

# CHRIST AND SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## THE FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME

### CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

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*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** "Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen"

*Mary Beth Bennett*

*Please stand at the ringing of the Tower Bell.*

**OPENING HYMN 102**

*Irby*

*Solo:* 1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

*All:* 2. He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly,  
lived on earth our Savior holy.

4. For he is our life-long pattern;  
daily, when on earth he grew,  
he was tempted, scorned, rejected,  
tears and smiles like us he knew.  
Thus he feels for all our sadness,  
and he shares in all our gladness.

6. Not in that poor, lowly stable  
with the oxen standing round,  
we shall see him; but in heaven,  
where his saints his throne surround:  
Christ, revealed to faithful eye,  
set at God's right hand on high.

## THE BIDDING PRAYER

**B**ELOVED in Christ, be it this Christmas season our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels; in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this community glad with our carols of praise:

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity within the Church he came to build, and especially in this city of Norfolk: And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven in union with the sacrifice of our Lord.

Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

**C**OMFORT, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN 67

*Sung by all, standing.*

*Psalm 42*

Comfort, comfort ye my people,  
speak ye peace,  
thus saith our God;  
comfort those who sit in darkness  
mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem  
of the peace that waits for them;  
tell her that her sins I cover,  
and her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth  
in the desert  
far and near,  
calling us to new repentance  
since the kingdom now is here.  
O that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God away;  
let the valleys rise to meet him  
and the hills bow down to greet him.

*Please be seated.*

## SECOND LESSON

Galatians 4:4-7

**W**HEN the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN 265

*Sung by all as indicated, standing.*

*Gabriel's Message*

The Angel Gabriel  
from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow,  
his eyes as flame;  
'All hail,' said he,  
'thou lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favored lady.' Gloria!

*High Voices:*

Then gentle Mary  
meekly bowed her head,  
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,  
'My soul shall laud  
and magnify his holy name':  
most highly favored lady. Gloria!

*Please be seated.*

## THIRD LESSON

Luke 2:15-21

**W**HEN 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. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

Angels we have heard on high,  
Singing sweetly  
through the night.  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their brave delight.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

*Low Voices:*  
Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see?  
What glad tidings did you hear?  
*All voices:* Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

*Please be seated.*

#### FOURTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

**I**N the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

*Please be seated.*

**FIFTH LESSON****John 1:1-14**

**I**N 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.

The First Nowell,  
the Angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds  
in fields as they lay;  
In fields as they lay,  
keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night  
that was so deep.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!*

2. They looked up  
and saw a star  
Shining in the East  
beyond them far;  
And to the earth  
it gave great light,  
And so it continued  
both day and night.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!*

3. This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
And there it did  
both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!*

4. Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;  
That hath made Heav'n  
and earth of nought,  
And with his blood our life has bought.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel!*

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **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 ANTHEM:** Coventry Carol

*Philip Stopford*

Lully, lulla, Thou little tiny Child,  
bye, bye, lully, lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do,  
For to preserve this day  
This poor youngling for whom we do sing  
Bye, bye, lully, lullay.

Herod, the king, in his raging,  
Charged he hath this day  
His men of might, in his owne sight,  
All young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor Child for Thee!  
And ever morn and day,  
For thy parting neither say nor sing,  
Bye, bye, lully, lullay.

**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*

**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 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 ANTHEMS

### **The Three Kings**

*Logan Kenison, bass*

*Peter Cornelius*

Three Kings from Persian lands afar  
To Jordan follow the pointing star:  
And this the quest of the travellers three,  
Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.  
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;  
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,  
And there in worship they bend the knee,  
As Mary's child in her lap they see;  
Their royal gifts they show to the King;  
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem  
The Kings are travelling, travel with them!  
The star of mercy, the star of grace,  
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.  
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;  
Offer thy heart to the infant King.

### **Away in a manger**

*arr. Reginald Jacques*

Away in a manger, No crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus Laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky Looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus Asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, The baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus No crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
Close by me for ever, And love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children In thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven, To live with thee there.

Let us pray.

**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.**

### CLOSING HYMN 99

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!*

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *(Refrain)*
2. The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *(Refrain)*
3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *(Refrain)*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her

*Johann Pachelbel*



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