



**CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL PARISH**
Lake Oswego, Oregon

The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord

December 24, 2024
3:00 pm



Voluntary

Hymn in Procession

Hymn 83

O Come, all ye Faithful (vs. 1-3, & 6)

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

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

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

Hymn of Praise

Hymn 96

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

Collect of the Nativity

BCP 212

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.

Welcome *(Please remain seated during Carols)*

The Greatest Rhyme Ever Told

Augustus Caesar was emperor, of Rome he was the head.

He called to all the citizens, and this is what he said:

“Listen up you people, there’s no time to relax!

It’s time for me to count you up, and gather up more tax.

So go back to the town, of your beloved birth!

When all of you are registered, I’ll know what Rome is worth!”

So people packed their things right up, and traveled on their way,

by foot and cart and donkey, no time for much delay!

Bethlehem was busy, people everywhere,

the Innkeepers were scrambling, no rooms were left to spare.

A quiet couple made their way, along with all the rest,

the man led her on donkey and boy did she look stressed!

Carol*O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 1)***Hymn 79**

Late that night a loud knock came, the innkeeper awoke.

A couple stood before her, and quietly they spoke:

“We are Joseph and Mary, we need a place to stay,
we’re due to have a baby, it could happen any day!”

The innkeeper was sad to note, “we have no room left here!

The census count has put us out, what a crazy time of year!”

But Joseph told the innkeeper, “This baby cannot wait!

We need somewhere to stay tonight, before it gets too late!”

The innkeeper was tired and spoke, “If you’re sure that you don’t mind,
there is a stable over there, but that’s all that I can find.”

The young expectant couple, with donkeys cows and sheep,
found a place to lay their heads, and slowly fell asleep.

The night was quiet for a time, but soon a sound did rise,
the murmurs of a mother, and tiny baby cries.

Carol*Away in a Manger (vs. 1)***Hymn 101**

Out in the fields the shepherds stood, their sheep were close at hand.

When all of a sudden, angels came, the sight was truly grand!

The shepherds they were terrified, they nearly ran away.

The angels sang so sweetly, the shepherds chose to stay.

The angels told the shepherds, the good news of the birth;

“In Bethlehem a boy was born, the Savior of the earth.

You’ll find him wrapped up warmly, laying in some hay,
there is no time to waste here, get up and on your way!”

Carol*What Child is This (vs. 1)***Hymn 115**

Then suddenly the hillside, became a lovely sight.
Angels gathered in the sky, their halos shining bright.
Their voices reached to heaven, as they sang of peace and joy
Announcing the arrival of a special baby boy.
What else could be appearing? Another great surprise?!
Above the manger in the east , all angels raised their eyes.
A star began to twinkle bright, it lit the evening sky,
It could be seen from everywhere, both far away and nigh.

Carol *The First Nowell (vs. 1)* **Hymn 109**

The morning broke, the baby born, the noise began to rise;
baby coos among cow moos and a rooster to poeticize!
The rooster crowed and woke the mice they joined the chorus too,
they all chased to the manger, it became a holy zoo!

Carol *Go tell it on the mountain (vs. 1)* **Hymn 99**

The story isn't finished, there's one more group you see;
there's wisemen traveling this way, in number they are three.
They have with them some gifts to give, including precious gold;
they'll give them to the baby, as prophecy foretold.

Carol *We Three Kings (vs. 1)* **Hymn 128**

As Mary gazed upon her babe, her heart was full of love;
The greatest give to all mankind was sent from up above.
Merry Christmas one and all, we hope you will agree,
never have there been more rhymes in the Nativity!

Carol *Joy to the World (vs. 1)* **Hymn 100**

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: It is the time to pray to God. We join together to name our concerns or joys aloud or in quiet prayer.

Intercessor: Sometimes things go wrong, or we do wrong. We are sorry for them. Are there things for which we are sorry?

(Pause)

Intercessor: We say, "Lord, we are sorry."

People: **Lord, we are sorry.**

Intercessor: Let us take a moment to tell God "thank you" for all the just plain good things that happen in our lives. Are there any special things that we are grateful for?

(Pause)

Intercessor: We say, "Thank you so much. Lord."

People: **Thank you so much. Lord.**

Intercessor: Let us pray for those people or animals who have died. We say, "God is with them."

People: **God is with them.**

Intercessor: Sometimes we know people who are sick or we are worried about something in our lives. Are there any special needs, concerns or worries we should tell God about?

(Pause)

Intercessor: We say, "Help us always, Lord."

People: **Help us always, Lord.**

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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst, arr. Patrick Liebergen

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

Angels and archangels may have gathered there

Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air

Then His mother Mary in her maiden bliss

Worshipped 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 wiseman, I would do my part

Yet what I can, I give Him: give my heart

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Presider 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.**

Presider: God, our loving Father, we are glad to give you thanks and praise because you love us.

People: **Glory to you in the highest.**

Presider: Because you love us, you gave us this great and beautiful world.

People: **Glory to you in the highest.**

Presider: Because you love us, you sent Jesus your Son to bring us to you and to gather us around him as the children of one family.

People: **Glory to you in the highest.**

Presider: For such great love we thank you with angels and saints as they praise you and say.

ALL: **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.**

Presider: Blessed be Jesus, whom you sent to be the friend of children and of the poor. He came to show us how we can love you, Father, by loving one another. He came to take away sin, which keeps us from being friends, and hate, which makes us all unhappy. He promised to send the Holy Spirit, to be with us always so that we can live as your children.

ALL: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: The night before he died, Jesus your Son showed us how much you love us. When he was at supper with his disciples, he took bread and gave you thanks and praise. Then he broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat it; this is my body which will be given up for you.

People: **Jesus has given his life for us.**

Presider: When supper was ended, Jesus took the cup that was filled with wine. He thanked you, gave it to his friends, and said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it; this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven.

People: **Jesus has given his life for us.**

Presider: Then he said to them: do this in memory of me.

And so, loving Father, we remember that Jesus died and rose again to save the world. He put himself into our hands to be the sacrifice we offer you.

People: **We praise you, we bless you, we thank you.**

Presider: Lord our God listen to our prayer. Send the Holy Spirit to all of us who share in this meal. May this Spirit bring us closer together in the family of the Church, with +Sean our Presiding Bishop, +Diana our Bishop, all other bishops, and all who serve your people.

People: **We praise you, we bless you, we thank you.**

Presider: Remember, Father, our families and friends and all those we do not love as we should. Remember those who have died. Bring them home to you to be with you for ever.

People: **We praise you, we bless you, we thank you.**

Presider: Gather us all together into your kingdom. There we shall be happy for ever with the Virgin Mary, Mother of God. There all the friends of Jesus the Lord will sing a song of joy.

People: **We praise you, we bless you, we thank you.**

The Great Amen

BCP 368

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.

All: 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;

People: **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

All who hunger for God are cordially invited to this table, including children. 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.

Carol

Silent Night

Hymn 111

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Please stand for the Post-Communion Prayer and Blessing 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.

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, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

BCP 366

The Presider dismisses the congregation, and the people respond,

People: Thanks be to God.

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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!"
pleas'd 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!"

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