



**CHRISTMAS EVE
2024**

**Festive Holy Eucharist Rite II
5:00 pm**

**Christ Church Episcopal Parish
Lake Oswego, Oregon**

REFUGEE

WE THINK OF HIM as safe beneath the steeple,
Or cosy in a crib beside the font,
But he is with a million displaced people
On the long road of weariness and want.
For even as we sing our final carol
His family is up and on that road,
Fleeing the wrath of someone else's quarrel,
Glancing behind and shouldering their load.
Whilst Herod rages still from his dark tower
Christ clings to Mary, fingers tightly curled,
The lambs are slaughtered by the men of power,
And death squads spread their curse across the world.
But every Herod dies, and comes alone
To stand before the Lamb upon the throne.

from Sounding the Seasons
Malcolm Guite
Canterbury Press

Voluntary

Hymn in Procession

O come, all ye faithful

Hymn 83

Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

BCP 355

Hymn of Praise

Angels we have heard on high (vs. 1 & 2)

Hymn 96

Collect of the Nativity

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

BCP 212

The Lessons

Isaiah 9: 2-4, 6-7

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 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God

Carol

Christians, Awake

Hymn 106 (vs 1-4)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

Gospeler 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.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Litany for the Way Love

Intercessor O God of love, keep us from a casual repetition of a comfortable Christmas story. Awaken us to see and live your Son our Savior's Way of Love;

People Disturb our slumber and awaken us to love as you command.

Intercessor When the decree went out from Caesar, Joseph and Mary were forced to set out from their home even as some now set out on journeys not of their choosing.

People Disturb our slumber and awaken us to love as you command; to seek the lost and lonely, the homeless and hungry, those afraid and adrift.

Intercessor That the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field might be realized on every field of war and on every street of violence.

People Disturb our slumber and awaken us to love as you command; to strive for peace and not for war.

Intercessor That the angel's message of goodwill will come to the places of hatred, bigotry, and callous apathy.

People Disturb our slumber and awaken us to love as you command; to see the presence of Christ in all people and treasure one another as you treasure us.

Intercessor That the Magi's wisdom in the face of Herod's trickery would bring light and truth to the dark places of deception in our world.

People Disturb our slumber and awaken us to love as you command, and not be distracted nor deceived by temporal authority.

Intercessor That a true understanding of justice would come to the hearts of the Herods of this world who would slaughter and imprison children to maintain their own power, control and prestige.

People Disturb our slumber and awaken us to love as you command; to be resolute against tyranny and welcome those who flee from terror.

Intercessor We hold in the Light that has come into the world those in need of healing and those on our hearts this day (*please add silently or aloud the names of those for whom we should pray*);

Intercessor and we pray:

People Disturb our slumber and awaken us to love as you command; to be your healing presence for those in distress.

Intercessor We hold in the Light that has come into the world our deployed military members and we pray:

People Disturb our slumber and awaken us to love as you command; to care for their families as they await their safe return and for all veterans and their families who carry the scars of war.

Intercessor We pray for those who have died (*please add silently or aloud the names of those for whom we should pray*):

Intercessor and we pray:

People Bring them into the presence of the new born Christ.

Presider Source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we come to see the true light who shines throughout the world and who is God for all eternity; Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Offertory

Gaudete

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Gaudete! Gaudete! Christus est natus
ex Maria Virgine: Gaudete!*

Translation

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is born
of the Virgin Mary: Rejoice!*

*Now the time has come at last, bringing joy and gladness
time foretold by sages past, healing earth's deep sadness.*

*Nature marvels at the sight, earth looks on in wonder:
for the Lord of love and light rends the heav'ns asunder!*

*Christ is born: Emmanuel, hope of ev'ry nation!
Therefore let us sing noel with the whole creation!*

Presentation Hymn

Hymn 100

Joy to the world! (vs. 1-2, 4)

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Presider faces them and sings or says,

Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 372

*The people remain standing. The Presider, whether bishop or priest,
faces them and sings or says*

Presider The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

*It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks;
for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible
from before time and for ever.*

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Presider and People

Sanctus

S 130

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest**

The people stand or kneel. Then the Presider continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again, and again, you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them

he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Presider and People:

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Presider continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us ✠ and upon these gifts ✠ sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity guard its faith and preserve it in peace. Remember our Presiding Bishop Sean+, our Bishop Diana, all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, And all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Great Amen

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Presider: Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever.
AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Presider

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

**All 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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

S 164

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.**

The Communion of the People

Communion will be served from the altar rail. Please stand or kneel as is your custom. The bread will be placed on your palm. Gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate to the priest if you require this alternative. Those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Anthem

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Michael Praetorius

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!

From Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung

It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind

With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind

To shew God's love aright she bore to men a Savior, when half spent was the night

Carol: O little town of Bethlehem

Hymn 79

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Please stand for the Post-Communion Prayer and Carol as you are able.

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

Carol: Silent Night

Hymn 111

The choir will sing the first verse in German.

Your candle will be lighted from the center aisle.

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

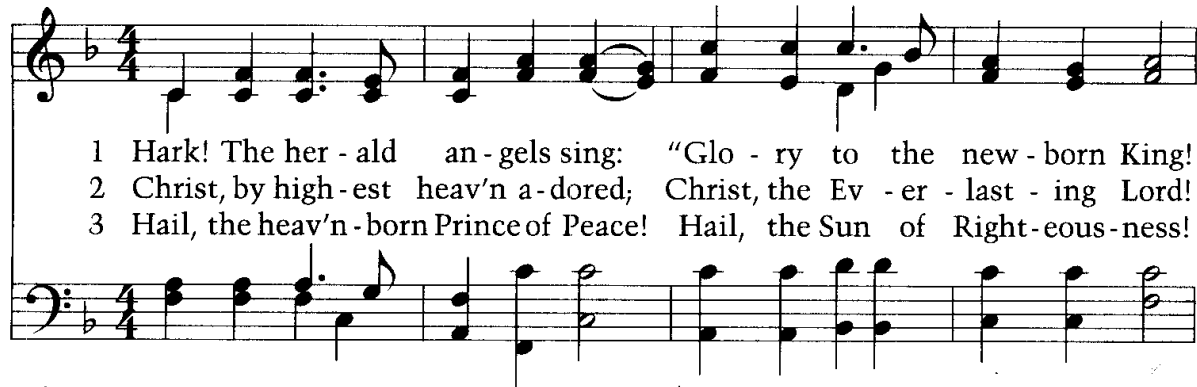
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The Presider dismisses the congregation and the people respond,

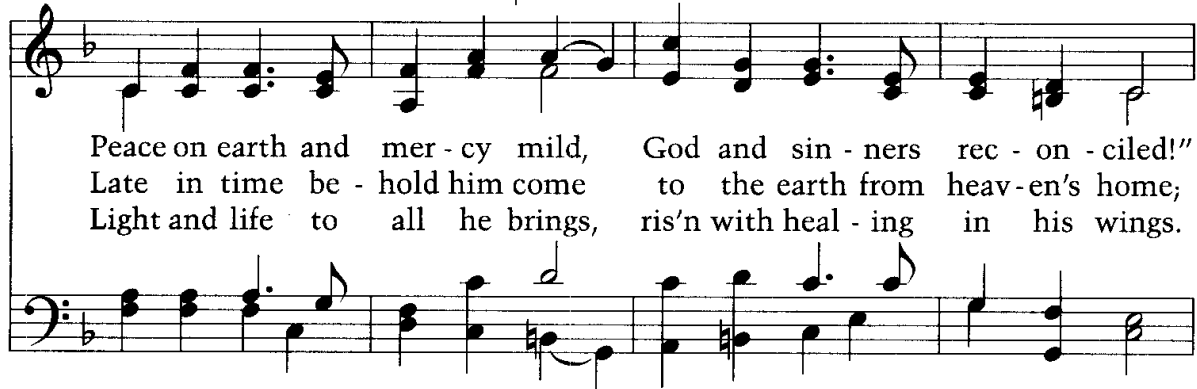
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn in Procession

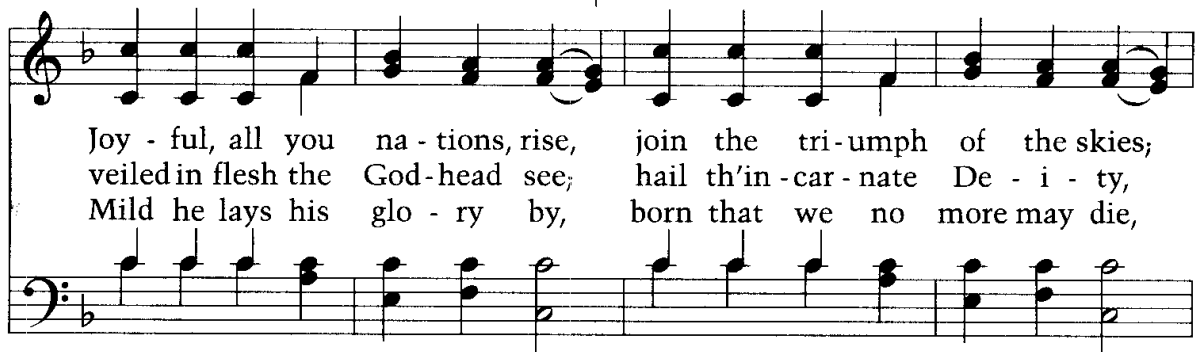
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



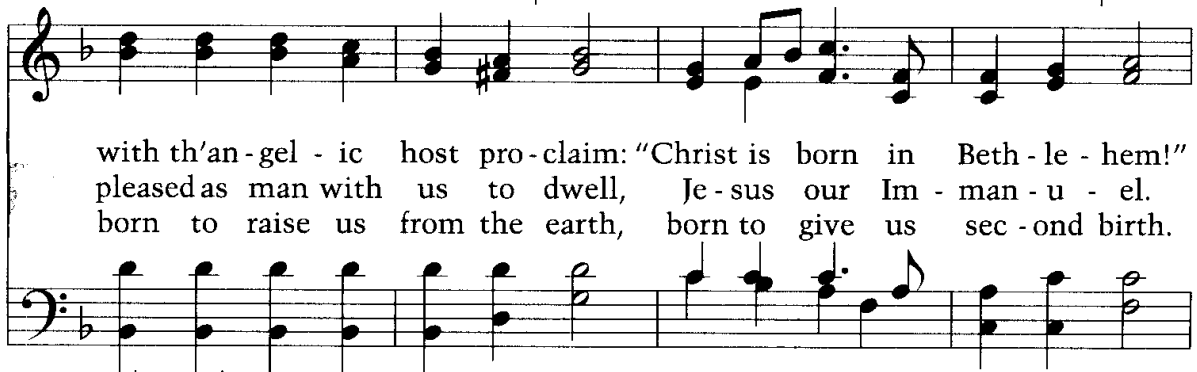
1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the Ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3 Hail, the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come to the earth from heav - en's home,
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies,
veiled in flesh the God - head see, hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus our Im - man - u - el.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

Voluntary

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