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The Nativity of Our Lord – Family Mass
Christmas Eve - 2025
4:30 PM

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

Prelude – *Dance Prelude on “Bring a Torch Jeanette, Isabella” - Uhelein*
Von Himmel Hoch, da Komm ich Herr - Pachelbel

Processional Hymn	Blue Hymnal #83 – O Come All Ye Faithful
Salutation & Responses	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Page 355
Hymn of Praise	Blue Hymnal #96 Angels We Have Heard on High
The Collect of the Day	Insert

The Word of God

First Reading - Isaiah 9:2-7	Insert
Psalms - Psalm 96	Insert
Second Reading - Titus 2:11-14	Insert
Sequence Hymn	Blue Hymnal #87 – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Gospel - Luke 2:1-20	Insert
Children's Story & Reflection	The Rev. Terry O'Connor, Jr.
Nicene Creed	BCP Page 358
Prayers of the People	<i>Response: “Grant us your peace”</i>
Confession	BCP Page 360
The Peace of the Lord	Exchanged by all
Announcements	

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Music	Sleep Gently, Beautiful Jesus	Schroeder
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Doxology		
The Great Thanksgiving	Prayer B	BCP Page 367
Sanctus and Benedictus	#S125	BCP Page 367
The Lord's Prayer		BCP Page 364
Breaking of the Bread		BCP Page 364
Fraction Anthem	#S161	BCP Page 364
Holy Communion		
Communion Music	Pifa (Messiah)	G.F. Handel
Communion Hymn	Blue Hymnal #79 O Little Town of Bethlehem	
Post Communion Prayer		BCP Page 365
Post Communion Hymn		#111 Silent Night

Going Forth Into the World

Blessing		
Recessional Hymn	Blue Hymnal #100 Joy to the World	
Dismissal		BCP Page 366
Postlude –	<i>In dulci jubilo</i>	<i>J. S. Bach</i>

It is our privilege to have you worship with us and share in the community of God's faithful as we gather to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. We celebrate our diversity, knowing that ALL are created in God's image and likeness.

Please join us on Sundays at 9 AM for Holy Eucharist & Kid's Program!

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Wednesday, December 24th 6:10 PM: Hymns & Carols, followed by Holy Eucharist at 6:30 PM

Thursday, December 25th 8:00 AM: Spoken Holy Eucharist (no music)

Visitors & Guests – Welcome! Please sign the guestbook in the foyer.

*On behalf of Fr. Terry, Deacon Rich, our Retired Clergy,
your Wardens, and your Vestry,
we wish you and yours a blessed and merry Christmas! Have a healthy, happy, and safe New Year!*
MAKE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO JOIN US ON SUNDAYS AT 9AM!!!



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.]

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to You, Lord Christ!***

Lessons/Readings

Christmas Eve – December 24th

The Collect: O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

1st Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

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.
The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 96

- 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.

Titus 2:11-14

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. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #79 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Luke 2:1-14(15-20)

The Holy Gospel.... *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.