



ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 25, 2025, 10:00 AM

PROCESSIONAL: "Angels From the Realms of Glory" *Regent Square* (H93)

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

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,

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

OPENING COLLECTS

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 9:2-7*

A Reading from the book of 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: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 96

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- ² **Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; ***
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- ⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; ***
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- ⁶ **Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! ***
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- ⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; ***
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- ¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! ***
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

¹¹ Let the heavens 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.

¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.**

¹³ He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

A Reading from the letter to 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 glory of 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: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SEQUENCE HYMN: "Angels We Have Heard on High" Gloria (H96)

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;

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.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

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THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14(15-20)

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

People: **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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

The Reverend Maureen Carey

Please take a few moments in silence to hear what the Spirit is saying to you.

THE NICENE CREED

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

Celebrant: Let us pray to God, who came among us in the birth of Jesus:

Gracious God, as a star rose, and drew people from great distances to Bethlehem that they might greet the Christ-child; draw us and all people to you – that we might be the Church that grows to look and act like Jesus.

Lord, we pray that the light and hope of Christmas be born new in us this year.

As you gave Mary your Holy Spirit, filling her with the delight of your Presence; fill us with your Holy Spirit, and renew our lives, guiding us to live without fear.

Lord, we pray that the light of Christ be born new in us this year.

As the three kings followed the brightness of His rising; draw our nation, the world, and all in authority, to His brightness and love.

Lord, we pray that the light and hope of Christmas be born new in us this year.

As angels sang 'glorias' to you and proclaimed peace on earth, and goodwill among all people; bring us your peace and bring an end to fear and injustice throughout the world.

Lord, we pray that the light and hope of Christmas be born new in us this year.

As shepherds were drawn away from their flocks by night; Draw those who do not know you yet to the knowledge and love of you.

Lord, we pray that the light and hope of Christmas be born new in us this year.

As Jesus was born in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn; be especially present with those who have nowhere to lay their head, those who are vulnerable, and those who are hungry.

Lord, we pray that the light and hope of Christmas be born new in us this year.

As Jesus came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of Life Eternal; Give to the departed eternal rest and let Light perpetual shine on them.

Lord, we pray that the light and hope of Christmas be born new in us this year.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, may the Light and Hope of Christmas, and of your Son's Incarnation, reassure our hearts that you are among us, that you hear our prayers and that you are always with us. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, we pray. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

**and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you**

The Holy Communion

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

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OFFERTORY HYMN: "Good King Wenceslas" J.M. Neale

**Good King Wenceslas looked out on the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel**

**"Hither, page, and stand by me, if thou know it, telling
Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?"
"Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain
Right against the forest fence, by Saint Agnes fountain."**

**"Bring me drink and bring me meat, bring me pine logs hither,
You and I will see him eat, when we bear them thither."
Page and monarch, forth they went, forth they went together,
Through the rude winds wild lament and the bitter weather.**

**"Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger,
Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no longer."
"Mark my footsteps, good my page, tread thou in them boldly,**

You shall find the winters rage freeze thy blood less coldly.”

**In his masters step he trod, where the snow lay dented;
Heat was in the very sod, which the Saint had printed
Therefore, Christians all be sure, wealth or rank possessing,
You who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

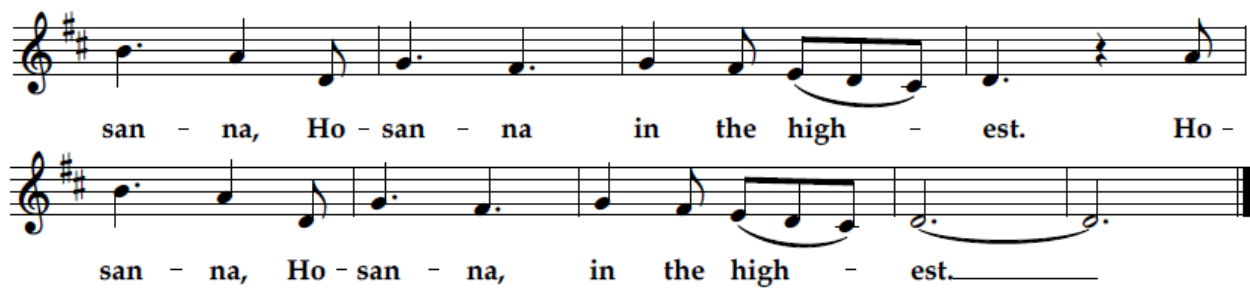
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being; sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS: “Holy, Holy” *Mass of a Peaceful Spirit, LaRosa*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with St. David all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

**Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

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

FRACTION HYMN: "Lamb of God" *Mass of a Peaceful Spirit, LaRosa*



This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here. † The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Holy Communion

The congregation remains seated until an usher invites them forward for Communion. Jesus invites the whole world to be in a relationship with him. All baptized persons of any denomination are welcome to our Lord's Table where bread and wine are blessed and broken and shared in remembrance of Christ

Jesus our Lord. If you would like a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your needs known to the ushers.

A healing minister will be near the entrance to provide healing prayers for anyone who would like a prayer for themselves or someone else during the distribution of the Holy Eucharist.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Away in a Manger" *Cradle Song* (H 101)

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
* 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

BLESSING

COMMUNION HYMN: "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen" (H 105)

1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle-men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came

re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:

to save us all from Sa-tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.

Refrain
O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com-fort and
joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God!**