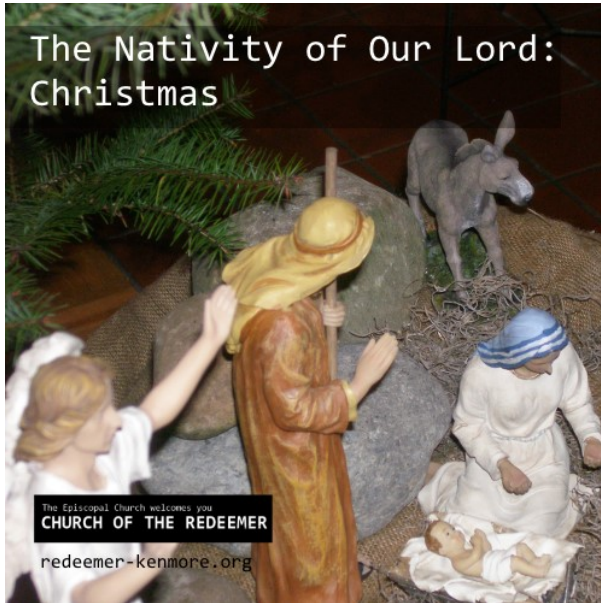


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**Bulletin for the Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas,
December 24, 2014 (Christ's Mass at 9:00 pm)**



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Carol and Hymn Sing (8:30 pm)

Carol: "What Child is this?"#115 Hymnal

Hymn: "Good King Wenceslas"

The Feast of Stephen (St. Stephen's Day) is December 26, the day after Christmas Day.

1. *All:* 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.
2. *Men:* "Hither, page, and stand by me, if you know it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?"
Trebles: "Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence, by Saint Agnes' fountain."
3. *Men:* "Bring me food and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither,
You and I will see him dine, when we bear them thither."
All: Page and monarch, forth they went, forth they went together,
Through the cold wind's wild lament and the bitter weather.
4. *Trebles:* "Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger,
Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no longer."
Men: "Mark my footsteps, my good page, tread now in them boldly,
You shall find the winter's rage freeze your blood less coldly."
5. *All:* In his master's steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian folk, be sure, wealth or rank possessing,
You who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing.

Solo: "I wonder as I wander," by John Jacob Niles Ellaina Lewis, soprano

Hymn: "O little town of Bethlehem" #79 Hymnal

Duet: "Gesù, bambino," by Pietro Yon

..... Ellaina Lewis, soprano; Nathan Whittaker, 'cello

Hymn: "'Twas in the moon of wintertime"#114 Hymnal

Hymn: "It came upon the midnight clear" #89 Hymnal

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II (9:00 pm)

BCP: Book of Common Prayer (red book)

Hymnal: The Hymnal 1982 (blue book)

WLP: Wonder, Love, and Praise (dark green softbound book)

This service primarily comes from the Book of Common Prayer.

The Word of God

Introit: "Hodie Christus natus est," by Heinrich Schutz

..... Linda Tsatsanis, Ellaina Lewis

Please rise as the procession enters during the introit.

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| Hodie Christus natus est: | <i>Today Christ is born:</i> |
| Hodie Salvator apparuit: | <i>Today the Savior appears:</i> |
| Hodie in terra canunt Angeli, | <i>Today the angels sing on earth,</i> |
| laetantur Archangeli | <i>and the Archangels rejoice.</i> |
| Hodie exsultant justi, dicentes: | <i>Today the just exult, saying:</i> |
| Gloria in excelsis Deo. | <i>Glory to God in the highest.</i> |
| Alleluia. | <i>Alleluia.</i> |

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn: "O come, all ye faithful" **#83 Hymnal**

Verse 3 and verse 6: Unison

The procession will stop at the Christmas Creche.

Celebrant: The word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

People: And we beheld his glory.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the Coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

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.*

Song of Praise: "Angels we have heard on high"..... **#96 Hymnal**

The Collect of the Day Page 212 BCP

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People; And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The celebrant says 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.

People: Amen.

The Lessons

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

▪ First Lesson [Isaiah 62:6-12](#)

Response: Psalm 96



Cantor: Today is born a savior, Christ the Lord.

People: Today is born a savior, Christ the Lord.

Cantor: O sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

People: Today is born a savior, Christ the Lord.

Cantor: Proclaim his help day by day.
Tell among the nations his glory and
his wonders among all the peoples.

People: Today is born a savior, Christ the Lord.

Cantor: Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad.
Let the sea and all within it thunder praise.
Let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy.

People: Today is born a savior, Christ the Lord.

Cantor: At the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
With justice, he will rule the world.
He will judge the peoples with his truth.

People: Today is born a savior, Christ the Lord.

- Second Lesson [Titus 3:4-7](#)
- Sequence: “*Gaudete*,” setting by Robert Batastini

Choir, then all:



Translation: “Rejoice, Christ is born of the Virgin Mary.”

▪ Gospel [Luke 2:\(1-7\)8-20](#)

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Fr. Steve Garratt

The Nicene Creed Page 358 BCP

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: Form III Page 387 BCP

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of SinPage 360 BCP

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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 PeacePage 360 BCP

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

- Hymn: "The first Nowell the angel did say"#109 vv 1-2, 6 Hymnal

Verse 1 and Verse 2: Harmony. Verse 6: Unison

On Christmas Eve, rather than our usual offertory procession, the ushers will pass plates during the singing of the offertory hymn to collect our tithes and offerings. Then, the thurifer and torch bearers will lead a procession of the gifts to the altar *before* the end of the offertory hymn.

- Preparation of the altar, including censuring the gifts and the people.

When the thurifer censes the people, it is traditional to respond by bowing to the thurifer after the thurifer bows to you. This happens twice, before and after censuring. This is done to acknowledge and honor the presence of Christ in each and every one of us.

All:

Praise_____ ye, praise ye_____ the Lord from the

heav - ens; praise_____ Him,

praise_ Him in the high - - est.

Al - le - lu - - i - - - a.

Choir:

Praise Him all ye an - gels; praise Him all ye hosts.
Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him all ye stars and light.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B Page 367 BCP

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, 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 et Benedictus #S 125 Hymnal

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling

of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given 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, according to his command, O Father,

▪ Memorial Acclamation..... **#S 136 Hymnal**

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this
bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

▪ Fraction Anthem:

Cantor, then all:



Be known to us, Je - sus, in the break-ing of the bread.
One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.

Cantor:

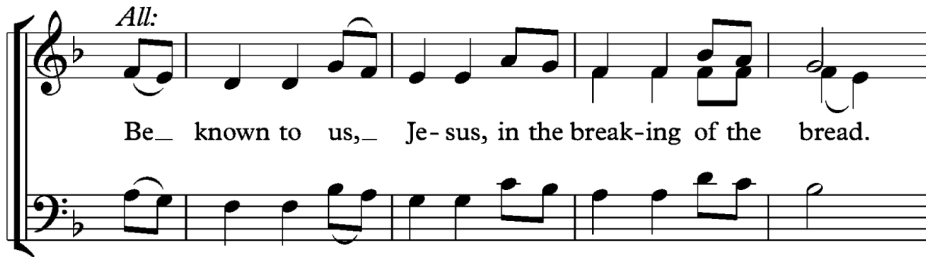


The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, is the com-
For though we are ma - ny, we share one bread. Al - le -



mu - nion of Christ, the bod - y of Christ.
lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.

All:



Be known to us, Je - sus, in the break-ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

or with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

The bread used for the Eucharist is certified gluten free and made in a 100% dedicated facility. It contains eggs and soy. The facility where it was processed uses tree nuts and dairy. Those with allergies or intolerances should make further inquiry.

All baptized Christians, including children, are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church.

▪ Music during Communion

Choral anthem: “I sing of a maiden,” —Charles Waters

Hymn: “Lo, how a rose e’r blooming” **#81 Hymnal**

Post-communion Prayer..... Page 366 BCP

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

Amen.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

- Hymn: "Silent night, holy night" **#111 Hymnal**
- Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayers for healing with the laying on of hands and anointing following the postlude at the baptismal font.

Those serving during worship this evening

Acolytes

- Cam MacDonald, Crucifer
- Judy Harwood, Torch
- Bill Flerx, Torch
- Bob Chapman, Thurifer
- Dan Oles, Banner

Lector and Eucharistic Minister

- Melinda Oles, Lector and EM
- Mark Phillips, Eucharistic Minister

Greeters and Ushers

- Sharon Coyne, Greeter
- Roger Christensen, Usher
- Marsha Christensen, Usher
- Cindy MacDonald, Usher

Musicians

- Church of the Redeemer Choir
- Ellaina Lewis, soprano
- Linda Tsatsanis, soprano
- Glenn Guhr, baritone
- Nathan Whittaker, cellist
- Sheila Bristow, music director and organist

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