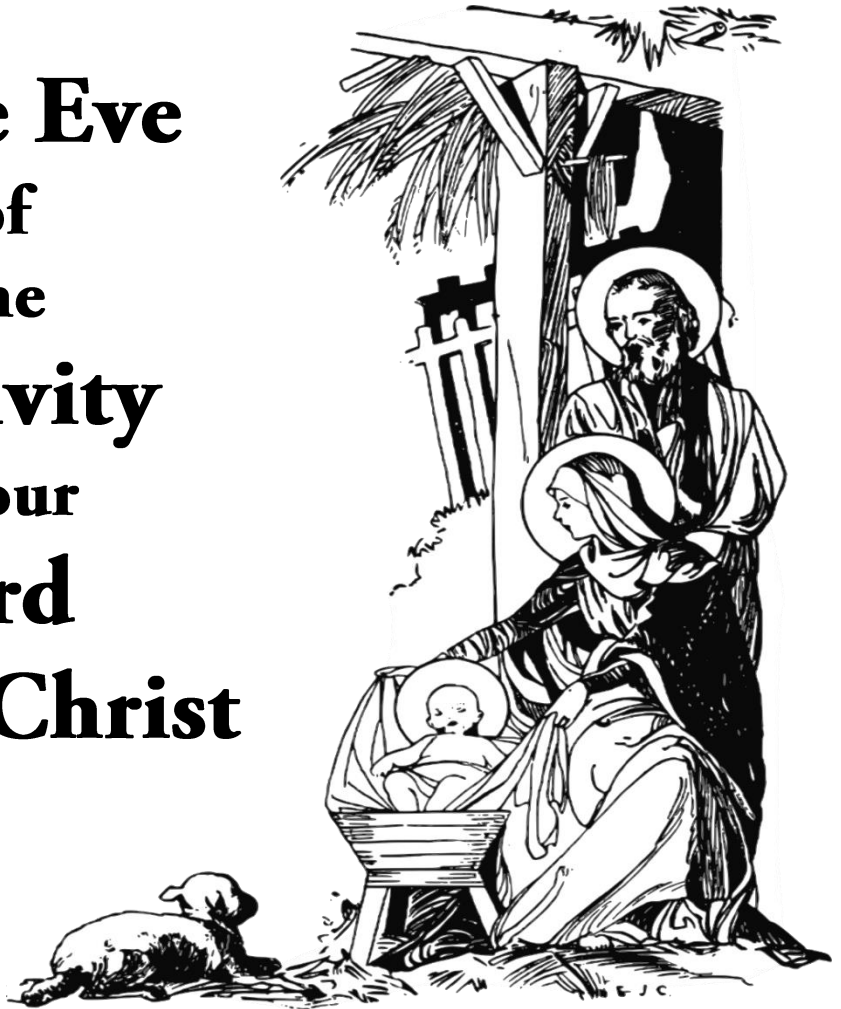


**The Eve
of
the
Nativity
of our
Lord
Jesus Christ**



**Holy Eucharist Rite II
5:00 in the evening on Christmas Eve
December 24, 2020**

**The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation
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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.

Prelude

What Child is This

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 83 (vs. 1&2)

O come all ye faithful

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
*O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

2 God from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; only-begotten Son of God the Father;
*O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

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.

Collect of the Day

BCP 212

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.**

First Lesson

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.**

Psalm 96

Cantate Domino

BCP 725

1 Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation
from day to day.
3 Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among 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 magnificence 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 Lord honor
and power.

8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his
Name; bring offerings and come into his
courts.
9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of
holiness; let the whole earth tremble
before 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 therein.
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.

Second Lesson

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.**

Sequence Hymn 110

1 The snow lay on the ground,
the stars shone bright, when Christ our Lord
was born On Christmas night.

Refrain: Venite adoremus Dominum.

The Snow lay on the ground

2 'Twas Mary, daughter pure of holy Anne,
that brought into this world the God made
man. She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem;
the ass and oxen shared the roof with them.

Refrain

Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

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.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

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: *Silent Night*

Joe Lozier, piano

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.

2 Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven
afar, heavenly hosts sing
alleluia; 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.

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 89(vs. 1&2)

1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

It came upon the midnight clear
2 Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds
the blessed angels sing.

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.**

The Showing of the Children's Christmas Pageant

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

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 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.

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