

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2019

"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."

St. John 1.14.

Blessing of the Crib & Choral Eucharist at 10.00 pm

Celebrant & Preacher
The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Assisting

The Reverend Christopher Dangpilen (San Lorenzo Ruiz)
The Reverend Jennifer Matthews
The Reverend Michael Perry

Mass Setting: *Missa ad Praesepe (Mass at the Crib)* – GEORGE MALCOLM Hearing Assistance Units are available. Please ask a greeter.

The Clergy, Churchwardens and staff of The Church of St. Peter & St. Simon-the-Apostle and San Lorenzo Ruiz wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Prelude John Sheard - Piano

Introit for Christmas Midnight

Choir

Dominus dixit ad me: Filius meus es tu, ego hodie genui te. Ps. Quare fremuerunt gentes: et populi meditati sunt inania? Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto: Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

TRAD. PLAINCHAT

The Lord hath said to me: Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee. Ps. Why have the Gentiles raged, and the people devised vain things? Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Blessing of the Christmas Crib

All turn to face the crib at the back of the Church.

Celebrant Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given;

All And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor

the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Celebrant The word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

All And we beheld his glory.

Celebrant Lord of hosts, sanctify and bless this manger, that all who look upon it may be

reminded of the humble birth of Jesus and be blessed evermore by him who is God with us and the Saviour of all, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the

Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

Hymn Away in a Manger

CRADLE SONG #126

Away in a manger, no crib for a 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.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! look down from on high,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Celebrant Let us go forth in Peace Alleluia, alleluia!

All In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia Alleluia!

Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES #118

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;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light, lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb; very God, begotten not created: *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear; we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain*

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

Celebrant Almighty God,

are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Lord have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Choir Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect

Celebrant Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of thy one true light.

As we have known the revelation of that light on earth,

bring us to see the splendour of thy heavenly glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7

Read by Paul Faulkner

Reader: The first lesson is written in the 9th chapter of the book of the Prophet Isaiah, beginning at the 2nd verse.

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 Counsellor, 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.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96 Sung by all. You are invited to remain seated.



- ¹ O sing unto the 'Lord a ⋅ new 'song; /
 - sing unto the Lord, 'all the 'whole 'earth.
- ² Sing unto the Lord, and 'praise his 'Name; /
 - be telling of his sal'vation from 'day to 'day.
- ³ Declare his honour a'mong the 'nations, /
 - and his 'wonders a'mong all 'peoples.
- ⁴ For the Lord is great, and cannot 'worthily be 'praised; / he is more to be 'feared than 'all 'gods.
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the peoples, 'they are · but 'idols; / but it is the 'Lord that 'made the 'heavens.
- ⁶ Honour and majesty ' are be'fore him: /
 - strength and 'beauty are 'in his 'sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye 'kindreds · of the 'peoples, / ascribe unto the 'Lord 'glory and 'power.
- ⁸ Give unto the Lord the honour 'due · unto his 'Name; / bring presents and 'come in'to his 'courts.
- 2^{nd 9} O worship the Lord in the 'beauty of 'holiness; /
 - let the whole earth 'stand in 'awe of 'him.
 - 10 Tell it out among the nations that the 'Lord is 'King; /
 - he hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved;
 - he shall 'judge the 'peoples' righteously.
 - 11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the 'earth be 'glad; /
 - let the sea make a noise, and 'all that 'is there'in.
 - ¹² Let the field be joyful, and 'all · that is 'in it; /
 - then shall all the trees of the wood re'joice be'fore the 'Lord;
 - ¹³ For he cometh, for he cometh to 'judge the 'earth, /
 - and with righteousness to judge the world, and the 'peoples' with his 'truth.

Second Lesson Titus 2:11-14

Read by Darla Roguel

Reader: The Epistle is written in the 2nd chapter of the Letter of Paul to Titus, beginning at the 11th verse.

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 Saviour, 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.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn It came upon a Midnight Clear

NOEL #141

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold!
Peace on the earth, to all good will,
From heaven's all gracious King!
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing.
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

The Holy Gospel Luke 2:1-20

Please remain standing. All turn to face the Gospel as it is read in the centre aisle.

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be

All Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 Saviour, 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 favours!" 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

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

it had been told them.

All Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world hath suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And we, amid our wars hear not
The love song which they bring:
O listen now, and still your strife,
And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on by prophets seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold: when the new heaven and earth shall own the Prince of Peace their King, and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

Homily *Please* be seated

Motet O Magnum Mysterium(Choir)

MORTEN LAURIDSEN

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, iacentem in praesepio! Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Iesum Christum. Alleluia!

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed is the virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord, Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Nicene Creed Please stand.

Celebrant I believe in one God,

All the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible;
 And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of the Father before all worlds,

God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made:

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,

and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.

And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Prayers of the People *Please kneel or stand.*

Led by Ted Robinson

Confession, and Absolution

Amen.

The Celebrant invites the congregation to join in the General Confession

Silence is kept. Please kneel or be seated.

Celebrant Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things and judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And with thy spirit.

We invite you to share a sign of peace with those near you – a handshake, slight bow or other form of greeting. Please respect those who wish not to shake hands.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Hymn *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE #143

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.

Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing; Yonder shines the infant light: *Refrain*

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar; Seek the great Desire of nations; Ye have seen His natal star. *Refrain*.

Saints, before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear; Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear. *Refrain*.

Though an Infant now we view Him, He shall fill His Father's throne, Gather all the nations to Him; Every knee shall then bow down: *Refrain*.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast.

May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours;

for he is Lord now and for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you. Merbecke; Common Praise 682

All And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Choir Holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel or be seated.

Celebrant Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in

remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

All We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; and we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer – *said together*

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 them that 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Agnus Dei – *Please sit or kneel.*

Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.

Please do not dip the consecrated bread into the wine - Drinking from the chalice is considered safe from the point of view of public health. You are also welcome to receive only the bread, if you prefer. Indicate this by holding your arms crossed over your chest as the chalice passes; this is also a way to receive a blessing rather than communion. Gluten-free communion wafers are available – please let the administering priest know.

Choir Carol *In the Bleak Midwinter*

HAROLD DARKE

In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan; Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, In the bleak mid-winter long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him nor earth sustain, Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign: In the bleak mid-winter astable-place sufficed The Lord God Almighty — Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom Cherubim worship night and day,
A breastful of milk and a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom Angels fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give Him, poor as I am? — If I were a Shepherd I would bring a lamb; If I were a Wise Man I would do my part, — Yet what I can I give Him, - Give my heart.

Hymn Of Eternal Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM #132

All Of the Father's Love begotten ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he, of the things that are and have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

Men At his Word the worlds were framed. He commanded, it was done: heaven and earth and depths of ocean in their threefold order one; all that grows beneath the shining of the moon and burning sun, evermore and evermore.

Women O that birth for ever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Saviour of our race, and the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore.

Men This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord, whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word; now he shines, the long expected; let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore.

Women O ye heights of heaven, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing; all dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and king; let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore.

All Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be, honour, glory, and dominion and eternal victory, evermore and evermore.

Hymn 136 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

WINCHESTER OLD

O Holy Night Danielle Dudycha – Soprano

ADOLPHE ADAM

Hand candles will be lit. To prevent dripping wax, please tip your unlit candle to the lit candle.

Hymn Silent Night (please remain seated)

STILLE NACHT #119

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.

Silent night, Holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Saviour, is born! Christ the Saviour, is born!

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.

Prayer after Communion *Please stand*

Celebrant Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven are united in sending thy Son to take our human nature.

May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing *Please extinguish hand candles*.

Hymn Hark the Herald Angels

MENDELSSOHN #138

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King, peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."

Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

- 2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail, the incarnate deity, pleased as one of us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*
- 3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!

 Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

 Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Priest Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!

Postlude Noel Suisse

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Sunday 8:30 am Holy Eucharist – Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

10:30 am 1st Sunday Choral Eucharist - Traditional

2nd Sunday Choral Matins - BCP

3rd Sunday Choral Eucharist - Traditional
4th Sunday Choral Eucharist - Contemporary

Sunday Evensong As Announced

4th Tuesday of the Month Candlelight Evening Prayer

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