

All Saints'
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



"The Nativity" by Tilly Griffith - Age 4 - All Saints' Episcopal Day School Student and All Saints' Parishioner

All Saints' Episcopal Church
The Nativity of Our Lord
Jesus Christ

December 24, 2019 - 4:00 p.m.

Welcome to All Saints'

*If you are visiting please fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate.
In keeping with an atmosphere of reverence, please silence all electronic devices.*

Thank you for joining us today; please come again!

Holy Eucharist

Please turn off your cell phone. BCP = Book of Common Prayer

Organ Voluntary: Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

— Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Hymn *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Hymn 83 (vss. 1-3, 6) *Adeste fideles*

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels,

Refrain: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the lord.

God from God, Light from Light eternal,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Only begotten Son of the Father; *Refrain*

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

Celebrant: O God you have caused this holy night to shine with 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.**

T H E C H R I S T M A S S T O R Y

Please be seated and remain seated throughout the pageant

Narrator: The Angel Gabriel came to Mary and said, Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you. You will become with child and give birth to a son and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, and he will be king forever, his kingdom will never end.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed, and all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the City of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (all sing)

Hymn 79 (vss. 1-3) *St. Louis*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light:
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love
O morning stars together proclaim thy holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So, God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

Narrator: And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the Inn.

Narrator: And there were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were sore afraid. And the Angel said unto them, "Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Narrator: And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the Heavenly Host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth peace, good will toward men."

And it came to pass, as the Angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which the Lord hath made known unto us." And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him."

Hymn *We Three Kings of Orient Are (all sing)*

Hymn 128 *Three Kings of Orient*

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: *O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never over us all to reign.

Refrain

Frankincense to offer have I: incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, gladly raising, worship him God Most High.

Refrain

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia! sounds thru' the earth and skies.

Refrain

Narrator: And lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him. And when they opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying, which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things, which was told them by the shepherds.

Away in a manger, no crib for his 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 forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

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

T H E H O L Y E U C H A R I S T

Offertory Anthem *A Virgin Unspotted*

—William Billings (1746–1800)

A Virgin unspotted by Prophet foretold, Should bring forth a Saviour which now we behold, To be our Redeemer from death, hell and sin, Which Adam's transgressions involved us in.

Then let us be merry, put sorrow away, Our Saviour, Christ Jesus, was born on this day.

God sent down an angel from Heaven so high, To certain poor shepherds in fields as they lie, And made them no longer in sorrow to stay, Because that our Saviour was born on this day.

Then let us be merry, put sorrow away, Our Saviour, Christ Jesus, was born on this day.

To teach us humility all this was done, To learn us from hence haughty pride for to shun. The manger his cradle who came from above, The great God mercy, of peace and of love.

Then let us be merry, put sorrow away, Our Saviour, Christ Jesus, was born on this day.

Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hymn 87 (vss. 1&3) *Mendelssohn*

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
hail, the sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant recalls God's creation and blessing, saying

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

Hymn S#125 Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven 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 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, recalling God's unfolding of salvation history, climaxing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and his institution of the holy meal.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant calls on the Holy Spirit to descend on us and on our gifts, and offers prayer in anticipation of God's festival banquet.

By him, and with him, and with 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 Fraction Anthem

Hymn S#154 New Plainsong

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Communion of the People

(All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Holy Eucharist at God's table.)

Hymns at the Communion

Hymn 109 The First Nowell

Hymn 93 Regent Square

Hymn 81 Es ist ein Ros'

Hymn 96 Gloria

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant 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

Hymn *Silent Night*

Hymn 111 Stille Nacht

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleulia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

The Christmas 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 forever. **Amen**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the World! The Savior reigns! Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness.
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
and wonders, wonders of His love.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary: Joy to the World

— Johannes Matthias Michel (2000)

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*We apologize to anyone whose name may be missing from this bulletin
and thank all who participated this year in the pageant.*

Please! Do not take pictures anytime during the service. Thank you.

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(See insert for Poinsettia dedications)*

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