

Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



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

Festival of Lessons & Carols, Rite Two

December 24, 2023 • 5:00 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 Rev. Gregory Bezilla & The Rev. Paul Evans, *Officiants*

Lucie & Dorie Baker, Sita & John Lewis, *Acolytes*

Bill Broaddus, Karin Walker, Phil Dawson, Alexander Macaulay, Judy Carlson,

Mason New, Sita Lewis, Ann Gray, & The Rev. Gregory Bezilla, *Lectors*

Clay Hilbert, Cleighton Hilbert, Wright Hilbert, Luke Hilbert, *Ushers*

All lessons follow the King James Version Translation of the Bible.

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

“Aria duetto” *Cantata 78* | Johann Sebastian Bach

“Canzona per sonare No. 2” | Giovanni Gabrieli – “I Saw Three Ships”

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice” – “Go Tell It on the Mountain” – “In the Bleak Midwinter”

“Ding Dong! Merrily on High”

Brass Quintet

Alexander Wilkerson & Michael Nguyen, *Trumpet*

Luke Sardinia, *French Horn*

Grant Cunningham, *Trombone*

Isaac Murrell, *Bass Trombone*

“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 labor, 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.

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” | Johann Sebastian Bach

Brass Quintet

We thank the Brass Quintet for assisting in worship today.

Processional Hymn

Please stand as you are able and sing.

“Once in royal David’s City”

The Hymnal 1982 #102

Verse 1: Courtney Scottow, Soloist

Verse 2: Parish Choir

Verse 3: All sing beginning with Verse 3

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Once in royal David's City". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with some lines starting with "Solo", "Choir", or "All".

Solo 1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
Choir 2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
All *3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

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1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
 2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
 3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -
 4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
 5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so
 6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
 2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
 3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this
 4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
 5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he
 6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

Words: Sts. 1-2 and 4-6, Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.; st. 3, James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)
 Music: *Irby*, melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)

The Bidding Prayer

King's College, Cambridge (*adapted*)

Officiant Beloved in Christ, in this Christmas Eve, let it be our care and in delight to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially his Church in the City of Richmond and in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

The Lord's Prayer

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Officiant These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

All **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.

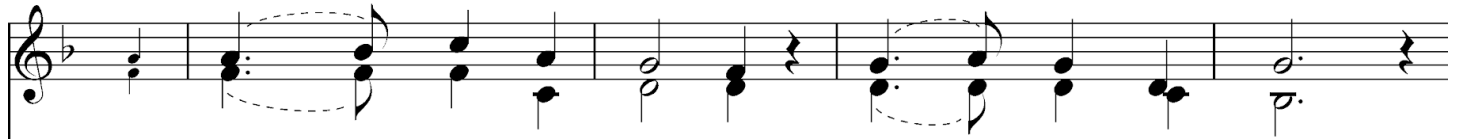
Officiant The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

All Amen.

Carol

“In the bleak midwinter”

The Hymnal 1982 #112



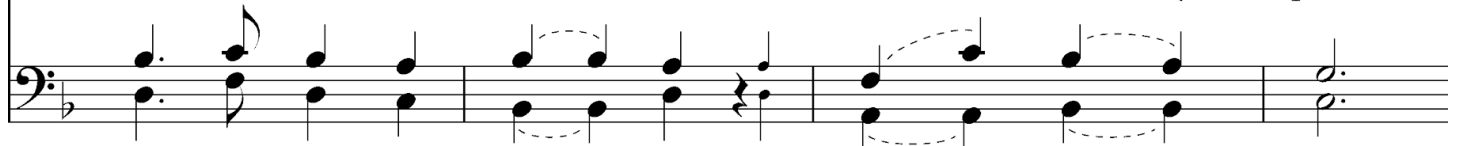
1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
4 What can I give him, poor as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim throng - ed the air;
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;



snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;



in the bleak mid-winter, long ago.
the Lord God in-carnate, Je-sus Christ.
wor-shipped the be-lov-ed with a kiss.
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) | Music: *Cranham*, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

Please be seated.

First Lesson

Genesis 3:8–15, 17–19

Lector God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent’s head.

And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, “Where art thou?” And he said, “I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” And he said, “Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?” And the man said, “The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.” And the Lord God said unto the woman, “What is this that thou hast done?” And the woman said, “The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.” And the Lord God said unto the serpent, “Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” And unto Adam he said, “Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, ‘Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.’”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

First Carol

“Let All Mortal Flesh” | Gustav Holst

Parish Choir & Brass Quintet

Courtney Scottow & Cannon West, *Soloists*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our Lord to earth descendeth our full homage to demand.

King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of Lords in human vesture in the Body and the Blood.
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day;
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Lord most High! Amen.

Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

Lector God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, “By myself have I sworn,” saith the Lord, “for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Carol

“Angels from the realms of glory”

All stand as you are able and sing.

The Hymnal 1982 #93

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain
 now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. | Music: Regent Square, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

Please be seated.

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

Lector The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Third Carol

“The People That Walked in Darkness” *Messiah* | George Frideric Handel

Chase Peak, *Bass*

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light, and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1–4a, 6–9

Lector The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots: and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord. With righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice’ den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Fourth Carol

All stand as you are able and sing.

“Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming”

The Hymnal 1982 #81 (vv. 1-2)

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
 * 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung,
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Words: St. 1-2, German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). st. 3, Friedrich Layritz(1808-1859); tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925); ver. *Hymnal* 1940 | Music: *Es ist ein Ros*, melody from *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Please be seated.

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26–35, 38

Lector The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, "Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, "Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." Then said Mary unto the angel, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" And the angel answered and said unto her, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." And Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." And the angel departed from her.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Fifth Carol

"The Song of Mary" | Richard Shephard

Parish Choir & Brass Quintet

My Lord and Saviour is my song, He fills my spirit with delight,
To raise me up his arm is strong, the lowly precious in his sight,
Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

My name shall live from age to age, and every tongue his servant bless,
For mercy is their heritage whose hearts the Holy One confess.
Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

The proud beguiled by dreams of power divided and degraded lie:
He casts them down from throne and tower and stoops to lift the humble high.
Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

He feeds the hungry at his board and sends the rich unfilled away,
And mindful of his promised word has answered Israel's prayer today.
Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

With all the elders of our race, and those unborn who seek this birth,
 I sing the glory of his grace who brings eternity to earth.
 Magnificat, Magnificat, Magnificat anima mea Dominum.

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Lector Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sixth Carol

“O little town of Bethlehem”

All stand as you are able and sing.

The Hymnal 1982 #79

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 *4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

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1 yet in thy dark streets shin-eth the ev-er-last-ing Light;
 2 O morn-ing stars, to-geth-er pro-claim the ho-ly birth!
 3 No ear may hear his com-ing, but in this world of sin,
 4 where char-i-ty stands watch-ing and faith holds wide the door,
 5 We hear the Christ-mas an-gels the great glad-tid-ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to-night.
 2 and prais-es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 3 where meek souls will re-ceive him, still the dear Christ en-ters in.
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo-ry breaks, and Christ-mas comes once more.
 5 O come to us, a-bide with us, our Lord Em-man-u-el!

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893) | Music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

Please be seated.

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8–16

Lector The shepherds go to the manger.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, “Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, “Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.” And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Seventh Carol

“Hark! the herald angels sing”

All stand as you are able and 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!

Refrain

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing glo-ry to the new-born King!

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

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

Please be seated.

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Lector The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.” When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, “In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, and thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.” Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, “Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.” When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshiped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Eighth Carol

“We Three Kings” | arr. Philip W. J. Stopford

Parish Choir

We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
Born a King on Bethlehem plain, gold I bring to crown him again.
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.
Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising, all men raising, worship him, God most high.

Myrrh is mine its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom.
 Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in a stone-cold tomb.
 O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright.
 Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.
 Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and sacrifice.
 Heav'n sings Alleluia, Alleluia, the earth replies,
 O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright.
 Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

Lector Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Ninth Carol

All stand and sing.

“O come, all ye faithful”

The Hymnal 1982 #83 (vv. 1-3)

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,

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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

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

Ephesians 5:2



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Offertory Anthem

“Birthday Carol” | Sir David Willcocks

Parish Choir

1. Rejoice today with one accord, Alleluia,
This is the birthday of our Lord. Alleluia.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!

2. Shepherds abiding in the field, Alleluia,
To them God's glory was revealed. Alleluia.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!

3. And to the shepherds sore afraid, Alleluia,
An angel said, 'Be not dismayed' Alleluia.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!

4. 'Tidings of joy to you I bring,' Alleluia,
'Today is born a heav'nly King.' Alleluia.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!

5. 'And ye shall find in manger laid,' Alleluia,
'The Babe in swaddling clothes arrayed.' Alleluia.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!

6. A host of angels filled the sky, Alleluia,
Thus singing praise to God on high. Alleluia.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo! *(continues on next page)*

7. Now join we all the angel throng, Alleluia,
And let our voices swell the song: Alleluia.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!

Doxology

The Hymnal 1982 #380 (v. 3)

All stand 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.**

The Collect for the Nativity of our Lord

BCP p. 160

Please kneel as you are able.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

All Amen.

Hymn

“Silent Night”

All remain kneeling as you are able 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,

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "Silent Night". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "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,". The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The bass line consists of simple chords and single notes.

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,

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. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. 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

Officiant May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

All 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

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)

Postlude

“Hornpipe” from “Water Music” | George Frideric Handel

Brass Quintet

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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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