CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 24 2025 | 11PM Musical Prelude at 10:30PM

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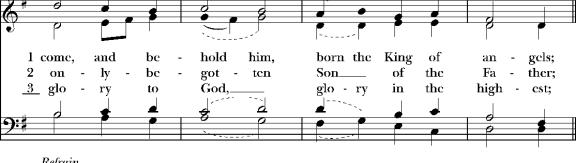
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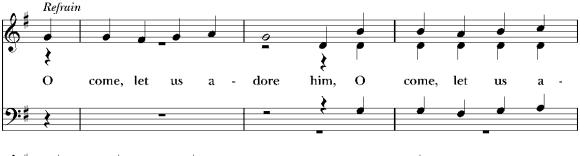
Merwin Siu, violin; Cheryl Trace, violin; Kalindi Bellach, viola; and Damon Coleman, cello

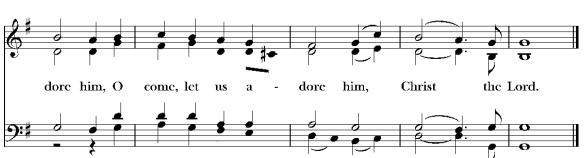
welcome

The Rev. Jon M. Richardson

O come, all ye faithful Processional Hymn (All rise.) The Hymnal 1982 #83 1 O come, allye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O Light from Light c - ter - nal,_ God $from_{-}$ God,_ Sing, choirs of an - gels, singin ex - ul - ta - tion,____ Beth 1 come O come_ le - hem; ye to 2 lo! hors____ Virgin's womb; he not the heaven <u>3</u> sing, all - ti - zens a - bove;







opening acclamation

Presider

Blessed be God! Most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People All And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

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 Savior. Amen.

GLOria

Angels We Have Heard on High

The Hymnal 1982 #96



COLLECT OF THE Day

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

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 Savior Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON ISAIAH 9:2-7

Reader A reading from Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

For a child has been born for us,

a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;

and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time onward and forevermore.

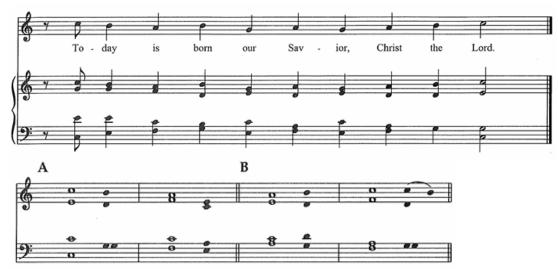
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: Thanks be to God.

The text of the psalm will be chanted by the choir. All are invited to join on the antiphon.

ANTIPHON:



Sing to God a new song;

Sing to God all the whole earth.

Sing and bless God's holy Name;

proclaim the good news of salvation from day to <u>day.</u> [ANT.]

Declare God's glory among the <u>nations</u>

God's wonders among all peoples.

For God is great and greatly to be praised;

more to be feared than all gods.

[ANT.]

Let the heaven's rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

Let the sea thunder and all that is in it;

Let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy

before God, who will come,

Who will come to judge the <u>earth.</u>

[ANT.]

THE SECOND LESSON TITUS 2:11-14

Reader: A reading from Titus.

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 gloryof our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.



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 Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, O 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 Christ.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Jon M. Richardson

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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. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead. and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor On this holy night, Christians the world over celebrate Jesus' birth.

Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. Christ in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor On this holy night, there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love

those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Christ in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor On this holy night, Mary in the pain of labor brought your Son to birth.

Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress. Christ in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor On this holy night, your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness.

Bring comfort to all who have experienced grief and loss, in the hope of heaven.

Christ in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor On this holy night, shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give

us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption. Christ in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor On this holy night, the angels sang 'Peace to God's people on earth'. Strengthen those

who work for peace and justice in all the world. Christ in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor On this holy night, strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby

lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love.

Christ in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor On this holy night, heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to

heaven. Keep in safety all those who have gone through death in the hope of heaven.

Christ in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor On this holy night, angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger

throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with the Blessed Mary

and all the saints. Christ in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider God of David's fragile house of hope and expectations; in the time of empires, your

world is born to those who have no place and sung to those who watch in the wild; may

your incarnation unsettle our world with hidden glory and untold peace; through Jesus

Christ, the Child of Promise. Amen.

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Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements & Offertory Invitation

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OFFETTORY

Sussex Carol (Trinity Choir) arr. Elaine Hagenberg

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring; news of great joy, news of great mirth. news of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad; when from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty.

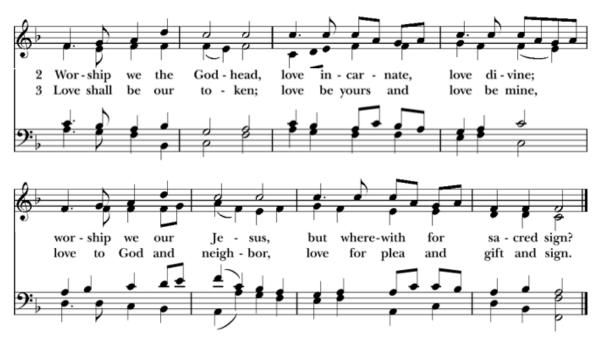
When sin departs before his grace then life and health come in its place. Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night; "Glory to God in highest heaven Now and for evermore," Amen!

Presentation Hymn

Love came down at Christmas

The Hymnal 1982 #84



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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eucharistic Prayer A (Expansive Language Version)

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to Christ our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your beloved child, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made a perfect example of humanity, born of the flesh of Blessed Mary, his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of our faults, 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 Holy, Holy, Holy The Hymnal 1982 #130





Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night being handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

Sanctus from Deutsche Messe by Franz Schubert



We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LOTD'S Prayer

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

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

Presider

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.



Presider

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Receive this gift in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose for you, and feed in him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

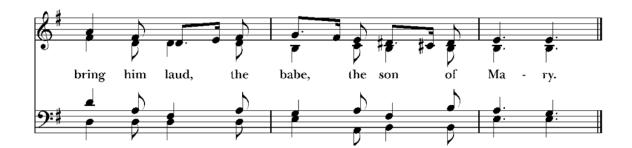
invitation to communion

The priest will invite everyone to come forward for communion. The ushers will direct you when it is time. At Trinity we offer both fresh bread and a gluten free option. In solidarity with our siblings in recovery, we offer only non-alcoholic wine. All are welcome.



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THE POST COMMUNION Prayer

Please stand, as you are able

Presider

Let us pray.

All

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth as people who are forgiven, healed, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Passing the light of Christ

We will share the light of Christ at this time. Once your candle has been lit, please pass the light to your neighbor.

candle lighting hymn

Silent Night, Holy Night

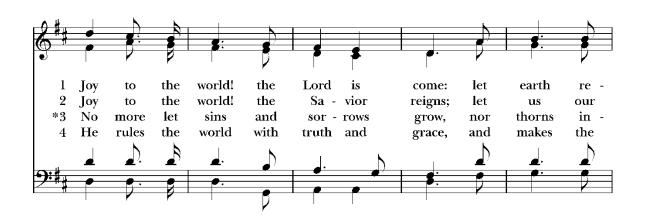
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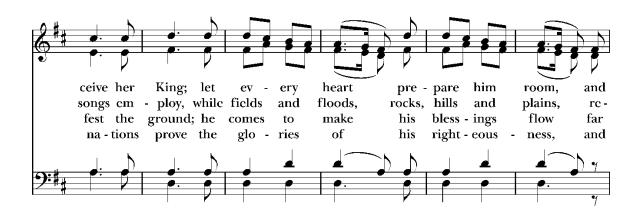
- 1.) Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace
- 2.) Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 3.) Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

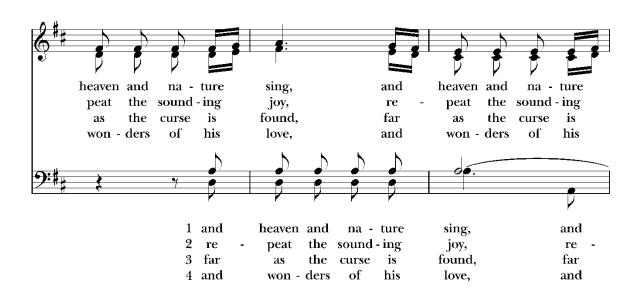
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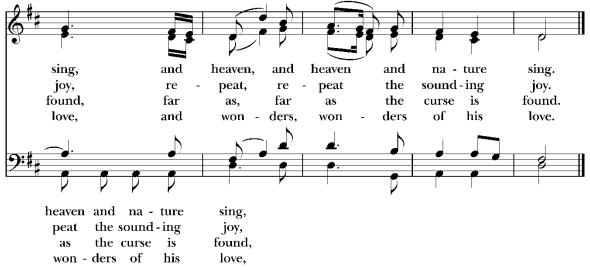
Presider

May Christ, who by the Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with all joy and peace. And the blessing of God who creates us, Christ who walks with us, and the Holy Spirit who empowers us for the journey be among you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**









Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve our loving, liberating, and life-giving God.

People Thanks be to God!

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