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THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

DECEMBER 24, 2021

7:30pm

Please silence all electronic devices and remain quiet during the Prelude as we prepare for worship. Thank you.

PRELUDE

Greensleeves

arr. Richard Purvis

Adam lay ybounden

Peter Warlock

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond, Four thousand winter thought he not too long;
And all was for an apple, and apple that he took, As clerkes finden written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been, Ne had never Our Lady ybeen heavene Queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was: Therefore we moun singen: Deo Gratias.

Interlude (from Ceremony of Carols)

Benjamin Britten

I wonder as I wander

Appalachian Carol arr. John Jacob Niles

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die
for poor ordinary people like you and like I; I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.
When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall, with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all,
but high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, the promise of ages it then did recall.
If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky or a bird on the wing,
or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing, he surely could have it 'cause he was the King.
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die
for poor ordinary people like you and like I; I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

O little town of Bethlehem (sung by all, remaining seated)

FOREST GREEN
descant by Thomas Armstrong

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie! A -
2. O morn - ing stars, to - ge - - ther Pro - claim the ho - ly birth, And
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The wond - rous gift is giv'n! So
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray; Cast
bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by. Yet
prai - ses sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth; For
God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bles - sing of his heav'n. No
out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day. We
in thy dark streets shi - neth The e - ver last - ing light; The
Christ is born of Ma - ry; And, ga - thered all a - bove, While
ear may hear his com - ing; But in this world of sin, Where
hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad ti - dings tell: O
hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
Mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of wond' - ring love.
Meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
Come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el.

*There is no rose of such virtue As is the rose that bare Jesu; Alleluia.
 For in this rose contained was Heaven and earth in little space; Res miranda. (A wonderful thing.)
 By that rose we may well see That he is God in persons three, Pares forma. (Of the same form.)
 The angels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis deo: (Glory to God on high.) Gaudeamus. (Let us rejoice)
 Leave we all this worldly mirth, And follow we this joyful birth; Transeamus. (Let us go.)*

Sinfonia (from Christmas Oratorio BWV 248)

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME

The Rev. Peter W. Mayer

ENTRANCE RITE

The People stand as they are able and sing the Hymn.

HYMN

O come, all ye faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

arr. David Willcocks



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, o
 2. God of God, Light of light e - ter - nal, Lo! he a -
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, Sing, all ye
 4. Yea, Lord we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing, Je - sus, to
 come ye to Beth - le - hem; Come and be - hold him, Born the King of
 bhors not the Vir - gin's womb; On - ly be - got - ten, Son of the
 ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove; Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry in the
 thee be glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap -
 An - gels: O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O
 Fa - ther:
 high - est:
 pear - ing:
 come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

CHRISTMAS ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy: a Savior is born to you. Alleluia.

People **Unto us a child is born. Alleluia.**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

The People remain standing as able and sing the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE

Angels we have heard on high

GLORIA

1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains.
2. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
Come, a - dore on ben - ded knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,
Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

COLLECT OF THE NATIVITY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

The People are seated.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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.**

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 11 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.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth.

SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

A reading from Paul's letter to Titus.

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.**

The People stand as they are able and sing the Hymn.

HYMN

The first Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

arr. D. Willcocks

1. The first No - well the an - gel did say Was to
2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shi - ning
3. And by the light of that same star Three
4. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In
in the east be - yond them far, And
wise men came from coun - try far; To
prai - ses to our heav'n - ly Lord; That

fields where they lay, keep - ing their sheep, On a
to the earth it gave great light, And
seek for a king was their in - tent, And to
hath made Heav'n and earth of nought, And

cold win - ter's night that was so deep. No -
so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
fol - low the star wher - e - ver it went.
with His blood our life hath bought.

well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14

Priest 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 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!"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The People are seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Peter W. Mayer

A moment of silence is kept after the sermon.

The People stand as they are able.

CREED

Celebrant Let us declare our faith in God.

Celebrant and People

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Leader God of light and hope; open our eyes to your glory and our hearts to your presence, that we may respond with joy to the angel song; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Eternal God, in the stillness of this evening, you sent your almighty Word, to pierce the darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Lord Jesus, the Christ, whom humble shepherds worshipped, accept our praises as we celebrate your birth at Bethlehem. We ask that as we make this a holy night upon which to remember your birth on earth, so our hearts would be illuminated with the brightness of your one true light.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader We remember those for whom Christmas will be difficult. Jesus Christ, who was laid in a humble manger, because there was no room in the inn, have mercy we pray on all who cannot share our happiness this Christmas time. We are mindful of the poor and the hungry, the sick and those separated from the ones they love. By your love poured out at Bethlehem, guard, guide and comfort those for whom we pray this evening.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest Prince of Peace, born among us. As we share together the most profound mystery of your birth among us, we pray that you would fill us with your peace. Pour into our hearts that peace which we so desperately seek, and which you alone can give. May we live as children of the same heavenly Creator, willing to share our love for you and also to listen to the faith of others, that together your people may be one. Hear these prayers, O God, and may our joyful hearts share in the message of the angels to all humankind.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord and are then seated.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

*The People remain seated while offertory music is sung, and bread and wine are brought to the altar. An offering of gifts is collected, and along with the bread and wine, they are presented to God as thanksgiving for the blessings poured out onto us. Our gifts: bread, wine, music and money, become sacramental in God's economy. To give through your cell phone, text **GIVESMC** to **73256**.*

OFFERTORY CAROL

The hills are bare at Bethlehem

arr. John McIntyre

*The hills are bare at Bethlehem, no future for the world they show;
yet here new life begins to grow; from earth's old dust a greenwood stem.*

*The stars are cold at Bethlehem, no warmth for those beneath sky;
yet here the radiant angels fly; and joy burns new a fiery gem.*

*The heart is tired at Bethlehem, no human dream unbroken stands;
yet here God comes to mortal hands, and hope renewed cries out: "Amen, amen!"*

The People stand as able at the direction of the Clergy.

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full, 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.

Then the Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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, Margaret, 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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

The People are seated.

All are welcome to receive bread during communion, including children. To receive bread, place your hands palms-up. If you do not wish to receive the bread, place your arms across your chest and you will receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available for communion. Indicate your wish for a gluten-free wafer by first extending your hands palms down.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming (from *Phantasie über zwei Weihnachtslieder*, Op. 59)

Johannes Snoer

Infant holy, infant lowly

Traditional Polish Carol

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil 'til the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you.

Fantasia on 'Greensleeves'

Ralph Vaughan Williams

The People stand as directed after Communion.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The Church of England

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen.

The People remain standing as they are able and sing the Hymn.

HYMN

Silent night, holy night

STILLE NACHT

arr. Hal Hopson

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep-herd's quake at the sight;
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light
4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Wond-rous Star, lend thy light;

Round you vir - gin mo - ther and child Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild
Glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far Heav'n - ly hosts sing Al - le - lu - ia!
Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
With the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our King;

Sleep in heav'n - ly peace, Sleep in heav'n - ly peace.
Christ the Sa - vior is born, Christ the Sa - vior is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
Christ, the Sa - vior is born, Christ the Sa - vior is born!

BLESSING

Celebrant And now, O Lord, may the light of your life be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth, of God with us, God for us, and God in us.

People Amen.

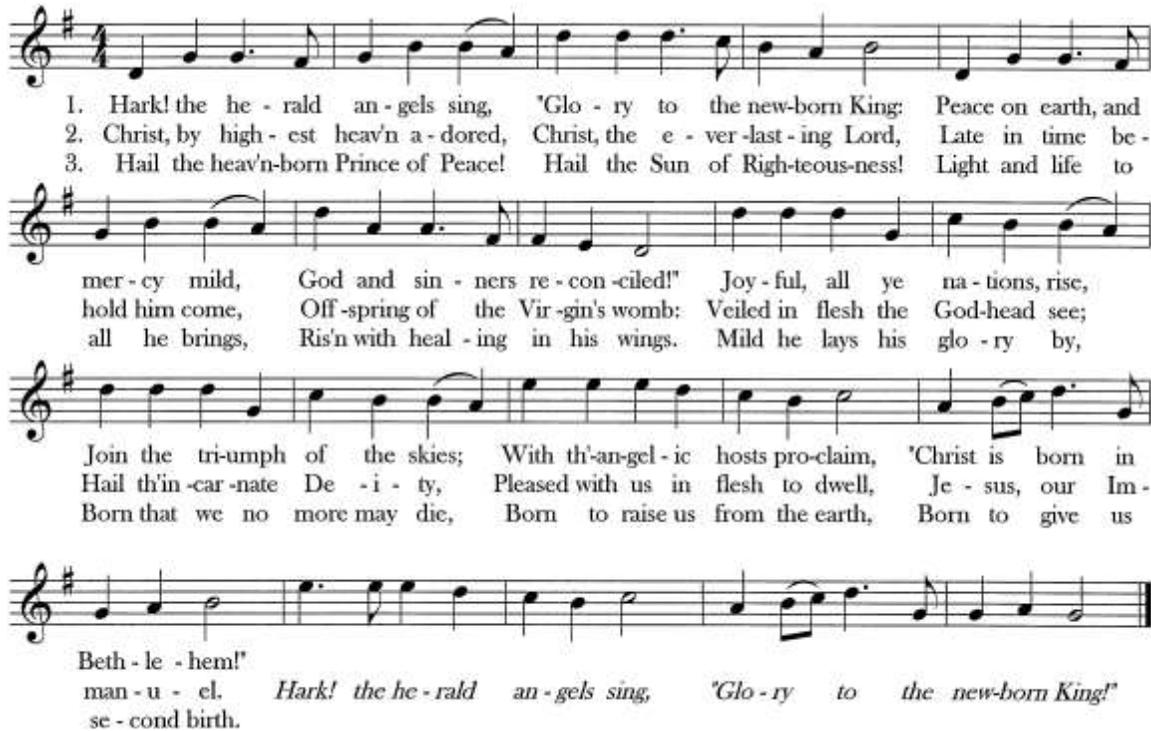
The People remain standing and sing the Hymn. As the Clergy depart, they will asperse the People with Holy Water.

HYMN

Hark! the herald angels sing

MENDELSSOHN

arr. D. Willcocks



1. Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing, 'Glo - ry to the new-born King: Peace on earth, and
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the e - ver - last - ing Lord, Late in time be -
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ-teous-ness! Light and life to

mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise,
hold him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb: Veiled in flesh the God-head see;
all he brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his glo - ry by,

Join the triumph of the skies; With th'-an-gel - ic hosts pro-claim, 'Christ is born in
Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty, Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus, our Im -
Born that we no more may die, Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us

Beth - le - hem!"
man - u - el. *Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing, 'Glo - ry to the new-born King!*
se - cond birth.

DISMISSAL

Officiant Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the newborn King.

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Pastorale (from Christmas Concerto)

Arcangelo Corelli



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