



Silent Night. Holy Night.



Christmas Eve
Family Worship & Children's Pageant
December 24, 2024

The Service of the Word Lessons & Carols

Opening Voluntary:

Isabelle Areola (*piano*) and
Isabelle Peterson (*voice and guitar*)

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

Introduction and Welcome

Children's Christmas Parade

Second Lesson: *Luke 1:26-31, Matthew 1:18-25*

Opening Hymn 100: "Joy to the World"

*Joy to the world, the Lord has 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 men their 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*

*Celebrant: Alleluia! To us a child is born.
People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia!*

First Lesson: *Isaiah 52:7-10*

First Carol 83: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*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.*

Second Carol 79: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*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.*

Third Lesson: *Luke 2:8-14*

Third Carol 96: "Angels We Have Heard On High"

*Angels we have heard on high,
Singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their brave delight.*

Refrain:

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee;
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear? (Refrain)*

*Come to Bethlehem and see?
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)*

Fourth Lesson: Matthew 2:9-10

Fourth Carol 101: “Away in a Manger”
*(Children) 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.*

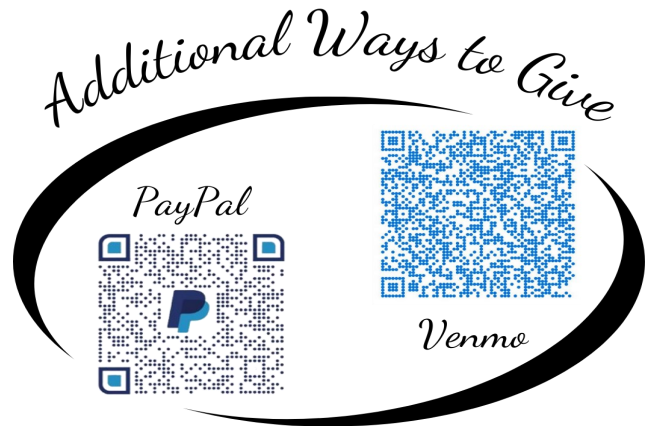
*All participants in the pageant now return to their seats.

Message: *The Rev. Rob Dixon*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**



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The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 361 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All who are seeking God through Jesus are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

Offertory: “From the Manger”

*A quiet town called House of Bread.
A newborn baby falls asleep
A bed of hay beneath his head,
Immanuel begins to dream
For all creation to be fed
Hope from the ground to the breaking of bread
From the manger hope grows,
He will be God with Us
From the manger hope grows, Bread of Life, Jesus*

*A starry sky breaks forth with light
The angel says Be not afraid*

*Gloria to the highest heights,
Heavenly hosts are singing praise
You'll find him as the angel said
Peace from the heavens to the breaking of bread
From the manger peace grows,
He will be God with Us
From the manger peace grows, Bread of Life, Jesus.*

*From grassy field to Jesus' side.
A humble shepherd runs back home
Forever changed one holy night,
compelled to make these wonders known
From pastures green all will be fed
Joy from the fields to the breaking of bread
From the manger joy grows, He will be God with Us
From the manger joy grows, Bread of Life, Jesus.*

*Mary's baby closely held,
wrapped up in sweet expectancy
Now the Messiah is unveiled,
embodied for the world to see*

*So all creation can be fed
Love will be found in the breaking of bread
From the manger love grows, He will be God with Us
From the manger love grows, Bread of Life, Jesus.*

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 367 BCP)

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 him thanks
and praise.**

Sanctus: S-129 (in front section of blue hymnal)
*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

The Lord's Prayer

*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

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

CANDLE INSTRUCTIONS: When leaving the altar
after communion, please pick up a candle! We will light
your candle as we sing *Silent Night*.

Communion Hymn 112: "In the Bleak Midwinter"

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.*

*Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.*

*Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the beloved with a kiss.*

*What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.*

Communion Hymn 87: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*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,
Off-spring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see;
Hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell;
Jesus our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!*

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness.
Light and life to all He brings.
Risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by.
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King"*

Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)

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, grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Closing Hymn 111: "Silent Night"

(light your candle from the torch coming around)

**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.**

MINISTERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Altar Guild: Linda Bish, Marguerite Byrd, Kaki Chambers, Margaret Heatherington, Pamela James, Howard Johnson, Carmen Kimmons, Nell Landrum, Jackie Lanier, Jan Lovett, Greer Mims, Mary Shontz, Sarah Tarkus, Linda Tillery, Pam Walker, Ruth Walker

Flower Guild: Olga Stone, Barbara Edwards, & Ed Austin

10:00am

Clergy: The Rev. Rob Dixon, Pastor
First Server: Ed Austin
Readers: Lavonne Thomas and Chip Lands
Chalice Bearers: Kathy Bleeker and D'Anna Entrekin

5:00pm

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First Server: Ed Austin
Chalice Bearers: Madeleine Hutchison & Miya May
Acolytes: Bella Rider, Stella Dixon, & Israel Entrekin
Pageant Narrators: D'Anna & McKenzie
Pageant Characters: *Prophets* (Andrew & Houston), *Gabriel* (Owen), *Baby Jesus* (Aliana), *Manger* (Tiffa) *Mary* (Everleigh), *Donkey* (Axel), *Angel of the Lord* (Jett), *Shepherds & Sheep* (Mark, Nora, Grace, Bodhi, Maxwell, Jonathan, Piper, Noah, & other children) *Barn Animals* (Jaxson, Greyson, Rhys, Linkon, Millie, Elliana, Julian, & Lydia), *Angel of God* (Landree), *Heavenly Host* (Owyn & other children in attendance), plus *Angel holding Star of Bethlehem* (Sarah) *Stagehand* (Angelyn) *Extra roles* played by any additional children who attend tonight.

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Chalice Bearers: Eden Ridgeway & Camille Lukow

Holy Cross Chancel Choir

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Rachel Augsburg	Stefanie Hibschan	Diane Henehan	Stephen Bell
Margaret Mayes	Olga Stone	Erica Dake	Craig Iversen
Brandi Love-Spain	Dana Wimmers		Steve Lukow
Joy VanCaster			

Holy Cross Musicians

Minister of Music & Liturgy, Isabelle Peterson

Clarinet	Piano	Bass/Saxophone	Trumpet
Stephanie Backes	Isabelle Areola	Carlos Soriano	Philip Iversen

POINSETTAS IN WORSHIP

In loving memory of...

- Mary and Harold Kent, Mary Kent Scullion, Edith Danson, & Dallas Adams—donated by Helen Stuebing
- Shelli Critchleg, sister of Jackie Rahn—donated by Jeff, Jackie, & Justin Rahn
- Mike Guidry—donated by Roslyn Guyette
- Jimmy & Karen Brand, Seal & Paul Krasnosky—donated by Katie and Dan Brand
- Richard Finch
- Nugget, a beloved pet—donated by Trisha McElfresh
- Adele F. Laherty & Emily Miller—donated by Andy & Evonne Woycitzky
- Helyn Chambers & Derek Maltby—donated by Larry and Kaki Chambers
- JD Rahn and JJ Rahn—donated by J. Rahn
- Tony Brown—donated by Pamela James
- Ann Jewett—donated by Susan Bell
- Timothy P. Gibbons & Donnie N. Gibbons—donated by Nancy Gibbons
- Ken & Ione Lott and Hazel & Laverne Underwood—donated by David Lott

In honor of...

- Robert J. Gaines & Lorraine A. Gaines—donated by Elaine Gaines
- Richard Coupture & Angela Wooten—donated by James Wooten
- Katherine Powell (mother), Ed Powell (grandfather), & Linda Powell (grandmother) - donated by Miya May
- David & Pete Schroeder—donated by Tina & Beth Marshall

In thanksgiving...

- In thanksgiving for our family and friends—donated by Jacqueline Lanier
- In thanksgiving—donated by E.R. & Audrey Westbrook
- In thanksgiving—donated by Linda Tillery

Plus, a few Anonymous Gifts



Wherever you are in your faith journey,
you are welcome here.

The people and clergy of Holy Cross wish you and your loved ones a most blessed and joyous Christmas. May the Lord guard your travels, give you rest with family and friends, and fill you with His love.

May peace always be yours. *Amen*