



Christmas
Eve:
The Nativity
of Our Lord

December 24,
2021

10:30 p.m.
Prelude

11:00 p.m.
Holy Eucharist

Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church

44 Main Street ♦ Binghamton, New York

The Rev. Glenn Mahaffey,
Priest

Timothy E. Smith,
Organist & Choirmaster

Prelude

Every Valley Shall Be Exalted (*Messiah*) George F. Handel
Kevin Bryant, tenor

In Dulci Jubilo Marcel Dupré

O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion (*Messiah*) George F. Handel
Deanna Feuerbach, mezzo-soprano

Gesu Bambino Pietro Yon
John Shelhart, bass

*When blossoms flowered amid the snows upon a winter night
Was born the Child the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced;
And at his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced:
“O Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.”
Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its king of Love and Light.
Let every voice acclaim his name, the grateful chorus swell
From paradise to earth he came, that we with Him might dwell!*

Sleepers, Wake! J. S. Bach

O Holy Night Adolphe Adam
Christina Taylor, soprano

11:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist

Processional Hymn 83: 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;*

*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.*

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

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

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

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

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Celebrant The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
People ***And we beheld his glory.***
Celebrant The glory of the Lord has been revealed.
People ***And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.***

Hymn 96: Angels We Have Heard on High

*Angels we have heard on high singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Let 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 the Book of Isaiah: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;

for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

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

Anthem Sans Day Carol arr. John Rutter

*Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk,
And Mary bore Jesus, all wrapped up in silk,
And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Saviour for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.*

*Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass,
And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross,
Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal,
And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all,
Now the holly bears a berry as blood is it red,
And Mary bore Jesus who rose from the dead.*

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus: Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

Hymn 110: The Snow Lay on the Ground

*The snow lay on the ground, the star shone bright,
When Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.
Venite adoremus. Dominum.
Venite adoremus. Dominum.*

*Refrain Venite adoremus. Dominum.
Venite adoremus. Dominum.*

*'Twas Mary, daughter pure of holy Anne,
That brought into the world the God made man.
She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem;
The ass and oxen shared the roof with them.*

*Refrain Venite adoremus. Dominum.
Venite adoremus. Dominum.*

*Saint Joseph, too, was by to tend the child;
To guard him, and protect his mother mild;
The angels hovered round, and sang this song;
Venite adoremus. Dominum.*

*Refrain Venite adoremus. Dominum.
Venite adoremus. Dominum.*

*And thus that manger poor became a throne;
For he whom Mary bore was God the Son.
O come, then, let us join the heavenly host;
To praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Refrain Venite adoremus. Dominum.
Venite adoremus. Dominum.*

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

The Holy 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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord. *People* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

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.
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.*

Anthem Sleeps Judea Fair

Hugh MacKinnon

*Sleeps Judea fair, bides the Christ Child there. Shepherds, haste ye!
Flocks forsaking, swift your way to him be taking
Babe of Israel's prayer.
Christ from God is come, choosing earthly home,
Royal pomp and splendor, never, but with love which naught can sever,
He will heal the dumb; Christ from God is come.
Lowly bend the knee, thou from sin set free.
Let the Christ child, meekly smiling, infant wise, all woe beguiling
Grant his grace to thee!*

The Prayers of the People

The Worship Leader and People pray responsively.

As we welcome the coming of Jesus, let us offer prayers to God
who sends his Son, born of a woman, and the Light of the world.

Come, O Christ and be our light in the world.

For the coming of Jesus Christ in glory and light.

Come, O Christ and illumine our lives.

For the coming of Wisdom to teach us and guide us.

Come, O Christ and teach us.

For the coming of Emmanuel, the hope of all the peoples.

Come, O Christ and bring us hope.

For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ.

Come, O Christ and give us peace.

For DeDe, our bishop; Glenn, our priest; and for all the holy people of God.

Come, O Christ and bless us.

For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place.

Come, O Christ and hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority.

Come, O Christ and show us your way.

For justice, peace and freedom among peoples of the earth.

Come, O Christ and free us.

For the sick and the suffering, the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison.

Come, O Christ and make us whole.

For the dying and those who have died, and for those who mourn. We remember especially Jane Schroder in whose memory the flowers on the Altar have been given. Are there others?

Come, O Christ and comfort us.

Joining our voices with Mary and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ our Lord.

Come, O Christ and save us.

Priest

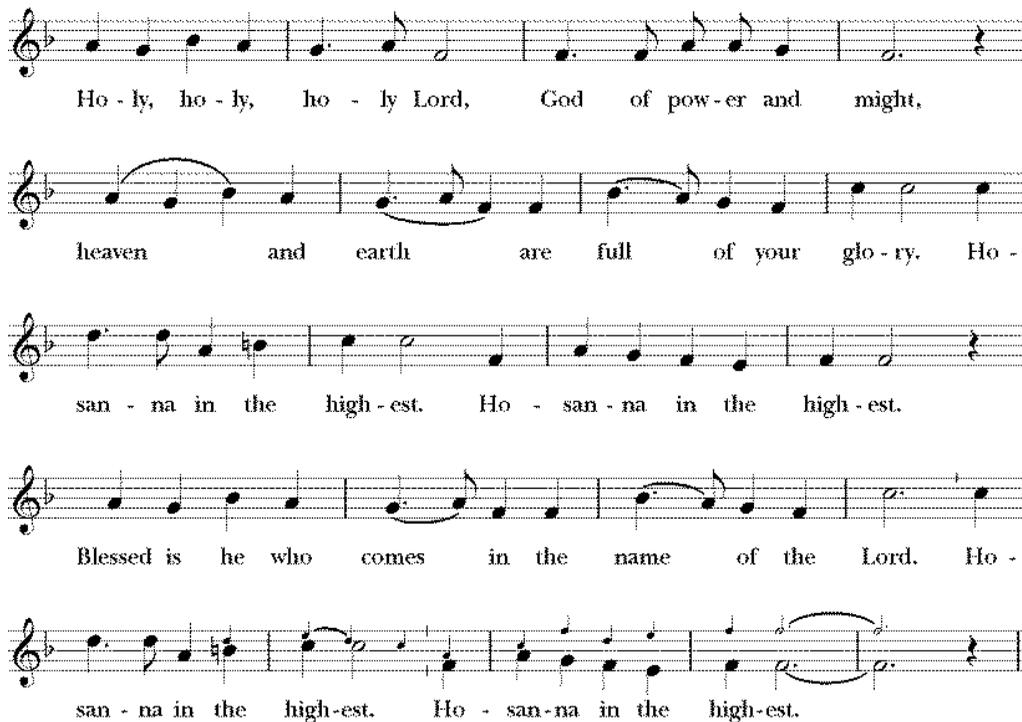
O Wisdom, breath from the mouth of God most high,
who lights one end of the earth to the other,
and governs all creation with strong and tender care,
come and teach us the way of wisdom. Glory to you for ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Sanctus and Benedictus S125



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.

Celebrant

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,
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 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.*

The Lord's Prayer

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 Breaking of the Bread

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)

The musical notation is written on two staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the text: "The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread." The second staff contains the melody for the text: "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Ministration of Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Communion.

In order to provide the safest environment for our members, we are offering both bread and wine at the crossing rather than at the Altar rail. In this way we don't get people bunched up waiting for a place at the altar rail, and we don't have to kneel elbow to elbow with one another. Please see the article in the announcements for further information on this.

*How you receive communion is completely up to you, depending on your comfort level. You may receive communion in any way you choose, it is your decision. **If you choose to receive the bread only that is considered a full communion, the Episcopal***

Church does not insist that you receive the wine. *If you choose to receive the wine, you may either sip from the large chalice that is offered or intinct the corner of your wafer in the small cup. You may even hand your wafer to the Eucharistic Minister and they will intinct the bread for you and either hand it back to you or place it on your tongue. You may also choose to receive a spiritual communion by saying a prayer to ask Jesus to live in your heart and mind as the Lord of your life.*

Carols During Communion: (The Congregation is invited to sing.)

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay 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 cradle until morning is nigh.*

*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?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold.
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.*

*Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.*

*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.*

*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!*

Following Communion, please take an unlit candle from an usher.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

*The torchbearers will provide a light along the center aisle.
Please pass the light to your neighbor.*

Hymn 111: Silent Night

*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 alleluia;
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

(Howard Thurman, Civil rights leader)

“When the song of the angels is stilled,” he said.

“When the star of the sky is gone, When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks. The work of Christmas begins...

To find the lost, to heal the broken, To feed the hungry, to rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people; To make music in the heart.”

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Candles may be extinguished.

Recessional Hymn 87: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*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 th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

*Christ, by highest Heav’n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold Him come, Offspring of the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

*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.
Ris’n with healing in His wings Light and life to all He brings,
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness, Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth carrying the message of the Prince of Peace to our world.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude: In Dulci Jubilo

J.S. Bach

THE TRINITY CHOIR

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Bass: Bruce Borton, John Chaffee, Jeffery Fellows, Peter Koeppel, Richard Lee, John Shelhart, Rick Shumaker

The Trinity Memorial Church Staff

wish you a very Merry Christmas and a

Happy New Year

You are welcome to join us for

Christmas I

A service of Morning Prayer with Lessons & Carols

10 a.m. Sunday, December 26th.

Lessons and Carols for Epiphany with Eucharist

Sunday, January 9 at 10 a.m.

featuring the Trinity Ringers

