

CALVARY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021

7:00 pm

We welcome ALL:
People of Color
LGBTQ+
Partnered and Single
Differently Abled
Families and children
Young and Old
Our Homeless Neighbors
The Alcoholic and Addicted
Believers and those Questioning Faith
Anyone who Desires a Spiritual Home.

Calvary's welcome extends to all. But more importantly—
God welcomes you for exactly who you are.

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VIII Bishop of Kentucky

The Rev. Dr. Lee Franklin Shafer
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CHORAL PRELUDE

<i>I wonder as I wander</i>	John Jacob Niles, arr. John Rutter
<i>Jesus, Jesus, Rest your head</i>	Leo Nestor
<i>The Holly and the Ivy</i>	Craig Phillips
<i>On Christmas Night</i>	Philip Leger
<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	Judy Wilson, Rosemary Wilson, Hannah Park
<i>O Holy Night</i>	Judy and Rosemary Wilson
<i>Reflections of the Nativity</i>	Judy and Rosemary Wilson
<i>What Child is This?</i>	Judy Wilson, Rosemary Wilson, Hannah Park

HOLY EUCHARIST

OPENING HYMN 83 *Insert p. 2* *O come, all ye faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

SALUTATION *Please stand* BCP 355

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

THE 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.*

THE GLORIA Hymn 96 *Insert p. 3* *Angels we have heard on high* GLORIA

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *Please remain standing* BCP 212

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.*

Please be seated

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*



- 1 Sing to the LORD a'nëw'song; *
sing to the LORD, 'all the'whöle'earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and'bleſs his'Name; *
proclaim the good news of his ſal'vation from'day to'day.
- 3 Declare his glory a'mong the'nations *
and his'wonders a'mong 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 mag'nificence 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'LÖRD'honor and'power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor'due his'Name; *
bring offerings and'come in'to his'courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the'beauty of'holiness; *
let the'whole earth'tremble be'fore 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 there'in.
- 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.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO TITUS

Titus 2:11-14

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.

Please stand

SEQUENCE HYMN *Insert p. 4*

Who cries out in the night

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

Celebrant 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!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON *Please be seated*

The Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand*

BCP 358

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.

Please stand or kneel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form IV *The Leader and People pray responsively*

BCP 388

Lector: 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, especially Lovell, Jim, Larry, Juliette, Greg, Hoss, Carren, Bruce, Craig, William, Teresa, Marsha, Ramon, Mary, Hugh, Michael, Teddy, Ben, John, Larisa, Richard, Libby, Leslie, Jim, Tom, Chris, Mav, Lisa, Richard, Libby, Michael, and Leslie; 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.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE *Please stand*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated*

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

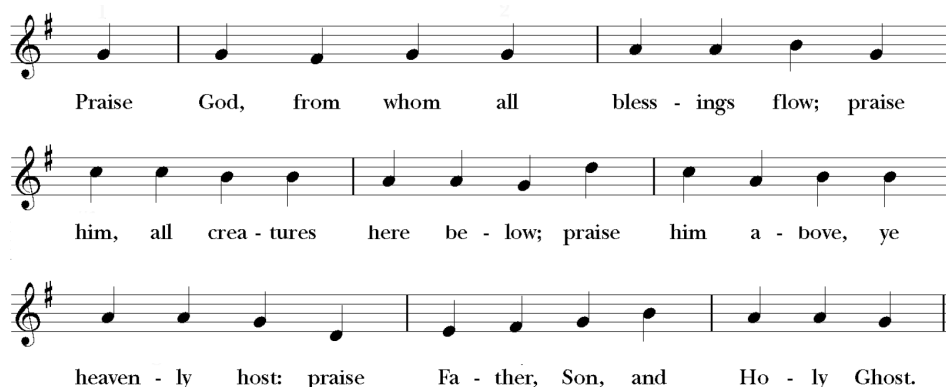
What Sweeter Music

John Rutter

Please stand

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn 43, Verse 4

THE EIGHTH TUNE



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.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION *Please remain standing*

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is God's desire that you will meet God here.

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 our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are 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.

Please stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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 FRACTION ANTHEM S-154

Setting, David Hurd

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Snow had fallen; Christ was born

Stephen Paulus

COMMUNION HYMN 79 *Insert p. 5*

O little town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand or kneel*

BCP 366

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.

CANDLELIGHT HYMN 111 *Insert p. 6* *Silent night, holy night*

STILLE NACHT

THE BLESSING

Please stand

RECESSIONAL HYMN 100 *Insert p. 7* *Joy to the world!*

ANTIOCH

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

Joy to the world!

G. F. Handel
Arr. M. W. Kim

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