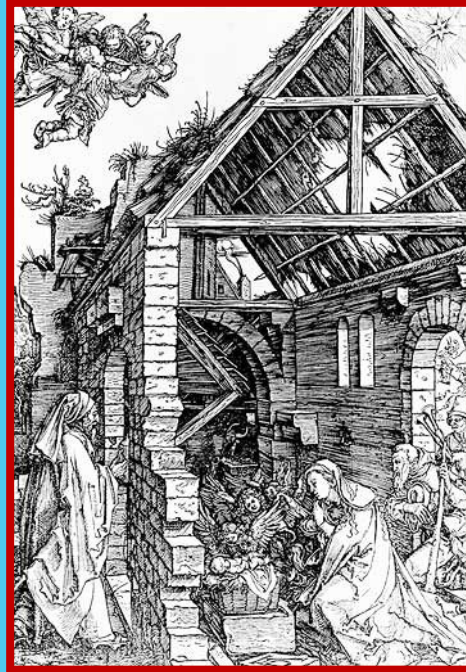


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CHRISTMAS DAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023

Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM

Prelude: Organ improvisation on tune *Forest Green*

Opening Hymn 78, verses 1-3, 5 O little town of Bethlehem

Forest Green

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.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah

62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97:1-9

- 1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.

A reading from the Letter to Titus

3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 104 A Stable lamp is lighted

Andújar

Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia"

Christine Gevert
September 2018 for Trinity Lime Rock

1st time Choir/Cantor; then ALL



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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

2:8-20

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

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!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Heidi Truax

A Time of Silent Reflection

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 for 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 this blessed world 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, 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. AMEN.

Pastor The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 115 What child is this, who laid to rest

Greensleeves

Doxology: Hymn 380, verse 3

Old 100th

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.

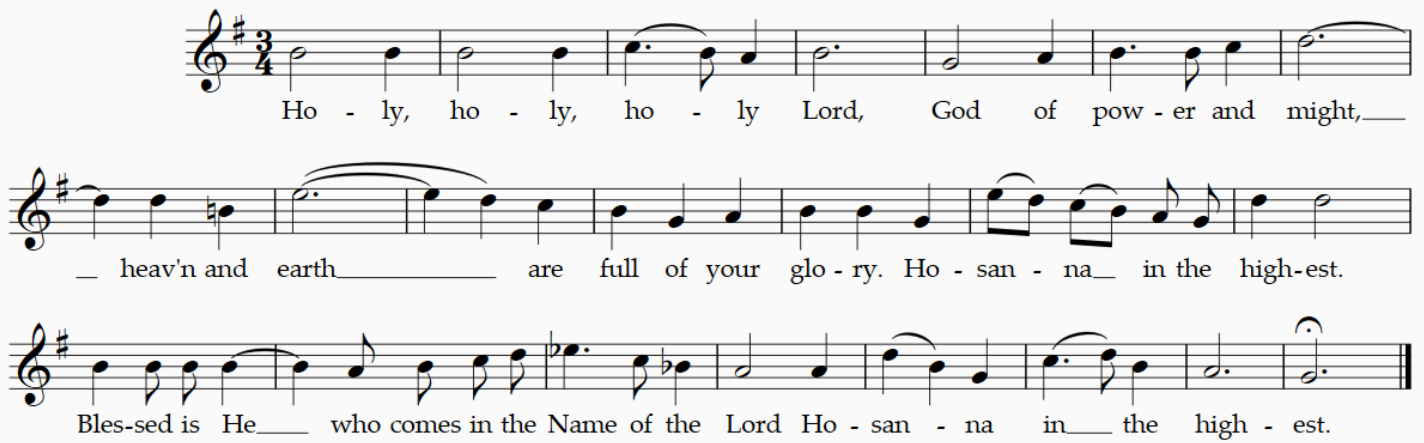
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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, holy, holy "Sanctus"

Gevert 2021



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, —
— heav'n 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.

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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.

**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: “Alleluia! Christ, our Passover”

Gevert 2021

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let_ us keep the_ feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Communion Hymn 90 It came upon the midnight clear

Noel

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.**

Final Hymn 92 On this day earth shall ring

Personent hodie

Dismissal

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

Postlude Organ improvisation on tune *Personent hodie*

SERVING TODAY

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax

Music Director: Christine Gevert

Minister of Communion: Janet Walker

Flowers: Committee

Altar Guild: Janet Walker

Counter: John Lloyd

Usher: Michael Cuoco

Verger: Geoff Brown

OUR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS HONOR OR REMEMBER:

In Honor of:

Ian and Caelan Nesbitt

In Memory of:

Anne Tuttle Roller & George Tuttle

Jane Louise Tuttle

Mary Elizabeth Rogers

Virginia Sturges Ferranti

Stephen Sturges Gail Sturgis Capozzi

Bill Kuhn, Jacqueline Kuhn

Rick Browning

David Booth Beers II

Tom and Alice Tweed

Marjorie Davis Forood, Robert F. Forood

Joseph E. Orzano, Jr.

Paula Ripollone, Nancy Margaret Roth

Howard Roth, C. Frederick Hachmeister, Jr.,

The Rev. David Wentroble

Lillian Marie Hachmeister, Jean MacDonald

Charles W. Stewart, Jerry Brandt

Charles and Ruth Sharp

John and Virginia Harris

In honor of Ian and Caelan Nesbitt

Emma and Carlos Rivera

Rv. Jose D. Rodriguez

Carmen Hernandez

In loving memory of all our family

Members who are with us in spirit

this Christmas-time

Hans and Bette Lorenz

Mary Catherine Rowan, Philip Truax

The Bradley and Walters families

William B. Warren

Permanent Flower Memorials

Altar Guild Memorials

By:

Martha Nesbitt

By:

Trinity Church

Beverly Becker

The Boyse and Beers family

Cheryl Duntz

Pari Forood

Hachmeister/Orzano Family

Fred and Sally Harris

Martha Nesbitt

Felix and Carmen Rivera

The Sisk Family

Heidi Truax

Diane Walters

Arete Warren

George, Marie and Robert Brown, Rydon Ronshaugen,
Jean Wright Israel, Elsie Leonard, Pauline Murray
Helen and Scott Walker, Millidge Walker, Reed Williams

Edith Talmadge, Helene K. Brown, Agatha Dakin,
Maye Ronshaugen Emma Belter, Trudy Washburn

Announcements

- Monday, Dec. 25** 10:00 AM Christmas Day Eucharist with Carols
- Dec. 26-Jan 2** Pastor Heidi is on vacation. Please contact Linda Lloyd, Sr. Warden in case of Pastoral emergency.
- Sunday, Dec. 31** 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
10:30 AM Carol Sing (you choose carols from a list of available) & Readings
- Sunday, Jan. 7** 8 and 10:30 AM Celebration of the Epiphany
12 Noon Vestry meeting
- Sunday, Jan. 21** 12 Noon—Annual Meeting with potluck lunch . Snow date is Jan. 28
- Sat., Jan. 27** 12 Noon—Misa en Español with Rev. Felix and Sin Fronteras

Weekly Schedule

- Mondays** 6:30 PM Crescendo rehearsal in Walker Hall
- Tuesdays** 9:00 AM to 12 Noon Taichi Chuan with Christopher Kiely 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 will resume on January 4
- Saturdays** 9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office every other Sat.

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