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Christmas Eve

Tuesday, 24 December 2024, 21:00

Holy Eucharist & Agape

Gathered and Livestreamed



Holy Family, Eddy Nyagweta (Zimbabwe)

Prelude

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen Gaël Liardon (1973-2018)

Introit

The truth from above Ralph Vaughan Williams

Hymn

It came upon a midnight clear

H.90

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf - fered long;
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by pro - phets seen of old,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heav - en - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
 be - neath the heav - en - ly hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all - gra - cious King.”
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - ering wing,
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the tid - ings which they bring;
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,

The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt. Music: *Noel*, English melody; adapt. Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

The Word of God

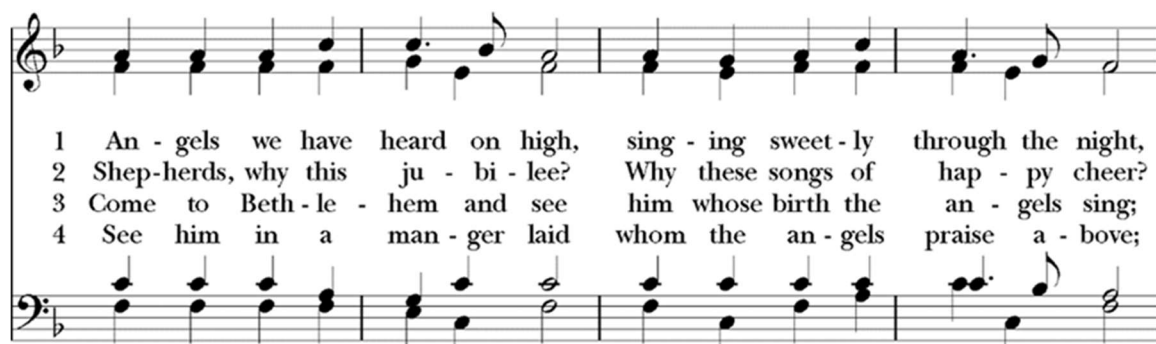
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

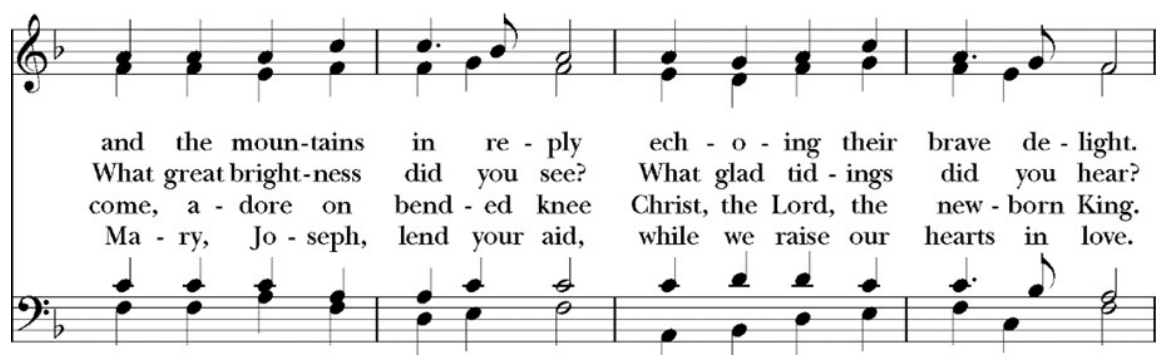
Gloria

Angels we have heard on high

Hymn 96, vs 1&2



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain



Glo - ri - a



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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The Collect for Christmas

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have 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

Old Testament

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
 lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
 with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
 shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
 the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
 **and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
 when he comes to judge the earth.**

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
 and the peoples with equity.

The Epistle

Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Mother and Child, J. Kirk Richards

We sing verses 1&2 before the Gospel and verses 3&4 after the Gospel.

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor — earth sus - tain;
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
 4 What — can I give him, poor — as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim thron - ed the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow — on — snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a wise — man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord — God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him — give my heart.

The Gospel

John 1:1-14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Michael Rusk

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 became fully human.

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.
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.

The Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin

When the Lord comes,
He will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
And will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Silence

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.

Offertory Anthem

The blessed Son of God

Ralph Vaughan Williams

The blessed son of God only In a crib full poor did lie;
With our poor flesh and our poor blood
Was clothed that everlasting good.

Kyrieleison.

The Lord Christ Jesu, God's son dear,
Was a guest and a stranger here;
Us for to bring from misery,
That we might live eternally.

Kyrieleison.

All this did he for us freely,
For to declare his great mercy;
All Christendom be merry therefore,
And give him thanks for evermore.

Kyrieleison

A period of silence is kept.

The Agape Prayer

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine and bring forth food from the earth; bless this wine, bread, and fruit that we now share in our homes and gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A period of silence is kept.

The 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 God thanks and praise.**

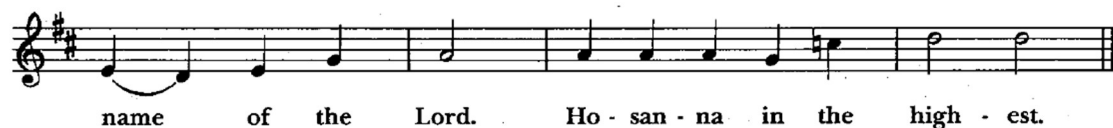
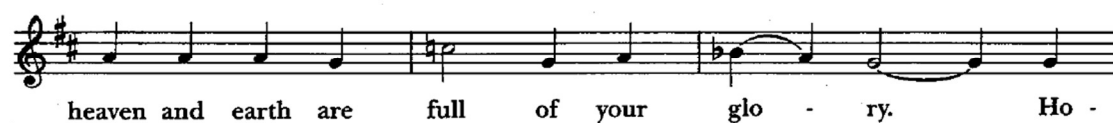
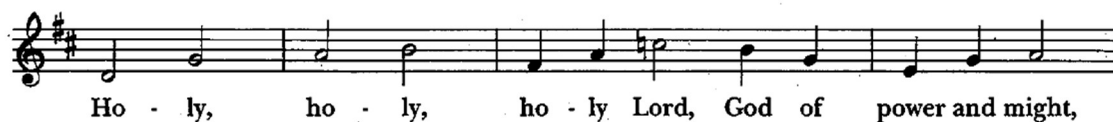
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

(S131)



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human life, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night before he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your everlasting kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

Silence

The Deacon leads in 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

In dulci jubilo

Fridolin Sicher (1490-1546)

After Communion we sing Silent Night, H.111

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| 1 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. | 2 Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! |
| 3 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. | |

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 Announcements

The Blessing

Christ the sun of righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

O come, all ye faithful

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| <p>1. 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:</p> <p><i>O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!</i></p> <p>2. God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:</p> <p>3. See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly
fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:</p> | <p>4. Lo! Star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child
Bring our hearts' oblations:</p> <p>5. Child, for us sinners,
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee
Loving us so dearly?</p> <p>6. Sing, choir of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God
In the highest:</p> <p>7. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:</p> |
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Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Livre de Noël, Op.2: Grand jeu et Duo Louis-Claude Daquin
(1694-1772)



Today's Ministers:

Celebrant	The Rev. Michael Rusk
Gospeller	The Rev. Deacon Richard Cole
Director of Music	Romain Mayor
Intercessor	The Rev. Deacon Richard Cole
Reader	Helena Mbele-Mbong
Eucharistic Ministers	Debbie Groby & Erin Lederrey
Welcomer	Meredith Baker

Announcements

Prayers of Intercession: This week we are praying for Alice, Alphonse, Armida and Carlos, Barbara Chong, Brad and Marietta, Christopher, Damien, Daniel, Dawn and Lauren, Erik, Eva, Gianni, Helen, Hélène, Julien, Karen, Ki-Soo, Kristina, Leroy and Peggy, Lesley, Margaret, Marguerite, Mary, Mary and her family, Milki, Patricia, Rose, Rosemary and her family, Silvia and her parents, Sohair, Terry, Tim, Yan and Jacqueline, and Zéli.

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*For unto us a son is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called
Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God,
The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*



Nativity, He Qi, 1998

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wish all our parishioners, friends and visitors
a joyous Christmas,
peace and happiness in the New Year!

