

December 24, 2021
4:30 PM

Christmas Eve

Holy Eucharist



St. Stephen's in-the-Field Episcopal Church

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*We the people of Saint Stephen's in-the-Field
seek to know Christ, to share Christ, and to serve Christ,
recognizing his presence in all people,
and reaching out in love to each other and to the world around us.*

***"Whoever and wherever you are on your spiritual journey,
you are welcome here!"***

Opening Music:

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime, arr. Frances L. Callahan;
St. Stephen's bell choir

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

H #87

MENDELSSOHN

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3. Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.
Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
with an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

In the First Light, by Bob Kauflin, arr. Tom Fettke;
Jessica Dickens Goodman & Ginny Scott

Angels We Have Heard on High, arr. Frances L. Callahan;
St. Stephen's bell choir

Prayers at the Creche

At crèche: Hymn #102, *Once in Royal David's City*, vs. 1-2

Once in Royal David's City

H #102

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
2. He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
3. We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a

low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -

ba - by in a man - ger for his bed; Ma - ry
sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
- a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this

was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - o - ther.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who in the Incarnation of your Son has revealed to us the holiness of creation, bless and hallow this image of his sacred birth, so that those who gaze upon it may behold this mystery, whereby humanity shares in your very nature; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn #102, *Once in Royal David's City*, v. 3

Opening Hymn:

O Come, All Ye Faithful

John Francis Wade (1711-1786)

H #83

ADESTE FIDELES

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music. The first system includes four numbered vocal parts and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O 2. God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal, lo! he ab - 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, sing, all ye 6. Yea, Lord we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing, Je - sus to

The second system continues the vocal parts and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: come ye to Beth - le - hem; come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels; hors_ not the Vir - gin's womb' on - ly be - got - ten Son_ of the Fa - ther; ci - ti - zens of hea - ven a - bove; glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est; thee be_ glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

The third system continues the vocal parts and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O

The fourth system continues the vocal parts and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

Advent Candle Lighting

Celebrant: Today we light all the candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, the third candle is JOY, and the fourth candle is LOVE. The center candle is the Christ candle.

The candles are lit.

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

All: **O God of hope, peace, joy, and love. As Mary and Joseph welcomed you into the world, now help us welcome you into our lives. Give us courage to hope; strength to seek peace. Fill our spirits with joy; and our hearts with love. Through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Amen.**

Glory to God: Gloria in Excelsis – Hymn #96, Refrain

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo -

- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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.**

The Lessons

First Reading

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.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 96

- 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 Reading

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.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

The First Nowell

H #109

THE FIRST NOWELL
English Carol, 17th century

1. The first No - well the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor shep-herds in fields as they
2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the east be - yond them
3. And by the light of that same star three wise men came from coun - try
lay; in fields as they lay keep-ing their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so
far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it con - tin-ued both day and
far; to seek for a king was their in - tent, and to fol-low the star wher - ev - er it
deep. No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the King of Is - ra - el.
night.
went.

Gospel

The gospel lesson today is reflected in the children's Christmas Pageant.

Christmas Pageant 2021: A Reader's Theater

Narrator

Angel Gabriel

Mary

Song: *Mary and the Angel* (sung to the tune of Reuben, Reuben)

Mary, Mary, look beside you. There's an angel standing there!
It is Gabriel, sent from heaven with Good News for you to hear.
"Mary, Mary, don't be frightened. God is with you favored one.
You will have a little baby, Jesus Christ, God's own dear Son."
"How can this be?" Mary wondered. "I've not married anyone."
"God can do all things," said Gabriel. "The baby will be God's own Son."
"As you say," then Mary answered. "As God says, so let it be."
We join Mary in her praises; Jesus came for you and me.

Narrator

CONGREGATION (in Unison): **"There's no room at the inn!"**

Narrator

Carol: *Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

Narrator

Angel of the Lord

Carol: *Angels We have Heard on High*

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

Narrator

The Congregation (in Unison): “The Messiah has come! Praise God.”

Narrator

Carol: *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Wiseman 1

Wiseman 2

Wiseman 3

Wiseman 2

Wiseman 1

Narrator

Carol: *Go tell it on the Mountain*

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!
Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.
Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!*

The Congregation: “Merry Christmas.”



Prayers of the People - Form III

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***People:* That we all may be one.**

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***People:* That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests and ministers, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Lucinda, our Bishop, and for Karen, our rector

***People:* That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

***People:* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***People:* That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

***People:* That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

***People:* Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Presider: Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Exchange peace.

Offertory: Do You hear what I hear?

words and music by Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne

Said the night wind to the little lamb, do you see what I see?

‘Way up in the sky, little lamb, do you see what I see?

A star, a star, dancing in the night, with a tail as big as a kite, with a tail as big as a kite.

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear?

Ringin’ through the sky, shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear?

A song, a song, high above the tree, with a voice as big as the sea, with a voice as big as the sea.

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, do you know what I know?

In your palace warm, mighty king, do you know what I know?

A Child, a Child shivers in the cold; let us bring Him silver and gold, let us bring him silver and gold.

Said the king to the people everywhere, listen to what I say.

Pray for peace, people everywhere, listen to what I say.

The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night; He will bring us goodness and light, he will bring us goodness and light.

Doxology (Old 100th)

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey. 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. And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

S 130

Franz Peter Schubert
arr. Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and might Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord. God of power and might. Hea-ven and earth are full,

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high -

est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus over to our humanity, through which he enters our life to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and gives himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with the Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St. Stephen and St. John, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

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

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music:

Lo, How a Rose

St. 1-2 German, 15th century

St. 3 Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859)

H #81

ES IST EIN ROS

fr. *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1599

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
3. O Flower, whose fragrance ten - der with sweetness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark ness ev - ery where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the cold of win - ter,
To show God's love a - right, she bore to us a Sav - ior,
true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and death now save us,

when half spent was the night.
when half spent was the night.
and share our ev - ery load.

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876)

H #89

CAROL
Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900)

It came up-on a mid-night clear, that glo-ri ous song of old, from an-gels bend-ing
Still through the clo-vensies they come with peace-ful wings an furred, and still their hea-ven-ly
near the earth to touch their harps with gold: "Peace on the earth good will to men, from
mu-sic floats o'er all the wea-ry world; a-bove its sad and low-ly plains they
hea-ven's all gra-cious King." The world in sol-ern still-ness lay to hear the an-gels sing.
bend on hov-er-ing wing, and ev-er o'er the Ba-bel sounds the bless-ed an-gels sing.

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing



Mission Song:

Joy to the World

H #100

ANTIOCH

Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Wds: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
4. He rules the world in truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ry heart pre - pare him room and
prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and hea - ven, and hea - ven and na - ture sing.
love, and won - ders, and won - ders of his love.

Closing Music:

Silent Night

Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)

H #111

STILLE NACHT
Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863)



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herdsquake at the sight,
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of god, love's pure light

round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

sleep in heav - en - ly peace. Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sa - vior is born! Christ the Sa - vior is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth. Je - sus, Lord at thy birth.

After verse three, sing the first verse again a capella.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia,
alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

Participating in the Service

Presider:	The Reverend Karen Cuffie
Bell Choir Director:	Ginny Scott - Music Director, St. John the Divine
Bell Choir:	Rowena Dizon-Burger Dan Hughes Andy Lief Nancy McGuinness Kaylie Moniz Monica Moniz Trygve Thorsrud
Pianist:	Suzanne Zhu
Lectors:	Wanda Bryan Janet Thorsrud
Lay Eucharistic Minister:	Wanda Bryan
Pageant Director:	Michelle Francis
Pageant Participants:	Elena Dizon-Burger Alex Francis Rylie Francis Dan Hughes Andy Lief Colin Lief Chloie Moniz Kaylie Moniz Lainie Moniz Trygve Thorsrud