

Music of Preparation

<i>Immanuel</i>	Michael Card
<i>The First Noel</i>	trad. English, arr. W. Sandys
<i>When God's Time had Ripened</i>	Alfred Fedak
<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	trad. French, arr. E. Barnes
<i>The Lamb</i>	John Tavener
<i>Silent Night</i>	F. Gruber

Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:30 p.m.

◆Hymn	<i>Good Christian friends, rejoice</i>	Hymnal 107
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The Word of God

- ◆Opening Acclamation BCP pg. 355
- ◆Hymn *God rest you merry, gentlemen* Hymnal 105
- ◆Collect of the Day (*in unison*)

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.

First Reading Isaiah 9:2–7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
**he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

Second Reading

Titus 2:11–14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope

and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

◆ Hymn *Once in royal David's city* (vv. 1, 2) Hymnal 102

◆ The Gospel Luke 2:1–20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When 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.

◆Hymn *Once in royal David's city* (vv. 3–4) Hymnal 102

The Sermon The Rev. George Roberts

◆The Nicene Creed BCP pg. 358

◆The Prayers of the People

(said responsively, people's response in **bold**)

Lord, because You broke into history in the form of a helpless baby, Your only Son, we understand there is nothing You won't do to save us, no humiliation You will not endure, no act of love will not express for us, Your creations. We sing our praises to You, for Your great love, responding, Christ is born! Hallelujah!

For the Church that She may shine forth the radiance of Christ's birth at this feast of the Nativity, sharing tidings of great news that is for all people to hear, embrace, and know. We pray, **Christ is born! Hallelujah!**

For the leaders and nations of the world that they might learn by Christ's example of grace and humility, placing others before themselves. We pray, **Christ is born! Hallelujah!**

For those struggling in this season of Christ's birth, particularly those who have no place to call home; for those who are dealing with illness, addiction, or a family member who is addicted, in recovery, or mentally ill; for folks who are grieving a new loss or one that continues to hurt, we ask that they will all be comforted and strengthened as we pray, **Chris is born! Hallelujah!**

For all who have asked for our prayers, especially Henry Skonieczny, Jer H., Maeve Cooper, Bob C., Michael R., Sara, Don, Barrett, Mary S., Emilia, Matt G., Tiffany O., John M., Brian, Avery, Cruz, Karen, Jane B., Jane, Robert Pizzanello, Geoffrey Newton, Jayla, Heather, Mark, Gary, Laurent, Tom, and

for all others we pray for now, silently or aloud [pause here] ...

We pray, **Christ is born! Hallelujah!!**

For all who have died, especially Mark Giulietti, and for all we remember this night, we pray silently or aloud [pause here] ...

We pray, **Christ is born! Hallelujah!**

Celebrant: Lord God, both in our loss and in our joy, we reach out for you and glorify Your Name! Tonight, we remember that You, in love that is unending, stepped into our world in the form of the Christ Child, the Savior of this world. We know this child will give Himself entirely to and for us, and so we raise our voices in thanksgiving and hope saying: **Amen! Amen! Hallelujah!**

◆The Peace

BCP pg. 360

The Holy Communion

◆Offertory Anthem

Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon

◆Doxology (vs. 3)

Hymnal 380

◆The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer B

BCP pg. 367

**Sanctus*

Hymnal (front section) S 125

*The Lord's Prayer

BCP pg. 364

*The Breaking of the Bread

BCP pg. 364

Gluten-free hosts are available – ask at the altar rail.

*The Communion of the People

*Communion Hymns: 109, 79

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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*Hymn

Silent night, holy night

Hymnal 111

*Blessing

◆Hymn

Angels we have heard on high

Hymnal 96

The Dismissal

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Postlude

◆You are invited to stand, as able.

*You are invited to kneel, as able.

BCP refers to *The Book of Common Prayer* in your pew rack.



Serving this evening

Crucifer	Chloe Roberts
Altar Guild	Elizabeth McBride
Lector	Elizabeth McBride
Chalicerist	Chandler Howard



*You are invited to join us for worship tomorrow morning,
Christmas Day, at 11:00 a.m. as we celebrate
the Feast of the Nativity of Christ our Lord.
Holy Eucharist will be celebrated and Christmas hymns sung.
Come as you are, as casual is the order of the morning.*



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2025 Christmas Gifts

Given by:

In memory of Kathryn M. Lyons	Everett Lyons
In loving memory of William Riemer, Robert & Helen Riemer, & Wayne & Dolores Crookham	Mark & Janice Riemer
In thanksgiving for Linda Mason	St. James Women's Ministry
In thanksgiving for Joyce Bettencourt	A friend of St. James
In thanksgiving for Chloe Roberts	A friend of St. James
In memory of Scheuy–Hartling family	Jeff & Page Hartling
In memory of Elizabeth Monroe Hube, Elizabeth Hanavan Hube, Richard Wood Hube, & Richard Wood Hube, Jr.	Jane Hube Louttit & family
In memory of Nick & Mary Paye, Donald & Jean Santini, & Ellie Paye	Dave & Donna Paye
In memory of our parents, Glenn & Virgie Hess & Vincent & Lena Crocetti	Jerry & Barbara Hess
In memory of Josephine & Walter Brown & Joseph & Grace Brown Sargente	Gina, Michael, & Drue Pines
In memory of Betty, Stanley, & Sally Karwowski	Stephen Karwowski
In thanksgiving for granddaughter, Olive Ayer Merrill	Christian & Carol Merrill
In memory of Peter Antos	Dianne Antos
In loving memory of the Fassett & Sudell families	Robert & Bonnie Sudell



2025 Christmas Gifts

Given by:

In memory of

Joseph & Astrid Harris,
Ronald & Jane Harris,
Nancy & Bert Wright,
Patty & Weston Barnes,
Astrid & David Johansen,
Anna Harris,
Samantha Rogers Rouches, &
Bob Rogers

Andrea Harris

In memory of

Elnora & Arthur King,
Allan Hartley, &
Barbara Clark

David & Marie Hartley

In memory of Jim Thompson

Nancy & family

In memory of Ruth Flynn,

Dorothy & Eileen Malley, &
Bruce Byrne

The DeDominicis/Flynn family

In memory of John & Eileen Vallee,

James McMaster, &
Nancy Mc Master

Jim & Jane Vallee

In loving memory of

Pat & Hugh Dill

Cindy, Bob, &
Michael Rosenthal, &
Jen, Dan, Jacob, &
Emma Loebel

In memory of

Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Mazzei,
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fanelli,
Mrs. Rose Fanelli,
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fanelli, III, &
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Rogalli

Andrew & Eileen Mazzei

In memory of

Begin/Bettencourt families

Jane Begin &
Joyce Bettencourt



2025 Christmas Gifts

Given by:

In memory of Sharon & Tim	Chuck Downie
In memory of Evans Whilby & Richard Whilby	Anna & Michael Whilby
In thanksgiving for AFVA	Jeanne Ambrosio
In memory of Mary & Graham Carlson Janice Carlson, Jeffrey Carlson, & Daniel & Guilhermina Ambrosio	Tonya Jeanne Ambrosio & family
In memory of Mark Giuliatti	Stephen Hard
In honor of my wife, Tracey Roberts, who lights up the world with her grace	George Roberts
In memory of Patricia Westby, Jerome Westby, & Steven Westby	Richard & Susan Kramer
In thanksgiving for our family & friends	Michele Briganti, Olivia & Charlotte
In loving memory of our parents, Charles & Mary Jane Schlosky, & Herman & Veronica Backiel	David & Verona Schlosky
In thanksgiving for my family	Sally Levin
In memory of Bob, Patricia, Carol, Nancy, Joan, & Ellen	The Poggio family
In memory of Carl Edwin & Ingeborg Gustafson, Joseph Brzezinski, Beverly Brzezinski, David Jakobowski, & Leon & Pamela Kirk	The Brzezinski family

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