

A Sacred Place for All People



CHRISTMAS EVE 2023 5:00 PM CHILDREN & FAMILY EUCHARIST

This Christmas, the offerings at all Christmas services will benefit those in need who live just outside our doors. For example, Trinity's Urban Farm helps feed the hungry in the Central neighborhood with fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs. A Place at the Table serves a hot, nutritious lunch to our neighbors who need it. The Marion-Sterling partnership provides warm clothing, Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas gifts to students in need in our own neighborhood. Through the our Mission Teams, we advocate for and provide assistance to those in our immediate neighborhood.

Please consider supporting these ministries and extending our capacity to touch those near us with God's abiding love.

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Please stand when the chimes are rung.



Presider The word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

People O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Presider God be with you

People And also with you.

Presider 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 CHRISTMAS: A POP UP PAGEANT

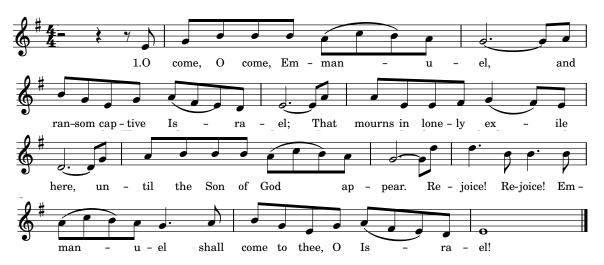
Everyone is invited to participate in this "Pop-up Pageant". This includes children and adults. It's especially for the children, but even if you're an adult, you're welcome to join in, and if you are the parent of a small child who might be more comfortable participating with a parent in tow, by all means, come up with your child when the time comes.

Grab a bag from the table to receive your costume/prop. The costume/prop in the bag will indicate what part in the pageant you have. You won't have any lines to say, and you will be instructed when to come up and be a part of the pageant

The Annunciation Luke 1:26-38

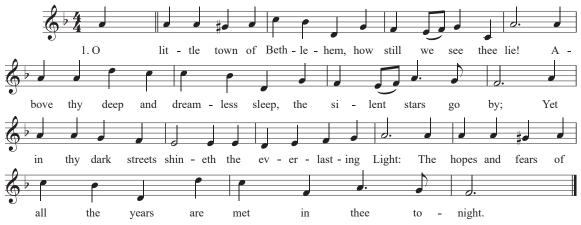
One day, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a young woman named Mary. Mary was engaged to a man named Joseph, whose ancestor was King David. Upon arriving, the angel said, "Greetings Mary, God has given you a gift and blessed you among women!" Mary was confused by these words and wondered what the angel meant. The angel then said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is showing you a great kindness. You will become pregnant with a son and God wants you to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called God's son, too. God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was. Jesus will rule the people of Israel forever, and his kingdom will never end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be possible, since I am not yet married?" The angel told her: "God will make this happen by the power of the Holy Spirit, and because of this, the child to be born will be called the Holy One of God. Did you know that your cousin Elizabeth is also pregnant with a son, even though she is old, and everyone thought she couldn't get pregnant? But she is now in her sixth month of pregnancy, for nothing is impossible with God." Mary said, "I will serve God in this way. Let it be done to me as you say." After she said that, the angel left her.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



In those days Caesar Augustus, the ruler of Rome, ordered that all the people in the entire Roman world should be counted and the numbers written down. So everyone went to their hometown to register their names to be counted. That's why Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth to the city of Bethlehem, a journey of 4 days riding on a donkey. He went to Bethlehem because it was the town where King David was from, and Joseph belonged to the same family. And he brought Mary with him, who was already pregnant with Jesus, because she would soon become his wife.

O Little Town Of Bethlehem



A Baby Is Born

Luke 2:6-7

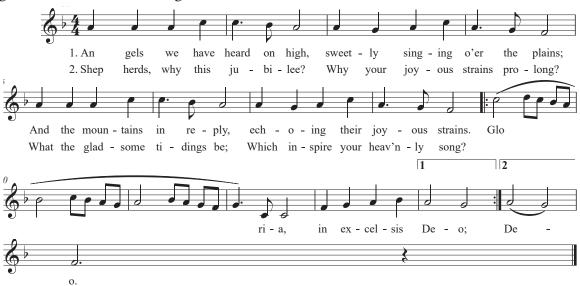
While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for the baby to be born, and Mary gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in a blanket and placed him in the only bed she could find, it was a wooden box called a manger, where the animal food was kept, because there was no bed at any of the hotels for them to sleep in.

What Child Is This



There were shepherds in the area, the people whose job it was to take care of sheep. The angel of God appeared to them, and the glory of God shone around them; they were very afraid. The angel said to them, "You have nothing to fear! I'm here to tell you really good news that will fill you with joy that you can share with everyone. Today in King David's city, a savior – the Messiah – has been born for you. You'll know it's him when you find a baby wrapped in a simple blanket, lying in a manger." And suddenly a lot more angels came, and they filled the sky praising God saying "Glory to God in the highest! Peace to everyone God delights in!" After the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go straight to Bethlehem and see all that God has just told us about!

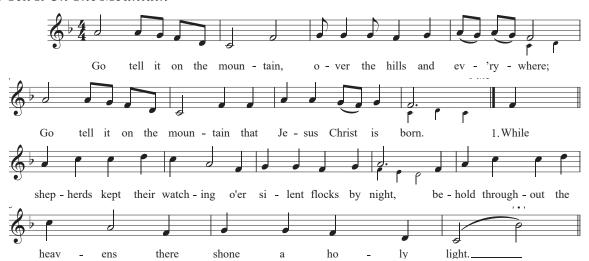
Angels We Have Heard On High



Arrival Of Shepherds

Luke 2:16-20

So, the shepherds hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the manger. Once they saw this, they told Mary and Joseph all about the angels who came from heaven, and everyone who heard about it was amazed at what the shepherds told them. Mary treasured up all these things in her heart and reflected on them and the shepherds returned to their fields, praising God for all the wonderful things they had heard and seen, which were just as God said they would be.

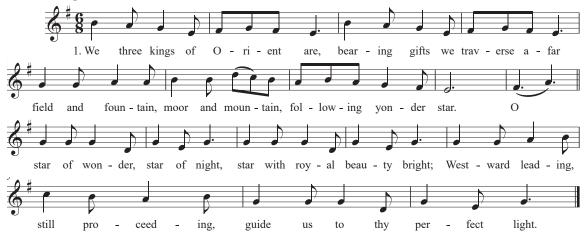


Arrival Of The Magi

Matthew 2:1-5, 7-11

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod, some wise men who studied the stars, called Magi, came from the east to Jerusalem, looking for the child born to be the king of the Jews. They came to worship him. As they went on their way, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and gave him gifts of gold, and spices called frankincense and myrrh.

We Three Kings

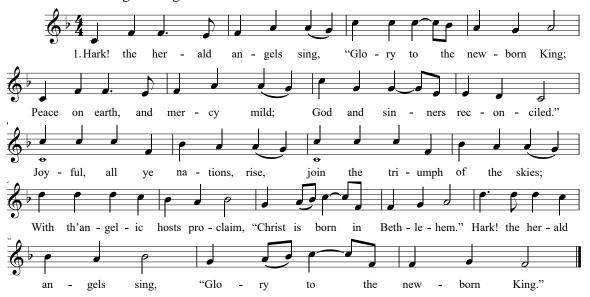


Fulfilling The Prophesy

Isaiah 9 (greatly abridged)

What the prophet of Israel promised has now come true! "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!" For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. And the government will be upon his shoulders. And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



HOMILY

The Rev. Adrienne Koch

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

New Zealand Book of Common Prayer

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us.

You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.

You came to us before we came to you.

You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again.

You are with us now.

You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

The New Zealand Book of Common Prayer includes alternative prayers such as this one for occasional use while retaining the traditional Nicene Creed as a core statement of faith.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider Let us pray to God, who came among us in the birth of Jesus:

Saving God, as a star rose, and drew people from great distances to meet the Christ-child; draw to you all your people that we might see you face-to-face.

By your saving grace, Hear our prayer.

Incarnate God, you filled Mary with your Holy Spirit; fill us with your presence and renew within your bishops, priests, deacons, and laypersons a spirit of service to those who are poor, in need, and made in your likeness.

By your saving grace, Hear our prayer.

Wondrous God, people of faith and curiosity streamed to Jesus' light and brightness of his rising star; draw our nation, our President, and all in authority, to the brightness of your Christ.

By your saving grace, Hear our prayer.

Holy God, just as angels sang to you and proclaimed peace on earth and among all peoples; bring us your peace, and with it an end to all terror and strife.

By your saving grace, Hear our prayer.

Loving God, as shepherds were drawn to your light and away from their flocks by night; draw all who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you.

By your saving grace, Hear our prayer.

Humble God, as Jesus was born in a manger, because there was no room for him in the inn; be especially present with those who have no home to lay their head, those who are vulnerable, and hungry.

By your saving grace, Hear our prayer.

Parent God, as the Holy Family gathered together in Bethlehem, and traveled together to far off lands; Bless all families, especially the families of this diocese, and protect all those who travel.

By your saving grace, Hear our prayer.

Merciful God, your son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of life eternal; give to the departed eternal rest and let light perpetual shine upon them.

By your saving grace, Hear our prayer.

Presider God of Light and Hope, by the power of your Son's incarnation reassure our hearts this Christmastide, reminding us that you are with us, that you hear our prayer, and that you will be with us always, even to the end of the age. We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Leader The peace of Christ be always with you.

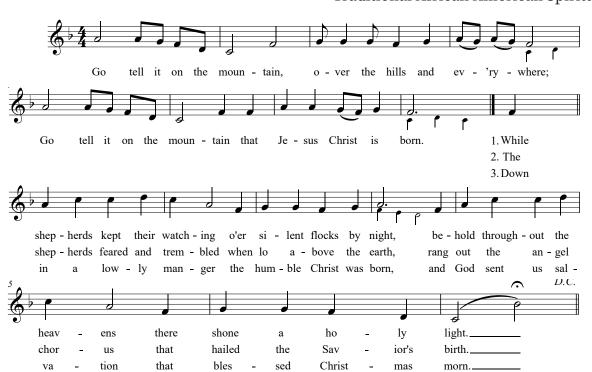
People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Christmas Offering is taken up during the hymn, and is designated for Trinity's hunger and outreach ministries.

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Lyrics: John W. Work, Jr. Traditional African American Spiritual



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Enriching our Worship, Prayer 2

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, wind and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and time again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



Presider Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is the Blood of the new Covenant, which poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and our selves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider 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

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

All are invited to come forward for Communion or a blessing. Bread and wine are both offered, though drinking from the common cup is not required. If you choose to receive wine, please refrain from intinction (dipping bread in the wine) at this time. Gluten-free bread is available for those who need it.

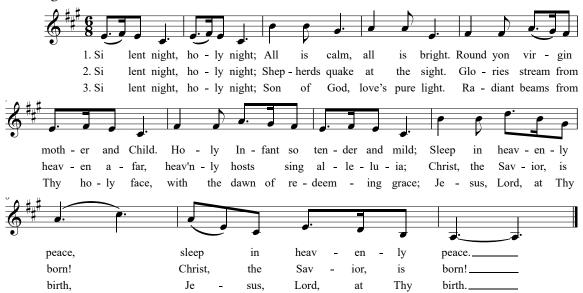


POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

As the cathedral lights are dimmed, receive the candle light from a member of the clergy and pass the light along to your neighbor.

Silent Night



THE BLESSING

May the One who creates and restores everything that is, the One who is Mary's child and child of God, the One who is the Holy Spirit, May this Holy One bring you compassion and peace, and bless your lives with joy. *Amen*.



THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

MUSIC PERFORMED BY:

The Abundant Table Musicians

Christmas Flowers Honors and Remembrances

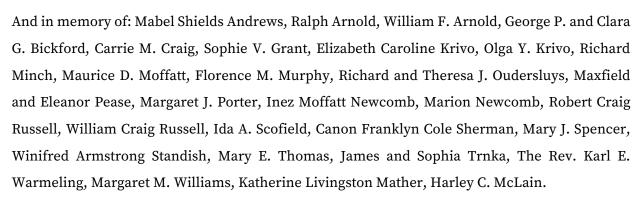


Given by George Barnum, in memory of Timothy Robson
Given by Rob Bauer, in memory of David & Jeanne Bauer
Given by Paul and Susan Bunner, in memory of Paul Richard Hunt
Given by Daughters of the King, in memory of Debbie Hunter, Marilyn McDonald,
Ginny (Virginia) Mitchell, and Elizabeth Rhines
Given by Bill DiTirro, in memory of William & Donna DiTirro
Given by Susannah Hanson, in memory of Ernest R. Hanson
Given by Doreen Hughes, in memory of Fay Boyer
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Given by Daniel McGuire, in memory of James Wozniak
Given by Dale Murphy, Tim Murphy, & Holly Csorba, in memory of Beverly Jones & Gene Murphy
Given by The Owens Family, in memory of Catherine M. Owens
Given by Sue Strew, in memory of Rudolph John Strew, William and Mildred Claflin





Given by Ute Vilfroy, in memory of Tommy H. (Tom) Vilfroy



SERVICES AT TRINITY CATHEDRAL

SUNDAYS

8:00 a.m. Early Eucharist (Chapel)

9:00 a.m. Abundant Table Service *

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist *
5 p.m. Solemn Sung Eucharist *

(First Sunday Oct-May)

WEDNESDAYS (FEB-MAY)

12 p.m. Brownbag Concert * (alternating Wednesdays -

see M&A website for details) **6 p.m.** Choral Evensong *

THURSDAYS

12:10 p.m. Healing Service

* Livestreamed Service

Clergy

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COVID Protocols: Masks and social distancing are recommended indoors for all individuals entering Trinity Cathedral and Commons. If you do not feel well or have concerns about health vulnerabilities, you can enjoy our worship services via livestream at trinitycleveland.org or facebook.com/trinitycleve. To prevent the spead of illness, intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not permitted at communion.

Soft Space in the Transept of the Cathedral is available for parents, infants and young children on Sunday mornings. Soft Space has a large mat, toys and more for quiet play—allowing parents to remain in the worship service.

The Flowers on the Altar are offered to the glory of God in loving memory of Sarah Keys Scott, Newell Castle Bolton, William Weston Park, Helen Newell Garfield.

FYI: We encourage and remind you to secure and protect your personal valuables when visiting Trinity Commons.

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Please note: Prayer requests submitted Thursday by noon will be included in Sunday's Bulletin. Those submitted after will be included the following Sunday.

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