



Christmas
Eve:
The Nativity
of Our Lord

December 24,
2021

5:00 p.m.
Holy Eucharist

Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church

44 Main Street ♦ Binghamton, New York

The Rev. Glenn Mahaffey,
Priest

Timothy E. Smith,
Organist & Choirmaster

The Gathering

Prelude **Fantasy on Two Noels**
The Nativity

Joseph Bonnet
Jean Langlais

(The People stand, if able.)

Carol: O Come, All Ye Faithful

(Hymn 83)

*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.*

*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...*

*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...*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant

Tonight we light all the candles of the Advent wreath. The first candle symbolizes HOPE, the second candle stands for PEACE, the third candle represents JOY and the fourth candle signifies LOVE. The center candle is the Christ candle.

The candles are lit.

Worship Leader

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of hope, peace, joy, and love. As Mary and Joseph welcomed you into the world this night, now help us welcome you into our lives.

Give us courage to hope; strength to seek peace. Fill our spirits with joy; and our hearts with love. Through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. **Amen.**

Carol: Angels We Have Heard on High

(Hymn 96, verses 1 & 3)

*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 Congregation is seated.)

Anthem Up! Good Christen Folk and Listen

G. R. Woodward

*Ding, dong, ding! Up! Good Christen folk, and listen
how the merry church bells ring, and from steeple bid good people,
come adore the newborn King. Tell the story how from glory God came down at
Christmastide, bringing gladness, chasing sadness, showering blessings far and wide,
born of mother, blest o'er other, Ex Maria Virgine, in a stable ('tis no fable),
Christus natus hodie.*

The Word of God

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.

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

The creche figures are brought up to build the creche as the hymn is sung.

Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem

(Hymn 79, verses 1 & 2)

*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 men on earth.*

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.

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

Carol: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

(Hymn 87, verses 1 & 2)

*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."
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 the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with men to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king."*

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

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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you O Christ.***

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe

Anthem Lute-Book Lullaby arr. Geoffrey Shaw

*Sweet was the song the Virgin sang, when she to Bethlehem came
And was delivered of a son, that blessed Jesus hath to name.
“Lulla, lullaby, Sweet babe” sang she, my son and eke a savior born,
Who hath vouchsafed from on high to visit us that were forlorn.
“Lulla, lullaby, Sweet babe” sang she, and rocked him sweetly on her knee.*

The Prayers of the People

(The People kneel or stand, as able. The Deacon and People pray responsively.)

Almighty and merciful God, creator of the world, we thank you for sending a personal message of love to our world in your Word made flesh, Jesus our Lord. Today, as we celebrate His birth of the blessed virgin Mary, we pray that you would open our hearts and minds to your grace. O Lord of love,

We give our thanks and praise.

Illumine our hearts and minds, that we may see your redeeming work in the people and world around us. Overcome our human short sightedness and give us faith to trust You in our daily lives. We pray that you would grant us courage to follow and proclaim the message of the Prince of Peace. O Lord of love,

We give our thanks and praise.

Almighty God, give your church wisdom, courage, and compassion and guide Michael, our Presiding Bishop, DeDe our Bishop, Glenn our Priest, and the lay leaders and ministers of this congregation, in your ways, O Lord of love,

We give our thanks and praise.

We pray that you would lead the homeless to places of hospitality, just as you led the Holy Family to a place of welcome on the night Christ was born. We pray for the peace of Bethlehem, we pray for women in childbirth, for families who struggle in poverty, and for the sick and those in need of prayer. We remember especially Linda Crampton; Sai Loksupcharoen; Katherine Bigelow; Liz Myers; Emma Bensen; Jaime; Katelyn; Michael Abbott Copeland; Barbara; John & Marcy Keeler; Rudy; Sharon; Nancy Campbell; Andrew & Mary; Ruth Jacobs; Colleen; Wafa; Rebecca & Chris Seager; Michael Lawler; Ida Fernandes; Terry Burke, Thomas Muscatello, Monty;

*Bring me flesh, and bring me wine. Bring me pine logs hither.
Thou and I will see him dine when we bear the thither.
Page and monarch, forth they went, forth they went together
through the rude wind's wild lament and the bitter weather.*

*Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger.
Fails my heart, I know not how. I can go no longer.
Mark my footsteps good my page, tread thou in them boldly:
Thou shalt find the winter's rage freeze thy blood less coldly.*

*In his master's step he trod, where the snow lay dented.
Heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure, wealth or rank possessing,
ye who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing.*

(The People stand, as able.)

Presentation Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory (Hymn 93, verse 1)

*Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!*

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 our 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.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us;
who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit,
was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother;
so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin,
and receive power to become your children.

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 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.

(The People kneel or stand, as able.)

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

Christ Our Passover: S154

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Ministration of Communion

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion is offered at the bottom of the chancel steps.

The Celebrant will dip a piece of bread in the wine and will place it in your hand. If you do not wish to partake of the wine, simply inform the Celebrant when you are receiving that you only wish to have the bread. Please proceed to the chancel at the direction of the ushers and return to your seat via the side aisles.

Following Communion, please take a candle from an usher.

(The People kneel or stand, as able.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Carol: Silent Night

(Hymn 111)

*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

“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 are extinguished. Please stand, if you are able.

Recessional Hymn: Joy to the World

(Hymn 100)

*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 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.*

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth with rejoicing.
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Postlude: In dulci jubilo

J.S. Bach

*You are invited to be seated for the organ postlude.
Please leave the extinguished candles in the metal bowls as you exit.*

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