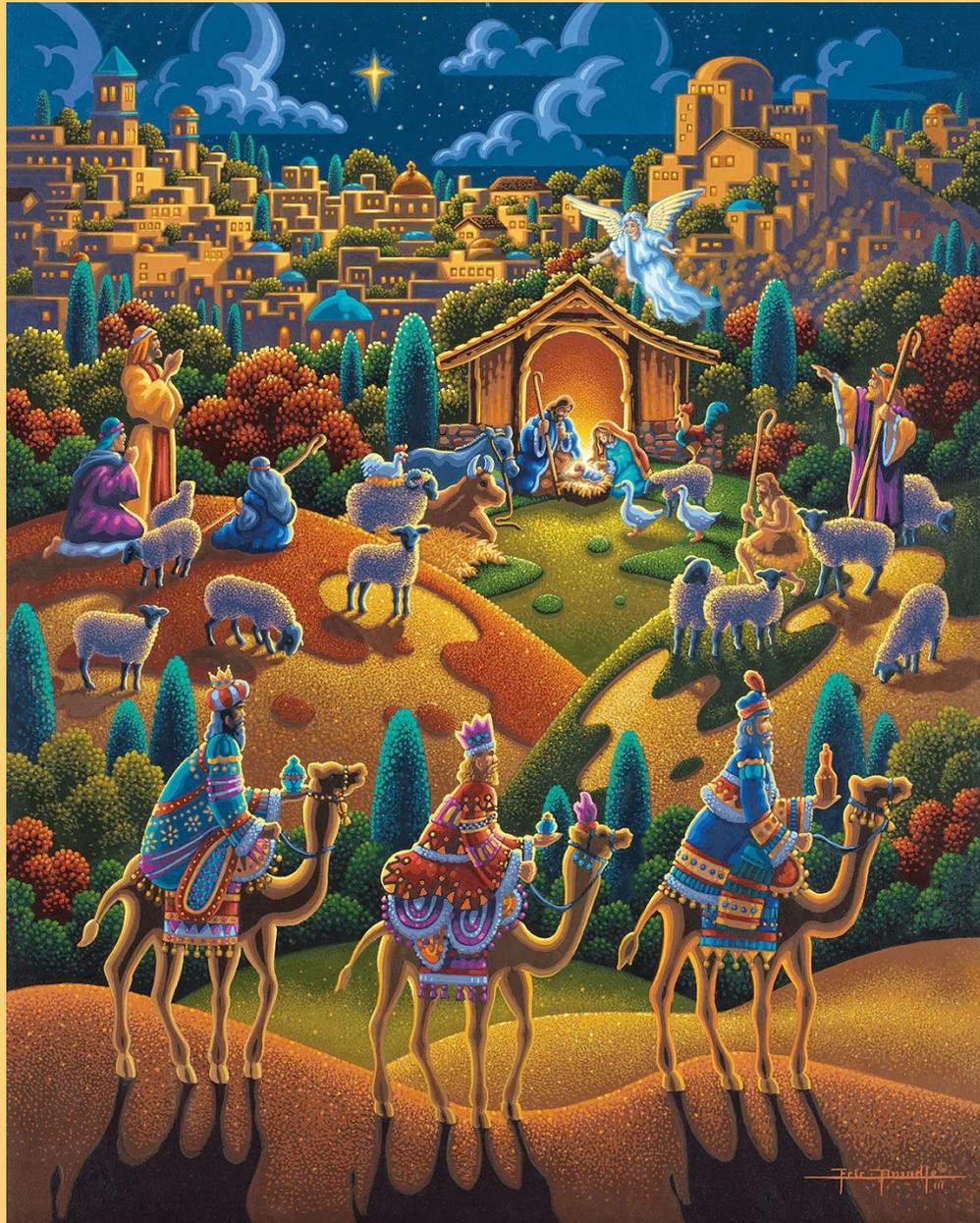


# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



By Eric Prindle  
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**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022**

*Choral Prelude 3:30 PM*  
*Christmas Eucharist 4:00 PM*

## CHRISTMAS CHORAL PRELUDE

- ◆ Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)  
“In dulci jubilo” (In Sweet Rejoicing) à 2 *Rebecca Plamer and Jayne Segedy, sopranos*  
“In dulci Jubilo” à 8 *for Double Choir*
- ◆ Bartholomeus Gesius (c. 1562 – 1613)  
“In Dulci Jubilo” à 4 *for Choir*
- ◆ Fridolin Sicher (1490-1546)  
“Resonet in laudibus” (Resounding Praises) *for organ*
- ◆ Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)  
“Resonet in laudibus” à 7 *for vocal ensemble*
- ◆ Jacob Handl (1550-91)  
“Resonet in laudibus” *for Choir*
- ◆ Andreas Hammerschmidt (1611-1675)  
“Ihr lieben Hirten” (Beloved Shepherds) *for Soprano solo and Choir. Rebecca Palmer, soprano*
- ◆ Dietrich Buxtehude  
“Puer Natus in Bethlehem” (A Child is Born in Bethlehem) BuxWV 217 *for organ*
- ◆ Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)  
“Puer natus in Bethlehem” à 12 *for soprano, mezzo soprano and bass soloists, Choir and instruments. Rebecca Palmer, soprano, Jayne Segedy, mezzo soprano, Jim Barrett, bass.*
- ◆ Johann Hermann Schein (1586-1630)  
“Intrada” *for trumpet and organ/ Arr. Gevert*



## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Processional Hymn 102 verse 1—*solo*—** sung by Isabel Rooney  
vss. 2, 5, 6 sung by all

*Irby*

*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.**

**The Gloria: Hymn 96 vs. 1, 2**

*Gloria*

**Angels we have heard on high singing sweetly through the night,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

*Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt  
Music: Gloria, French carol; arr. E. S. Barnes (1887-1958)*

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Pastor* Let us pray together our collect.

**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.**

**A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

**A reading from the Letter to Titus 2:11-14**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

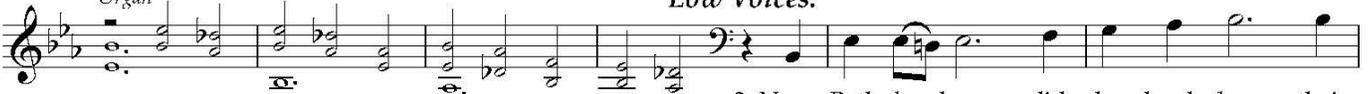
Gradual Hymn "The Wexford Carol" *sung by all*

*Organ* *High Voices:*



1. Good peo-ple\_ all, this Christ-mas time, con-  
 sid-er well\_ and bear in mind what our good God for us has done in send-ing his\_ be-  
 lov-ed Son. With Ma-ry ho - ly we should pray to\_ God\_ with love\_ this  
 Christ-mas day In Beth-le - hem up - on that morn there was a ble-ssed Mes - si - ah born.

*Organ* *Low Voices:*



2. Near Beth- le - hem did shep-herds keep their  
 flocks of lambs\_ and fee-ding sheep to whom God's an - gels did ap-pear which put the shep - herds  
 in great fear. "A - rise and go"\_ the an-gels said, "To\_ Beth- le-hem\_ be not a- fraid for  
 there you'll find this hap - py morn a prin-ce-ly babe\_ sweet Je - sus born."

*Organ* *ALL Voices:*



3. With thank-ful\_ heart and joy-ful mind the  
 shep-herds went\_ that Babe to find and as God's an - gel had fore-told they did our Sa - vior  
 Christ be- hold With- in a man - ger he was laid and\_ by\_ his side\_ the  
 Vir-gin maid as long fore-told up - on that morn there was a bless-ed Mes - si - ah born.

Words & Music: Traditional Carol, Irish or English, 12th cent. - Arranged by Christine Gevert (b. 1964)

**Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"**  
*sung by all before and after the Gospel Reading*

Plainsong, arr. Christine Gevert

*Pastor* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**2:1-14**

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

*Pastor* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Heidi Truax

### **The Prayers of the People**

We pray for the time when the world may know your love and saving power. Empower your Church to show forth your glory. Give us all grateful hearts tonight for all the blessings we enjoy.

Holy Child of grace,

**Reveal to us your glory.**

The peace of your presence be upon your troubled and warring world. May the power of your presence protect us from evil and help us to be good stewards of our planet that you have given into our care. Give peace on earth, peace among the nations, and peace in every land.

Holy Child of grace,

**Reveal to us your glory.**

Fill us with wonder and awe at your creation, and with joy and thanksgiving, that our lives may proclaim your grace and your glory. Be known in our homes, in our lives, and in all our dealings.

Holy Child of grace,

**Reveal to us your glory.**

You could find no room at the inn. We remember before you all who are homeless and can find no place of rest. We pray for those who are hungry, cold or in the dark this Christmas, and for those who will spend Christmas in hospital, those who are ill, and especially those we now name (*please speak the names, silently or aloud, of those who are in need of special prayers today.*)

Holy Child of grace,

**Reveal to us your glory.**

We rejoice that you became human that we might share in the Divine; you came down to lift us into your kingdom. We pray for all our loved ones departed, and that we may share with them in a vision of your glory. (*We remember all who are listed in our Christmas memorials and invite you to add now, silently or aloud, other names of those we want to remember.*)

Holy Child of grace,

**Reveal to us your glory.**

*Pastor* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*If you seek communion with Christ, you are welcome to receive the spiritual Holy Meal.  
Or, you may ask for God's blessing given by the priest if you desire.*

**Offertory Hymn 93** Angels, from the realms of glory

*Regent Square*

**Doxology: Hymn 380, verse 3**

*Old 100th*

**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.**

*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.

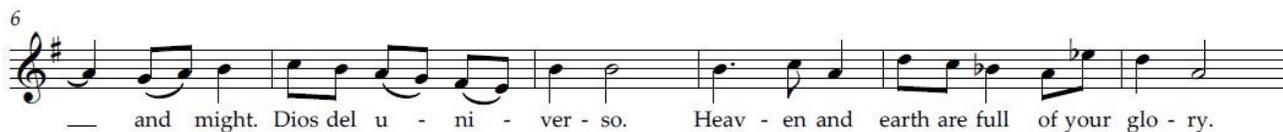
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

### Holy - Santo (Bilingual Sanctus)

Christine Gevert, 2021/02



*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might be faithful stewards of your creation. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Pastor and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever 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** “Blessed are those”

Gevert 2019-04

Bles - sed are those who are called to the sup - per of the Lamb. Praise the Lord, all ye na - tions.

For his lov - ing kind - ness to - wards us is great and his faith - ful - ness en - dures for ev - er.

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*We offer both wine and grape juice at Communion and invite you to ask for whichever chalice you prefer.*

**Communion Choir Anthem** “O magnum mysterium” (Oh great mystery)

by Giovanni Gabrieli (c. 1554-1612)

**Communion Congregational Hymn** “Still, still still

1 Still, still, still; One can hear the fall - ing snow. For all is hushed, the world is sleep - ing;  
 2 Sleep, sleep, sleep; 'tis the Eve of our Sa - vior's birth. The night is peace - ful all a - round you.  
 3 Dream, dream, dream of the joy - ous day to come. While guar - dian an - gels with - out num - ber

Ho - ly Star its vi - gil keep - ing. Still, still, still; One can hear the fall - ing snow.  
 Close your eyes, let sleep sur - round you. Sleep, sleep, sleep; 'tis the Eve of our Sa - vior's birth.  
 watch you as you sweet - ly slum - ber. Dream, dream, dream of the joy - ous day to come.

Words: Traditional Austrian  
English Translation: George K. Evans © 1963, 1980, Walton Music

Music: Austrian Carol

**Kneeling Hymn 111** Silent Night

*Stille Nacht*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

**Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the Christmas gift of this holy meal. Through the grace we have received, may we come to worship you with the shepherds, proclaim you with the angels, offer ourselves to you with Joseph and Mary, and rejoice in your love. Christ our Lord, you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit now and for ever. Amen.**

**Christmas Blessing**

The peace of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, born of the blessed Virgin Mary, abide with you, in your heart and in your home; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn 87** Hark! The herald angels sing

*Mendelssohn*

## **Dismissal**

*Pastor* Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Postlude: Choir Anthem** “Angelus ad pastores” Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)  
*(If you are able, we invite you to sit and enjoy the postlude.)*

## **SERVING TODAY**

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax  
*Choir Direction and Organ:* Christine Gevert  
*Minister of Communion:* Pari Forood  
*Hebrew Scripture Reader:* Tom Schindler  
*New Testament Reading:* Jim Conzo  
*Intercessor:*  
*Usher:* Jim Conzo  
*Flowers:* Theresa Kenny and the Flower Committee  
*Altar Guild:* Bev Becker  
*Verger:* Geoff Brown

## **We're so grateful for our musicians!**

Trinity Choir with Guests from Crescendo  
Rebecca Palmer, solo soprano; Jayne Segedy, solo mezzo soprano; Jim Barrett, solo bass  
*Sopranos:* Kathy Drake, DeeAnne Hunstein, Sarah Melcher, Rebecca Palmer,  
Roberta Roll, Isabel Rooney  
*Altos:* Fran Colombo, Ute Diehl, Kate Gustafson, Eleanore Jenks, Lauren Paul, Jayne Segedy  
*Tenors:* Gordon Gustafson, Rick Gustafson, Ignacio Lagos, Randy Orzano  
*Basses:* Jim Barrett, Tom Schindler  
Chris Belluscio, trumpet

## **FLOWER MEMORIALS**

### **In Memory of:**

Virginia Sturges Ferranti  
Stephen Sturges  
Gail Sturgis Capozzi  
Jack, Anita, Bill and Jacqueline Kuhn  
Harry and Ida Chapman  
Anne FitzRoy, Sarah Clawson  
Alfred R. Sr. & Josephine K. Dorf  
Henry W. & Marguerite A. Wyman  
Marjorie Davis Forood, Robert F. Forood  
Pamela Forood  
Rev Fred Drobin  
Rev Gary Fertig Renée & Bill Gaherty  
Edward T. Gaherty, Alexina Plouffe Piquette  
Joseph E. Orzano, Jr.

### **By:**

Bev Becker  
The Boyse and Beers family  
Heather Chapman  
Al and Alexis Dorf  
Pari Forood  
Danielle A. Gaherty  
Hachmeister/Orzano Family



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Mary Anne Carley

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