



HOLY EUCHARIST & CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Grace Episcopal Church

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at 4:00 PM

Prelude

Silent Night

Lucy Turner, violin

Franz Xaver Gruber

Carol of the Bells

Brynn Mullis, piano

Mykola Leontyvych

O Christmas Tree

Julian Mullis, piano

German Carol

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Stephen, Anna, and Meredith West, flute

English Traditional, arr. Jack Marek

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Ben Riedinger, piano

John Henry Hopkins



Community Minute

At the Entrance: Hymn 100: Joy to the World

Antioch

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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.

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

See him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise.
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise. *Refrain*

The Christmas Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading: 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96 *read responsively by whole verse*

BCP 725

- 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.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 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.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.
- 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.

At the Sequence: Hymn 87 Hark! The herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

The Christmas Pageant *The congregation sits for the entire pageant and joins in singing the carols.*

The Voice of Prophecy: A Call for the Coming of Emmanuel

In the beginning, the Voice was speaking. The Voice was and is God. The Voice shaped the entire universe. Breath filled all things with a living, breathing light– a light that overcomes darkness.

The Voice spoke through Isaiah: A young woman will conceive and bear a Son, And his name will be Emmanuel.

The Voice spoke through Micah: But you, Bethlehem, insignificant in the land of Judah–For from your people will come a Ruler who will be the shepherd of God’s people.

The Voice spoke through John: Go into the wilderness; prepare the road for the Eternal One’s journey, a straight way in the wandering desert, a way for God.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, Hymnal 56, verses 1 & 2

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. *refrain*

The Annunciation and the Journey to Bethlehem

So here is the beginning of the Good News of Jesus. It really is quite a remarkable story. Mary was engaged to be married to Joseph, a descendant of King David. She lived in Nazareth, a city in the province of Galilee. In her home, God sent a messenger to Mary.

Messenger: Mary, don’t be afraid. God is with you and will give you a great blessing.

The messenger told Mary she would have a son. And that he will be known as the Son of God and will reign over God’s people.

Messenger: The impossible is possible with God.

Mary: Let it be. I’m God’s humble servant and God has noticed me. My soul lifts up God!

Months later, Joseph said to Mary,

Joseph: Caesar Augustus is conducting a census. We must go to Bethlehem to be counted.

Mary was now late in her pregnancy, but she went with him.

O little town of Bethlehem, Hymnal 78, verses 1 & 5

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!

Joseph's Dream and the Birth of Jesus

Joseph, because he was humble and righteous, wanted to spare Mary shame. Legally, he could condemn Mary since she was pregnant and they weren't married. But he didn't wish to cause her embarrassment so planned to divorce her quietly. But, then, a messenger of God came to Joseph in a dream.

Messenger: Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid. Have Mary as your wife. She is pregnant because of God's Spirit. She will have a son, you will name him Jesus.

Joseph woke up and did exactly what the messenger had told him to do. While in Bethlehem, Mary went into labor and gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped the baby in a blanket and laid him in a feeding trough because the inn had no room for them. Joseph named the baby Jesus...bringing Mary and the baby into his family.

Away in a manger, Hymnal 101, verses 1 & 3

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

The Angels' Proclamation to the Shepherds

Nearby, in the fields outside of Bethlehem, a group of shepherds were taking care of their sheep. Suddenly the darkness of night was replaced by a glorious light. They saw messengers of God in the light and they were terrified.

Messengers: Don't be afraid. I have good news for all people everywhere. Today, in the city of David, a Savior is born for you! You will find the baby, wrapped in a blanket, lying in a manger.

At that moment, the messengers were joined by thousands of other angels. They sang a beautiful song to God:

Angels: Glory to God! Peace on earth! Glory to God! Peace on earth!

Angels we have heard on high, Hymnal 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. *refrain*

The Shepherds' Visit

When the angels disappeared into heaven, the shepherds were buzzing with conversation.

Shepherds: Let's go to Bethlehem now! We must see what's happening!

The shepherds traveled into town. They found Mary and Joseph, and the baby in the manger, just as the messenger said. The shepherds knelt down to pray - praising God for all they had seen and heard, and eager to spread the story of what they saw and what the messenger said about the child. Mary treasured the memory in her heart.

While shepherds watched their flocks, Hymnal 94, verses 1, 3, & 4

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

“To you, in David’s town, this day is born of David’s line
The Savior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:

“The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid.”

The Visit of the Magi

Not long after Jesus was born, magi, wise men or seers from the East wondered,

Magi: Where is this Anointed One? When we were far away in the East we saw a star.

The star reappeared and the magi were overjoyed. The star led them to Jesus. They saw the baby. They bowed down and worshiped him. And they gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. For gold is what is given a king. Incense, a gift for a priest. And myrrh is used for healing.

We three kings of Orient are, Hymnal 128, verses 1 & 5

We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings alleluia:
alleluia the earth replies. *refrain*

The Revelation of God’s Grace Through Jesus

But this is not the end of the story. Emmanuel means “God with us.” The Voice became human and entered the world that was made. Through Jesus we all receive gifts of grace beyond our imagination. You see, Moses gave us laws to live by. The Voice spoke through the prophets. But Jesus the Anointed offered us gifts of grace and truth. God, unseen until now, is revealed in the Voice, God’s only Son. Let’s speak God’s message of love: It’s time! The kingdom of God is near!

Go tell it on the mountain, Hymnal 99

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth. *refrain*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *refrain*

Homily: The Rev. Dr. Brandon Nonnemaker

The Nicene Creed *All stand.*

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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.

The Prayers of the People Form IV

Leader: Jo Brewer BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Grace Episcopal Church is a congregation in communion with all that is in God, seen and unseen. We are led by the example of Jesus Christ and are empowered by the Holy Spirit to support each other through prayer, formation, worship, and service.

We will welcome all with kindness, acceptance, and love, with God's help. We are Grace, grounded in faith and relentless in compassion.

The Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

*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 Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace

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

Please be seated.

The Offertory Anthem *Noël*

Louis Claude-Daquin

At the Presentation: Hymn 109: The First Nowell verses 1 & 5 *Please stand*

The First Nowell

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *refrain*

The Great Thanksgiving *Please stand as you are able.*

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Eucharistic Prayer B

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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: Hymn S130

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, ___

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, ___

hea-ven and earch are full, ___ full ___ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed 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 stand or kneel.

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,

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.*

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

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The Fraction Anthem: Hymn S164



Je - sus, Lamb of God: — have mer - cy on — us. —



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on — us. —



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of — the world: —



Give — us your peace — give — us — your peace.

Celebrant Behold who you are: The Body of Christ.

People *May we become what we receive.*

Please be seated. Ushers will guide the congregation forward for Holy Communion.

To receive, please proceed up the center aisle and fill around the altar from the back to the front. If you do not wish to receive the consecrated bread and wine, simply cross your arms over your chest. We will offer a blessing for you as we share in Holy Communion. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please return to your seat by the side aisles. If you are not baptized and would like to explore Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the clergy after the service. We would be honored to share a conversation with you!

Communion Music

Hymn 112

Cranham

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.

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain

now pro - claim Mes - si - ali's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star: shall ap - pear:
 in his tem - ple

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Prayer after Communion *Please kneel or stand as you are able.*

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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 Blessing

Closing Hymn 11

Silent Night

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

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

The Dismissal

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Postlude

GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY & HONOR

The Christmas greens which decorate the Church are given to the glory of God in **loving memory of:**

- Patrick Kelley; Molly & Neil Kelley; Jack & Brenda Morgan; Byron & Hazel Waite; Sarah, Jess, & Dot Morgan; Bill & Izzie Crow by Wendy Morgan
- Angela Pascarella, Dale Jaeger by Catherine & Ferdinand Rosa
- Jean & Max Ulrich, Ida & Bob Murphy by Bob & Karen Murphy
- Roxie & Joe Goble, Joe & Nel Goble, Jack Money by Ann & Hank Goble
- Joseph C. Thornton, Jr. by Sandra Thornton
- John Richard Craig by Sally & Oliver Miller
- Bobbie Wagner by Ben & Christy Wagner
- Fr. Tom Schulze, June & Raymond Gladwell, Peg & Wal Schulze, Thomas Rees by Kay G Schulze
- Jean Parks by Lee & Beth Parks
- Nancy Parks, Jean Parks by The Parks Family
- those we've loved and lost by Alan & Barbara Batog
- the Leyton Family by Bruce & Joan Gallo Leyton

The Christmas greens which decorate the Church are given to the glory of God in **thanksgiving for and in honor of:**

- Dayna Williams, Christopher Kelley, Andrew Kelley by Wendy Morgan
- Family by Bob & Karen Murphy
- Ava & Harrison Reeves, Jackson Goble, Ruth Money by Ann & Hank Goble
- the Gallo Family by Bruce & Joan Gallo Leyton
- our children, John & Hannah Wagner by Ben & Christy Wagner

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Join us in the nave at 12 PM on **Christmas Day** for a said service of Holy Communion.
- The **Christmas season continues** on December 29 and January 5, with Rite I Eucharist at 8:15 AM and Rite II Eucharist with carols at 10:45 AM. Please note there will be no Christian Education classes and no Children's Chapel offered December 29.

THINGS TO NOTE

- The **parish office** will be closed December 25 and 26 and is always closed on Fridays.
- **Christian Education** (CE/Sunday School) classes meet from 9:30 - 10:30 AM most Sundays until May 4. This winter, classes will not meet December 29, January 19, or February 16.
- Sign up at www.gracechurchgainesville.org/foyer if you are interested in joining a **winter/spring 2025 foyer** group!
- Explore the **Glimpses of Grace** podcast on your podcast app of choice or at www.gracechurchgainesville.org/podcast.
- Prayer is at the heart of our life as a faith community. Grace Church invites members of the parish to **request prayer** at www.gracechurchgainesville.org/prayer.
- We invite **visitors and newcomers** to fill out a Welcome Card, online at www.gracechurchgainesville.org/welcome or in the pew (and dropped in the offering plate), so we can share information about Grace and answer any questions.
- The **nursery** is located in the children's education wing and is available to all children age 4 and under during this service. Please note there is no nursery at the 10 PM service on Christmas Eve.
- Services at Grace Church are **live-streamed/recorded** so that we may include those who cannot be with us physically. www.gracechurchgainesville.org/photo-video-policy.
- **Our Mission** Grace Episcopal Church is a congregation in communion with all that is in God, seen and unseen. We are led by the example of Jesus Christ and are empowered by the Holy Spirit to support each other through prayer, formation, worship, and service.
- **Our Vision** We will welcome all with kindness, acceptance, and love, with God's help. We are Grace, grounded in faith and relentless in compassion.

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