



**St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Christmas Day ~ The Birth of our Lord
December 25, 2020
Holy Eucharist ~ 10:00 a.m.**

Christmas Day ~ The Celebration of the Birth of our Lord

Preludes

Welcome

Celebrant: The word became flesh and dwelt among us:

People: And we beheld his glory.

Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: #83 "O Come All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1, 2, 3, 6)

Celebrant: Alleluia!

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

People: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Gloria: #96 "Angels we have heard on high" (vs. 1 & 3)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day: O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

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 all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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.

The Psalm (prayed in unison) Psalm 96

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.

The Second Reading: 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.

Sequence Anthem

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-7

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Ronald J. Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

**by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People for Christmas

Presider: As we join the angels and celebrate with joy the birth of the Son of God, let us offer prayers to God who gives new birth to sons and daughters in every place.

Leader: By the birth of the timeless Son of God
in the womb of the Virgin Mary.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Leader: For Ian and Laura our bishops, Ron our priest, Donna our deacon
and all the presbyters, deacons, and all who minister in Christ, and
for all the holy people of God.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Leader: For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Leader: For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Leader: For the conversion of all humanity to our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Leader: For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead. Remembering especially those for whom memorials have been given and are listed in our worship bulletin this Christmas season.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Leader: For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

People: Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Leader: Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, Peter, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: To you, O Lord.

Presider: Source of light and gladness, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow in Jesus Christ who unites our lives to yours and who is Lord for all eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy name. Amen.

Celebrant: 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.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Jesus Christ, born this night, be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: #87 “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Eucharistic Prayer B

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The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Priest: The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord, Amen

Communion Music:

Post Communion Prayer

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***All:* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn #111 "Silent Night"

- 1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.**

2. **Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake
At the sight, glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!**

3. **Silent Night, holy night, Son of God,
Love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

Christmas Blessing

Closing Hymn: # 100 "Joy to the World!"

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Rejoicing in the Messiah's birth, let us go forth into the world in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude:

12/24 Carol Sing: First two verse ONLY

1st Carol: #102 "Once in royal David's city"

2nd Carol: #81 "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming"

3rd Carol: #105 "God rest you merry, gentlemen"

4th Carol: #107 "Good Christian friends, rejoice"

5th Carol: #110 "The snow lay on the ground"

6th Carol: #112 "In the bleak midwinter"

7th Carol: #100 "Joy to the World!"

Christmas Gifts 2020

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