



Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



The Eve of the Nativity of the Lord (Year B)

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

December 24, 2023 • 11:00 PM

Welcome

Welcome to Grace & Holy Trinity. Ever aspiring to be more like Christ, we are a warm and welcoming Episcopal parish, inclusive to all, and mindful of the needs of others. We hope you will find a family here with us, whether you are a college student, Richmond newcomer, out-of-towner, or a long-time resident looking for a new church home. We open our arms and our hearts to you! **If you are visiting**, please fill out the **Connect Card** in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate during the service. Sign up for the **Weekly News** with the Connect Card or at ghtc.org/news. **Children and Youth** activities are located in the second floor classrooms in the Parish House. A wonderful **nursery** staff is available from 8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. should you wish to drop off your infant during worship. We also provide **children's bulletins** for children wishing to stay with their parents. If young children get restless, you are welcome to use our library. **Changing tables** are located in the family restroom near the choir room. A greeter can direct you. Information about **Complimentary Sunday Parking** can be found in the back of this bulletin or on the Connect Table in the hallway across from the library.

Today's Worship Participants

The Reverend Gregory Bezilla, *Celebrant & Preacher*
The Reverend Steve McGehee, *Deacon*
Henry Nelson, Vake & Gil Martin, & Charlie Sollog, *Acolytes*
Catherine Perrin & Abbey Stinnett, *Chalice Bearers*
Brad Davenport, *Lector*
Chuck Bleick, Bill Perkins, Glenn Ayers, *Ushers*

The Word of God

*The Prelude marks the beginning of our worship and is intended as a time of quiet prayer and reflection for all. **Please silence your devices.***



Prelude

“Meditation” *Thais* | Jules Massenet

Julie Walton, *Flute*
Aponi Brunson, *Harp*

We thank Julie Walton and Aponi Brunson for assisting in worship today.

“Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts” *Christmas Oratorio* | Camille Saint-Saëns (*lyrics atop page 2*)

Parish Choir Ensemble

Keely Borland, Bella Cox, Mary Watkins, & Caroline Whisnant, *Soprano*
Catherine Perrin, Elizabeth Robideau & Abigail Stinnett, *Alto*
Alan Chavez & James Taylor, *Tenor* | Chase Peak, Robert Perrin & Cannon West, *Bass*

Praise ye the Lord of hosts, Praise and adore Him;
God, in Holy Trinity, Blessed forevermore.
Sing, O ye heavens, and on earth be ye joyful. Praise ye the name of the Lord, who cometh.
Alleluia. Sing O ye heavens, and on earth be ye joyful.
Praise ye the name of the Lord who cometh. Alleluia.

“Arioso” | Johann Sebastian Bach

Julie Walton, *Flute*
Aponi Brunson, *Harp*

“Ding Dong! Merrily on High” | arr. by John Rutter

Parish Choir Ensemble

Ding dong! Merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,
And io, io, io by priest and people sungen. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime your eve time song, ye singers. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

“Andante” Piano Concerto No. 21 | Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
“Sheep May Safely Graze” Cantata #208 | Johann Sebastian Bach

Julie Walton, *Flute*
Aponi Brunson, *Harp*

“He Shall Feed His Flock” *Messiah* | George Frideric Handel

Keely Borland & Caroline Whisnant, *Soloists*

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd and he shall gather the lambs with his arm,
And carry them in his bosom and gently lead those that are with young.
Come unto Him all ye that labour, Come unto Him, ye that are heavy laden
and He will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you and learn of Him
for He is meek and lowly of heart, And ye shall find rest unto your souls.

“Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming” | arr. by John Purifoy

Julie Walton, *Flute*
Aponi Brunson, *Harp*

Processional Hymn

All stand and sing as you are able.

“O come, all ye faithful”

The Hymnal 1982 #83

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 *4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 *5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others

Music: Adeste fideles, present form of melody alt. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

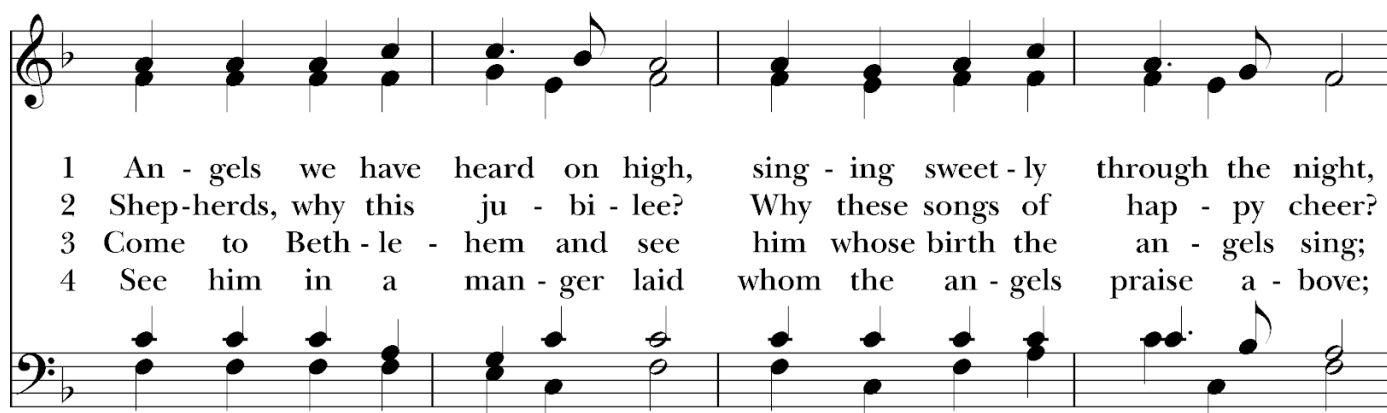
The Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

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.**

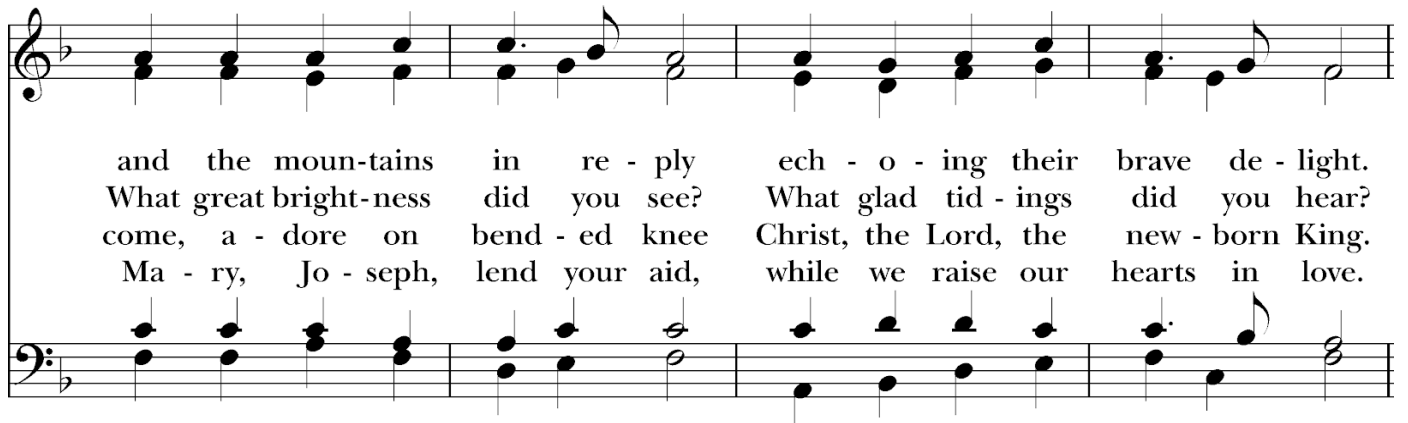
Song of Praise

"Angels we have heard on high"
The Hymnal 1982 #96 (vv. 1 & 3)



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

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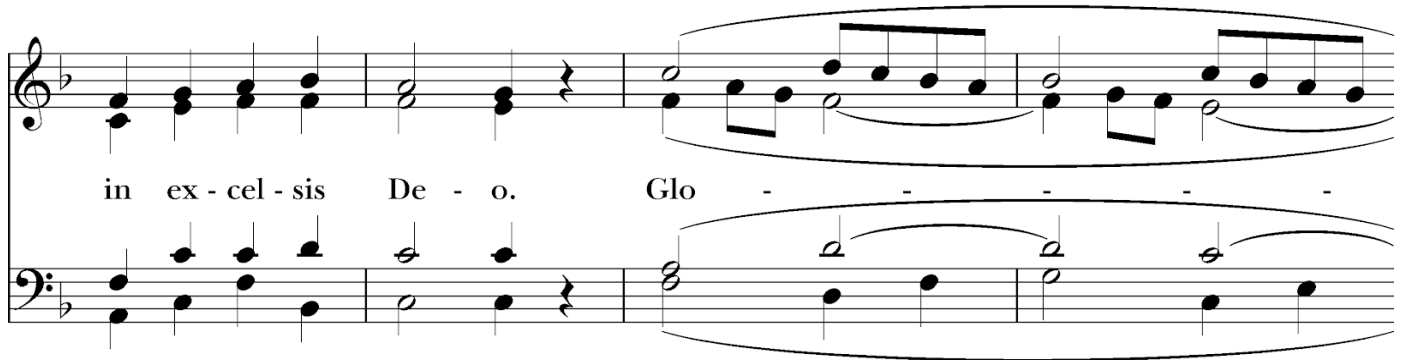


and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

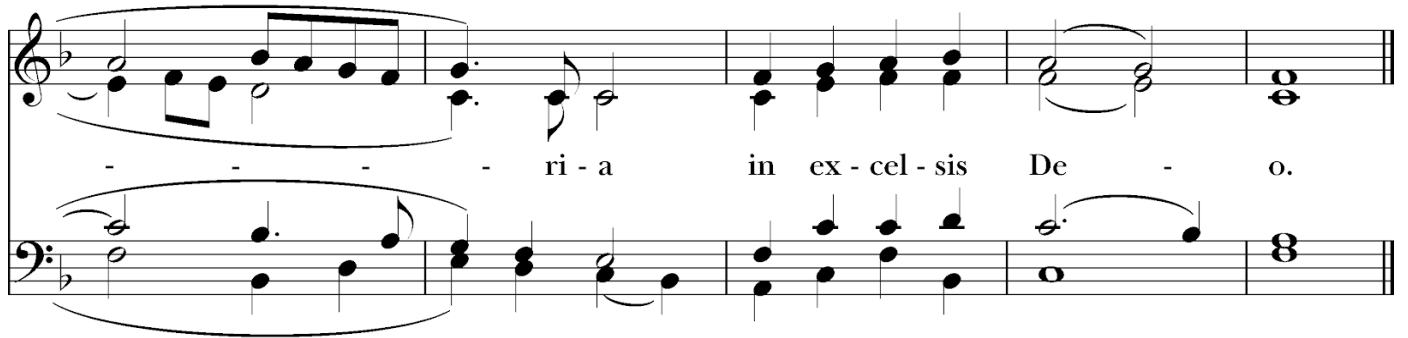
Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 62:6-12

Lector A reading from Isaiah.

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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97 (*Paraphrase*)

"God Reigns! Earth Rejoices" *Psalms for All Seasons*

All stand as you are able and sing.

1 God reigns! Earth re - joic - es! O - ceans shout God's might!
2 Fires will blaze the path - way; stars will mark the place,
3 E - vil walks be - side us, crush - es with its grief;
4 Light dawns for the right - eous, joy for God's own heirs;

Clad in truth and joy, God's throne is our de - light.
when God comes in glo - ry, meets us face to face.
yet in God the faith - ful find their sure re - lief.
love all loves ex - cel - ling; grace be - yond com - pare.

C/E Fm C

Clouds roll a - side, and night be - comes as day.
Moun - tains will shake, and worth - less i - dols fall;
Shack - les will break, and chains of bon - dage cease;
Daugh - ters and sons, God's maj - es - ty pro - claim!

Fm B^b/F Fm B^b Fm/C C Fm

God will dwell a - mong us; God will show the way!
Zi - on will re - joice, for God is Lord of all!
for - mer lam - en - ta - tions now are songs of peace.
Let your hearts de - clare the Lord's most ho - ly name!

Words: Michael Morgan © 2011 Michael Morgan, admin. Faith Alive Christian Resources
Music: (NOËL NOUVELET 11.11.10.11); Medieval French Carol, P.D.

Please be seated.

Second Reading

Titus 3:4-7

Lector A reading from Titus.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

All stand as you are able and sing.

“Hark! the herald angels sing”

The Hymnal 1982 #87

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

The Gospel

Luke 2: 1-20

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

All **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!"

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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Gregory Bezilla

The Nicene Creed

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Please stand as you are able and say,

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.

The Prayers of the People

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Celebrant In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Lector For all people in their daily life and work;

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

Lector For this community, the nation, and the world;

All For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Lector For the just and proper use of your creation;

All For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Lector For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Lector For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Lector For Michael, Mark, Gayle, Bud, and Susan our Bishops; and other ministers;

All For all who serve God in his Church.

Lector For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Parish Prayer List

The Deacon will read the names of those on the parish prayer list located in the back of the bulletin.

Lector Hear us, Lord;

All For your mercy is great.

Lector We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence | The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Lector We will exalt you, O God our King;

All And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Lector We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence | *The People may add their own petitions.*

Lector Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

All **Who put their trust in you.**

Lector We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People,

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 Celebrant says,

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

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

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Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2



This year's Christmas offering will go to The Shepherd's Center of Richmond.

To donate or pay your pledge,

scan the QR code or visit ghc.org/give.

Offertory Anthem

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella” | arr. by Mark Schweizer

Parish Choir

Julie Walton, *Flute*

Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella, Bring a torch and quickly run.
Christ is born, good folk of the village, Christ is born and Mary's calling;
Ah, ah, beautiful is the mother Ah, ah, beautiful is her son.
Quiet all, nor waken Jesus, Quiet all and whisper low.
Silence all and gather around him, Talk and noise might waken Jesus;
Hush, hush, quietly now he slumbers, Hush, hush, quietly now he sleeps.
Come and look within the stable, Come and see the holy one.
Come and see the lovely Jesus, White his brow, his cheeks are rosy;
Hush, hush, quietly now he slumbers, Hush, hush, quietly now he sleeps.

Doxology

The Hymnal 1982 #380 (v. 3)

All stand as you are able and sing.

**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.**

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant 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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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 & Benedictus

The Hymnal 1982 S 129

All sing.

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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features several triplet markings over groups of three notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Please remain standing as you are able after the Sanctus and Benedictus.

The Celebrant continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving. ...

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

The Celebrant continues with the Prayer of Thanksgiving. ...

Celebrant By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion.

*If you would like to speak to a priest about baptism, please contact The Rev. Greg Bezilla at
(804) 359-5628 x17 or email at gbezilla@ghtc.org.*

Those who prefer to receive the sacrament while seated in the congregation will be communed in their pews. **Please raise your bulletin and the Eucharistic Ministers will bring the sacrament to you.**

For a **gluten-free wafer**, please bring a blue gluten-free card from the pew rack to the altar rail. If you do not wish to receive Communion, you may come forward for a blessing.

Chase Peak, *Bass*

1. O holy night!

The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees!

Oh, hear the angel voices, O night divine,
O night when Christ was born,
O night divine, O night, O night divine.

2. Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand;
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wiseman from the Orient land.
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend.

He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger,
Behold your King, before the lowly bend.
Behold your King, your King, before Him bend.

3. Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we.
His power and glory evermore proclaim.
His power and glory evermore proclaim.

Communion Music

“Medley of Traditional Christmas Carols” | arr. by Gilliam and McCaskill

“Largo” *Winter* | Antonio Vivaldi

Julie Walton, *Flute*

Aponi Brunson, *Harp*

Post-Communion Prayer

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Please kneel as you are able and say,

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Sanctuary lights will be dimmed as the choir lights candles.

Post-Communion Hymn

“Silent night”

All remain kneeling and sing.

The Hymnal 1982 #111

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,
all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

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Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
 peace. born! birth. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)

Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

The Christmas Blessing

The Book of Occasional Services p. 11

Celebrant May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

All Amen.

Celebrant May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

All stand as you are able and sing.

“Joy to the world!”

The Hymnal 1982 #100

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

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sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

The Dismissal

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Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

“Joy to the World” | Brenda Portman

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, *Organist*

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Parish Prayer List of Grace & Holy Trinity Church

December 24, 2023

We pray for Caitlin Bomar and family, Annie Campbell, Donna Campbell, Wendy Funk, Robert Gary, Jaxon Griffin, Cassie Harris, Cathy Ireland, Sandra Rose, Ray Slabaugh, Andy Stone & Robin Telfian.

For those who desire to be parents and for those expecting a child.

For all the blessings of this life.

For those who have died.

For the victims and all those affected by gun violence.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *Altar & Flower Guilds & Choirs.*

For our outreach ministries and partners, Red Door Ministry serving those who are food insecure; Circles RVA and those working towards financial stability; the people of Belize; the staff and families of St. Andrew's School.

For racial reconciliation and healing, and peace in the world.

For the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the City of Richmond and surrounding counties, and Virginia Commonwealth University.

For those serving in the military or diplomatic service.

Names may only be added to the Prayer List with the explicit consent of the recipient. All names in italics were added to the prayer list this past week.

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