

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

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CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2019

HOLY EUCHARIST ~ 4pm

The Christmas Story According to Luke: A Children's Pageant

Merry Christmas! Welcome to St. John the Evangelist.

This evening we will hear the Christmas story according to Luke as acted out in our children's pageant. Children of all ages are welcome to join in the presentation. There are no lines to recite, and there is a costume for you!

If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion, arrangements can be made for you receive Communion in your pew; simply speak with a Sidesperson at the entrance to the church. Please turn off cell phones or set them to vibrate/silent mode. Thank you.

Prelude

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,

All to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hidden: 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 ***Once in Royal David's City***

**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.**

**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 and mean and lowly lived on earth our Saviour holy.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high,
when like stars, his children crowned all in white shall gather round.**

Collect of the Day

O God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 9:6-7a

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

~ The Christmas Gospel according to Luke ~ A Children's Pageant

Please join the children in singing the carols at the conclusion of each act

First Act

**While Shepherds watched their flocks by night all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around.**

**"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind.
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and humankind.**

**To you in David's town this day is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:**

**the heavenly babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swaddling bands, and in a manger laid."**

Second Act

**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!"**

Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

**Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.**

**Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail, the incarnate deity,
pleased as one of us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. *Refrain.***

**Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. *Refrain.***

Third Act

**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 you, Lord Jesus – look down from on high
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in our tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.**

Fourth Act

**Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.**

***Refrain: When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be
afraid.***

**Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth. *Refrain***

**Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
telling the world that the Saviour is born. *Refrain***

**Love is a flame that burns in our heart.
Jesus has come and will never depart. *Refrain***

Final Act

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns: let us glad songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let wrongs and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as our sin is found, far as our sin is found,
far as, far as our sin is found.**

**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 Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People *(please sit or kneel)*

Please respond to each petition with: "Hear our prayer".

The Peace *(please stand)*

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

Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**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 wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth.**

**How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given
as love imparts to human hearts the blessings of Gods' 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.**

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the gifts

Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the

chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

All **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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Celebrant The gifts of God are for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Communion

Everyone who has been baptized is welcome to receive Holy Communion at the foot of the chancel steps. Please do not dip the bread in the cup. In the Anglican tradition, receiving in one kind (either bread or wine) is considered to be complete Communion. *The Communion wafers include gluten. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest when you come forward.*

Communion Hymns

O Come, Little Children

**O come, little children; O come, one and all.
Look into the manger in Bethlehem's stall
for there, little children, on this holiest night,
our God sends from heaven his Son, your delight.**

**He lies there before you, asleep in the hay,
with Mary and Joseph to guard him and pray.
The wondering shepherds look in at the door,
and seeing the infant, they kneel and adore.**

**Adore like the shepherds! Your glad voices raise
with those of the angels who sing in his praise.
Your chorus will echo from earth to the sky,
with: Glory to God in his heaven most high!"**

Little Drummer Boy

**Come, they told me, pa rum pum pum;
a newborn King to see pa rum pum pum;
our finest gifts we bring pa rum pum pum;
to lay before the king pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,
So to honour him pa rum pum pum; when we come.**

**Little baby, pa rum pum pum pum
I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum
I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum
that's fit to give a king, pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.
Shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum pum, on my drum?**

**Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum pum.
The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum pum.
I played my drum for him, pa rum pum pum pum
I played my best for him, pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.
Then he smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum me and my drum.**

What Child is This

**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?**

***Refrain: This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.***

**Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
*Refrain***

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain***

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God

All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we
can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to
generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever.
Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn ***O Come, All Ye Faithful***

**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 of God, Light of Light! Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb.
Very God, begotten not created: *Refrain***

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

**See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; Refrain**

Dismissal

Postlude

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah
Reader: Terry Dillabough
Pageant Narrators: Emma-Clair Heaslip; Hope MacGregor
Communion Assistants: Pat Lee & Ron Watt
Server: Ron Watt
Sidespeople: Brenda Ferguson; Nancy Fleming; Doreen Watt

Cider, hot chocolate and cookies are being served in the parish hall after this service. All are welcome to stay for a bit of refreshment and fellowship.

*Please note: The Church Office will be closed Dec 25-26 and Jan 1.
The church will be open for the Christmas Day and New Year's Day liturgies.*

Christmas Day Wed Dec 25 10 am Holy Eucharist

Sat Dec 28 5pm Holy Eucharist;

Sun Dec 29 8am Holy Eucharist; 10am Sung Eucharist

New Year's Eve Dec 31 5pm Messy Church & Family-friendly New Year's party
(We ring in the new year at 8pm!)

Naming of Jesus Jan 1 10am Holy Eucharist

**The flowers in the church this Christmastide are given
to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for:**

Bud & Lois Arkell, Anne & Tracy

Audrey & Harwood Bennett; Lois Evans

Art & Edith Best

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Arnold Fleming

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Catherine (MacDonald) Burrows

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Wednesday 10am – Holy Eucharist
Saturday 5pm – Holy Eucharist
Sunday 8am – Holy Eucharist; 10am* – Sung Eucharist
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