

(All sit, and refer to the insert for the readings.)

### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:6-12

Lector: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM

Psalm 97

### THE SECOND READING

Titus 3:4-7

Lector: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

(All stand.)

### THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn #79 *O Little town of Bethlehem* (Verses 1-3)

### CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

(at 4:00 pm) See Pageant Bulletin Insert

*The Christmas Pageant takes the place of The Gospel and the Sermon.*

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

(at 9:00 pm)

Luke 2:1-20

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Luke.  
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Following the reading, the Celebrant says: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### THE SERMON

(At 9:00 pm)

The Rev. Gary R. Brower

### THE NICENE CREED

(All stand.)

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

The Lector leads the Prayers.

In response to the bidding "Lord in your mercy"—please respond:

People: **"Hear our prayer."**

At the conclusion of the Prayers, the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

### THE PEACE

(All stand.)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

(All sit.)

### THE OFFERTORY

At 9:00 pm *Calypso Lullaby*

Joel Raney

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.  
People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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

(Preface Prayer for Christmas said by the Celebrant.)

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Richard Proulx

Optional introduction *mf*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly

Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the

high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

san - na,

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. *non rit.*

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(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.

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;**

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,  
Celebrant and People: **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

(A period of silence is kept.)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant: 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.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

At 9:00 pm *Who In a Manger?*

Jerrold Fisher

### Communion Hymns

**Hymn #94** *While shepherds watched their flocks*

**Hymn #87** *Hark! The herald angels sing*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

## CHRISTMAS BLESSING

### THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the birth of our Savior. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

### THE CLOSING HYMNS

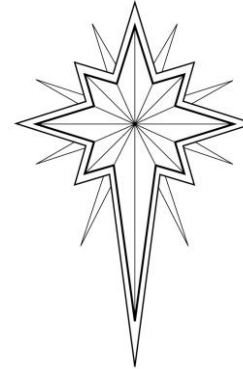
At 4:00 pm **Hymn #100** *Joy to the world! (Verses 2-4)*

**Hymn #111** *Silent Night*

At 9:00 pm **Hymn #100** *Joy to the world! (Verses 1-4)*

**Hymn #111** *Silent Night*

*(The Congregation leaves the church in silence.)*



### PARTICIPANTS AT 4:00 PM

Celebrant	<i>The Rev. Sandy Boyd</i>
Assisting Priest	<i>The Rev. Gary Brower</i>
Deacon	<i>The Rev. Nadine Pope</i>
Organist/Pianist	<i>Connie Branton</i>
Lector	<i>Becky Beall-Moore</i>
Ushers	<i>Keith Anderson, Chuck and Sue Kelley</i>
Greeters	<i>Vorry and Candace Moon</i>

Christmas Pageant (See bulletin insert)

### PARTICIPANTS AT 9:00 PM

Celebrant/Preacher	<i>The Rev. Gary R. Brower</i>
Deacon	<i>The Rev. Nadine Pope</i>
Organist/Pianist/Choir Director	<i>Constance Branton</i>
Director of the Hand Bell Choir	<i>Trish Hartman</i>
Musicians	<i>The Good Shepherd Choir and Bell Choir;</i> <i>Anna Branton and Sarah Harrison, Vocal Duet</i>
Lectors	<i>MaryAnn Panarelli, Elaine Oxenbury</i>
Eucharistic Minister	<i>Karin Elsen</i>
Ushers	<i>Donna White, Richard and Joyce Manning</i>
Greeters	<i>Joe Gavlick, Dave Mathews</i>



# Good Shepherd EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christmas Eve December 24, 2021 4:00 and 9:00 pm Services

## The Holy Eucharist

### THE PRELUDE

At 4:00 pm *Oh, Come to Bethlehem*

arr. Mark Sedio

At 9:00 pm *The Holly and the Ivy*

arr. Valerie W. Stephenson

### WELCOME

*(The people stand for the procession.)*

### THE GATHERING HYMN

**Hymn #83** *O come, all ye faithful (Verses 1-3)*

### THE ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

**People:** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.  
AMEN.

*The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity, and the People respond: AMEN.*

### SONG OF PRAISE FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet-ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains:  
Glo - - - - ri - a  
in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo - - - -  
- - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect, and the People respond:*

Celebrant and **People:** AMEN.

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