

## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

December 24, 2020 — Christmas Day I Good Shepherd Episcopal Church — Centennial, CO

## PARTICIPANTS

- Celebrant: The Rev. Gary Brower
- Homily: The Pageant!
- Lector/Voice of the Community: Marge Pegula

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Evensong
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Quartet
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- "O Holy Night" Casey Eaton
   Stephen Fiess
   Neal Wegener
- "Peace, peace"
   CCHS Choirs
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## WORSHIP NOTES

- Hymn: "Once in royal David's city" (1982 Hymnal, 102)
- Carol: "Rise up shepherds and follow"
- Hymn: "Hark the herald angels sing" (1982 Hymnal, 87)
- Carol: "Do you hear what I hear"
- Hymn: "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming" (1982 Hymnal, 81)
- Carol: "Away in a manger" (1982 Hymnal, 101)

## WORSHIP NOTES (CONT.)

- Hymn: "Angels we have heard on high" (1982 Hymnal, 96)
- Hymn: "O Come all ye faithful" (1982 Hymnal, 83)
- Offertory: "O Holy Night" (Adolphe Adam)
- Hymn: "Joy to the World" (1982 Hymnal, 100)
- Hymn: "Silent Night" (1982 Hymnal, 111)
- Postlude: "Peace, Peace" (Rick & Sylvia Powell)

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• Once in royal David's city (Irby,1982 Hymnal, 102)

## **Rise Up Shepherd And Follow**

Arranged and performed by Bruce Oxenbury, DeeDee Atwood and John Mumford

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Hark! the herald angels sing (Mendelssohn, 1982 Hymnal, 87)

## Do You Hear What I Hear?

Performed by DeeDee Atwood, Deb Sampson, Whit Hill and Bruce Oxenbury

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Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming (Es ist ein Ros, *1982 Hymnal*, 81)

# Away in a Manger

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Angels we have heard on high (Gloria, 1982 Hymnal, 96)

#### The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The following is said

Holy God Holy and Mighty Holy Immortal One *Hav mercy upon us* 

#### The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

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*.

#### The Lessons

#### A reading from Isaiah 9.2-7

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned. You have made the nation great; you have increased its joy. They rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest, as those who divide plunder rejoice. As on the day of Midian, you've shattered the yoke that burdened them, the staff on their shoulders, and the rod of their oppressor.

Because every boot of the thundering warriors, and every garment rolled in blood will be burned, fuel for the fire. A child is born to us, a son is given to us, and authority will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be vast authority and endless peace for David's throne and for his kingdom, establishing and sustaining it with justice and righteousness now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of heavenly forces will do this.

Hear ends the reading.

#### Psalm 97 Dominus regnant

The Lord is King;
 let the earth rejoice; \*
 let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \* righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him \* and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; \* the earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, \* at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \* and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! \*Bow down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \* because of your judgments, O Lord.

9 For you are the Lord,most high over all the earth; \*you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; \* he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \* and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \* and give thanks to his holy Name.



• O come, all ye faithful (Adeste fideles, *1982 Hymnal*, 83)

## The Pageant

#### 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. He has spoken through the Prophets.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. 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

The Leader and People pray responsively

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Kym; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_.

I ask your thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

*The Celebrant says to the people* 

The peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

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



## Welcome & Announcements

- Welcome to all!
- Drive-by communion:
  - This evening, 5 6pm
  - Tomorrow, 11am 12pm
- No service tomorrow
- Regular schedule re-ZOOMs on December 27.



The Offertory: "O Holy Night" Duet: Neal Rogers & Casey Eaton

> To make an Christmas Offering, please visit:

https://www.gshep.org/ give-to-good-shepherd

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### The Holy Communion

#### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

*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:

#### Celebrant and People

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.

#### 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,

*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*.

#### 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.

Then may be sung or said

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast.* [*Alleluia.*]

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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

The Bread is given to the communicants with these words

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

*After Communion, the Celebrant says* 

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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 Blessing

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 among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia. *People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.





Joy to the World (Antioch, Hymnal 1982, 100)



Instrumental introduction to "Silent Night: (Stille Nacht, Hymnal 1982, 111)



Silent Night (Stille Nacht, Hymnal 1982, 111)

May the peace and hope of Christ's birth be with you now and in the days ahead...

"Peace, peace" by Rick & Sylvia Powell Cherry Creek High School Choirs Conductor: Sarah Harrison