

CHRIST AND SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

December 25, 2022, 10:15 a.m.

*All page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.
Service music, marked with an 'S', may be found in the front portion of the hymnal.*

PRELUDE: Greensleeves

Richard Purvis

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 83, VV. 1, 3, 6: O come, all ye faithful

Adeste fideles

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE 96, VV. 1, 3: Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:7-10

HOW beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98 (*read responsively by whole verse*)

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm *

has he won for himself the victory.

3 The Lord has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *

shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *

the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *

and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,

when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *

and the peoples with equity.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 1:1-4

LONG ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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HYMN 93: Angels from the realms of glory

Regent Square

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Noah Van Niel

THE NICENE CREED *(said by all, standing)*

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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: 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

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Father, on this holy day your Son our Savior was born in human flesh.
Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. Holy God,
hear our prayer.

On this holy day 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.
Holy God,
hear our prayer.

On this holy day Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to birth.
Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress. Holy God,
hear our prayer.

On this holy day your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness.
Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world. Holy God,
hear our prayer.

On this holy day the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.'
Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in Hampton Roads and in all the world.
Holy God,
hear our prayer.

On this holy day shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy.
Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption. Holy God,
hear our prayer.

On this day strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger.
Bless our homes and all whom we love. Holy God,
hear our prayer.

On this day heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven.
Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death
in the hope of your coming kingdom. Holy God,
hear our prayer.

On this holy day Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth.
Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. Holy God,
hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Father, on this holy day angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint Luke and all your saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN 82: Of the Father's love begotten

Divinum mysterium

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Please stand.*

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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.**

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface.

...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: Hymnal S 128

William Mathias

The Celebrant continues with Eucharistic Prayer A.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues...

...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.**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN 115: What child is this

Greensleeves

COMMUNION HYMN 107: Good Christian friends

In dulci jubilo

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *All stand.*

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Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING & DISMISSAL

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

HYMN 100: Joy to the world!

Antioch

POSTLUDE: Toccata on Antioch

Craig Phillips

The Christmas Flowers are given to the Glory of God by:

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 In loving memory of Hannah & George Curtis, Jr.; Adelaide & Charles Snyder; Mary & George Curtis, III;
 Stanley Avery, Jr.; & Paul "Pepper" Prillaman, by their families



*The Clergy, Vestry, and Staff of Christ and St. Luke's wish you and your family
 a very blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.*

COME WORSHIP WITH US AGAIN:

January 1, 10:15am: Christmas Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist (*no 8am service on Jan 1*)

Regular Service Schedule: 8am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)

9:15am Adult and Children's Formation

10:15am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)

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