



~ Christmas Day ~

**The Celebration of the Birth of our Lord
10:00 a.m., December 25, 2025**

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Fr. Ron Kolanowski, Priest
Music by Ronald Hughes & Jason Castonguay**

Harp Prelude: "In the Bleak Midwinter"
"See, Amid the Winter Snow"

Opening Hymn: #83 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs. 1-3

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| 1. O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him,
born the King of angels;
<i>Refrain: O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.</i> | 2. God from God,
Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's
womb;
only begotten Son of God
the Father;
<i>Refrain</i> |
| 3. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation, sing,
all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest;
<i>Refrain</i> | |

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.**

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.***

Hymn: "Angels we have heard on high"

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| 1. Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the
night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.
<i>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</i> | 3. Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn
King.
<i>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</i> |
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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day:

**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.***

The First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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

The Psalm (prayed in unison) Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, ***
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm ***
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; ***
his righteousness has he openly shown
in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy**
and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.**
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

The Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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

Sequence Hymn: #101 "Away in a Manger"

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel: The Gospel according to John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Ron Kolanowski

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.

Silence

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord

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

Leader: For Jeff and Laura our bishops, Ron our priest, Doug our seminarian, Donna & Marge our deacons and all the presbyters, priests & deacons, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Silence

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord

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 in the world.

Silence

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord

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.

Silence

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord

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

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

Silence

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord

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.

Silence

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord

People: To you, O Lord.

Celebrant: For what else shall we pray today?

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.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And also with you

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory

Offertory Hymn: #93 "Angels, From The Realms of Glory"

- 1 Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye, who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

- 2 Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with you is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:

Refrain

- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar:
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:

Refrain

- 4 Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:

Refrain

Doxology: #380 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

**The Great Thanksgiving
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. 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

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

**And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O
Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and
this wine...**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:
The Lord's Prayer **BCP, page 364**

**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 **BCP, page 364**

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

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion 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.
- 2 Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
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.

Post-Communion Hymn Solo: "O Holy Night" (Jason Castonguay)

Post Communion Prayer

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Christmas Blessing

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!

Closing Hymn: #100 "Joy to the World" (vs. 1,2,4)

- 1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing.**
- 2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy.**
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love.**

Postlude: *"In Dulci Jubilo"*

***Music for Christmas Morning generously provided by
Ronald Hughes & Jason Castonguay***



Memorial Giving for Christmas



Given by

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Stephen & Victoria Fisk

All family and friends that have already gone back to God.; All in the world who have lost their lives due to lack of refuge, food, medical resources and freedom.

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In honor of

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The Forrest Family
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The Konopka family and my church family



For unto us a Child is Born



O, Come, let us adore him