



Christmas Eve
The Holy Eucharist Rite 2
Eucharistic Prayer B
December 24, 2021
4:00 p.m.

About tonight's service: During the service there will be time the congregation is invited to stand, sit, or kneel. If you are more comfortable sitting, please do. Our service comes from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Our hymns can be found in the blue 1983 Hymnal. Bold text in the bulletin is spoken/sung aloud by the congregation. Thank you for joining us on this Holy Night!

Hymn Sing

(Please join in singing the hymns)

Hark! the herald angels sing
O little town of Bethlehem
Away in a manger

Hymnal #87
Hymnal #79
Hymnal #101

Opening Voluntary O come all ye faithful

D. M. Cherwien

Opening Hymn O come all ye faithful

Hymnal #83

The Word of God

Presider Alleluia. To us a child is born:

People **O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Presider 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.**

First Lesson *(Please be seated)*

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

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 before the Lord when he comes, *
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Second Lesson

Titus 2:11-14

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Hymn (*Please stand*) The first Nowell (vs. 1-3)

Hymnal #109

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1—20

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

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

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. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who 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.

Prayers of the People

The call and response for the Prayers: "... Glorious Lord, **grant us your peace.**"

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Offertory Sentence:

Presider Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's Name;
bring offerings and come into God's courts.

Psalm 96:8

Musical Offering Were you there on that Christmas Night?

N. Sleeth

Doxology

Hymnal #380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider 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 Mary, Joseph, and 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ taught us, we now pray,

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal #S152

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

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion of the People: *This is the Lord's Table. All are welcome. Bread is received with open hands. Those preferring a blessing may come forward and cross their arms over their chest to indicate their choice.*

Communion Music What child is this?

Hymnal #115

Post-communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Please light your candles, one from another)

Hymn Silent Night

Hymnal #111

Blessing *(Please stand)*

Closing Hymn Joy to the world

Hymnal #100

Dismissal

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

All Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary Fantasy on Joy to the world

M. Helman

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Prayers of the People

Christmas Eve

Come let us adore Christ, the Lord. Let us pray, "Glorious Lord, grant us your peace."

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: make joyful our hearts. Strengthen your Church with humility and faith that we might triumph over the power of evil. Glorious Lord, **Grant us your peace.**

Shine your light on all the world that the nations may look upon your truth and find their salvation. Glorious Lord, **Grant us your peace.**

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: may all of creation burst forth in songs of praise. May all the works of your hand glorify you. Glorious Lord, **Grant us your peace.**

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: summon the people of the city to yourself. May all the distractions and heartache of our lives fade away in the joy of your presence. Glorious Lord, **Grant us your peace.**

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you love us so dearly. Grant your healing grace to sinners, to the poor, to those in need of love. Open your arms to the sick and the lonely. Glorious Lord, **Grant us your peace.**

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: all glory be given to you. You bless our earthly bodies with your birth; and you promise to raise us to new life by your death and resurrection. Glorious Lord, **Grant us your peace.**