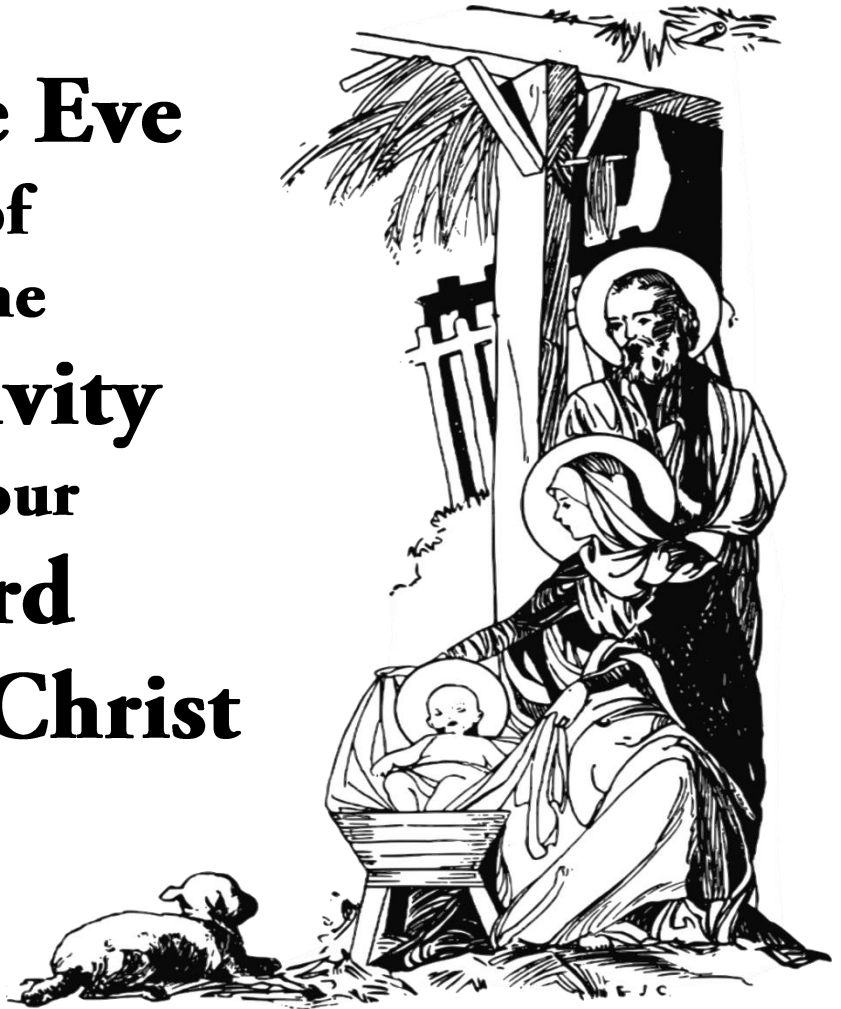


**The Eve
of
the
Nativity
of our
Lord
Jesus Christ**



**Holy Eucharist Rite II
9:30 in the evening on Christmas Eve
December 24, 2020**

**The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation
1673 Jamerson Road Marietta, GA 30066
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Welcome and Merry Christmas

Episcopal Church of the Annunciation warmly welcomes all guests who are worshipping with us this Christmas season. If you are visiting family & friends for the holidays and are passing through, may your time here and with your family be filled with many blessings. We also wish everyone here at ECA a very Merry Christmas and we give thanks to God in Jesus Christ for the many blessings of our ministry and mission at ECA, near and far this year and for the years to come.

Christmas Carols before the Service (lyrics may be found at www.hymnary.org)

Hymn 102 *Once in Royal David's City* (vs 1,2,5)

Hymn 101 *Away in a manger*

Hymn 79 *O little town of Bethlehem* (vs 1,3,5)

Hymn 83 *O come, all ye faithful* (vs 1,3,6)

Hymn 115 *What child is this*

Hymn 89 *It came upon a midnight clear* (vs 1,4)

Hymn 87 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Prelude

O Holy Night – Joe Lozier, piano

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 93 (vs. 1&2)

Angels from the Realms of Glory

1 Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye, who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
*come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

2 Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with you is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:
Refrain

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Presider 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

Presider 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.**

Hymn of Praise 96 (Vs. 1&2)

Angels we have heard on high

1 Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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.*

First Lesson

Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97

Dominus regnavit

BCP 725

1 The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Lord.

9 For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy Name.

Second Lesson

Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 109(vs. 1,2&6)

The First Nowell

1 The first Nowell the angel
did say was to certain poor
shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping
their sheep, on a cold winter's
night that was so deep.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Nowell, born is the King of
Israel.*

2 They looked up and saw a
star shining in the east beyond
them far, and to the earth it
gave great light, and so it
continued both day and night.

Refrain

6 Then let us all with one
accord sing praises to our
heavenly Lord; that hath made
heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath
bought.

Refrain

Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

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!"

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Rev. Paul McCabe

The Nicene Creed

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.*

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

The Peace

BCP 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music: *Gesù Bambino*

Scott Lozier, violin

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

BCP 367

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Sanctus Hymn S130

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory; And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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

BCP 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

Your response is "Amen" just before placing the bread/wine to your lips.

Communion Hymn: *When Love Came Down at Christmas* The Laminack Trio

Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

BCP 365

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.*

Post Communion Hymn 111

Night of Silence/Silent Night

1 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.

2 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!

3 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.

Recessional Hymn 100

Joy to the world

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and
plains, repeat the sounding joy.

Dismissal

BCP 366

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy, Joe Lozier & musicians

A Christmas Blessing

During this Christmas season, May you be blessed With the spirit of the season, which is peace; The gladness of the season, which is hope; And the heart of the season, which is love.

A Special Thank You to our Guest Musicians tonight: Emily Laminack Wetzel, violin; Grace Laminack, viola; Jennifer Davenport, cello; David Wetzel, trumpet; Scott Lozier, violin.

A special Thank You to all the parents, children and especially Tom Jacobsen and Sandi Harden for organizing and facilitating the Children's Christmas Pageant Virtually this year.



The Christmas poinsettias and greenery are given with Thanksgiving ...

By Cal Beck for Cal & Sharon Beck's 43rd Wedding Anniversary.

By Paul McCabe for family, friends and the many blessings of ECA and the people that make this parish so special.

The Christmas poinsettias and greenery are given in Memory of ...

Jim Pinkston; Mr. & Mrs. James Pinkston, Sr; and Mr. & Mrs. John Trentham from Brenda Pinkston.

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