

Christmas Carols 10:30 PM

Hymn #87	Hark the herald angles sing
Hymn #93	Angels from the realms of glory (vs. 1, 2, 4)
Hymn #115	What Child Is This
Hymn #79	O little town of Bethlehem (vs. 1, 2, 3)
Hymn # 83	O Come All Ye Faithful
Hymn #89	It came upon a midnight clear (vs.1, 4)
Hymn #96	Angles we have heard on high (vs. 1, 2, 4)
	The First Noel (vs. 1, 5)
Hymn	Deck the halls (see next page)
Hymn #100	Joy To The World

Deck The Halls lyrics

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,	Fa la la la la la la la!
'Tis the season to be jolly,	Fa la la la la la la la!
Don we now our gay apparel,	Fa la la la la la la la!
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,	Fa la la la la la la la!
See the blazing yule before us,	Fa la la la la la la la!
Strike the harp and join the chorus,	Fa la la la la la la la!
Follow me in merry measure,	Fa la la la la la la la!
While I tell of Yuletide treasure,	Fa la la la la la la la!
Fast away the old year passes,	Fa la la la la la la la!
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,	Fa la la la la la la la!
Sing we joyous all together!	Fa la la la la la la la!
Heedless of the wind and weather,	Fa la la la la la la la!

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude:

Christmas Medley

Cello: Kaia Holder

Opening Acclamation

- *Celebrant:* Blessed are you, O Christ, Son of God, you were before time began and came into the world to save us.
- *People:* Blessed are you, Sun of Righteousness, you shine with the Father's love and illumine the whole universe.
- Celebrant: Blessed are you, Son of Mary; born a child, you share our humanity .

People: Let heaven and earth ring out their praise.

Celebrant: O Mystery of the Word made flesh, with all the voices of heaven, we celebrate your coming as our Savior.

People: Let men and women and angels sing of your glory.

- *Celebrant:* O Splendor the Creator Light, with all the creatures on earth we sing and dance at your birth.
- People: Praise and honor and glory to you, O Incarnate Word.

Collect of the Day

The collect prayer "collects" the themes from the various readings for the day.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

- People: And also with you.
- *Celebrant:* Let us pray. 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

Please be seated.

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

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.

- *Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
- People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 96

Celebrant: People:	Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
Celebrant: People:	Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
Celebrant: People:	Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.
Celebrant: People:	For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.
Celebrant: People:	As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens .
Celebrant: People:	Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
Celebrant: People:	Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
Celebrant: People:	Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name;* bring offerings and come into his courts.
Celebrant: People:	Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.
Celebrant: People:	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."
Celebrant:	Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
People:	let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
Celebrant: People:	Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.
Celebrant: People:	He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Reader: A Reading from the letter of Paul to Titus.

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.

Reader: Alleluia, alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.

People: Alleluia.

Solo:

Lullaby

Soloist: Lora Sellars

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Reader: 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 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.

Reader:The Gospel of the Lord.People:Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon:

The Rev. Bob Wickizer

Special Song:

Noel

Soloist: Nancy Scott

Nicene Creed

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. 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.

Prayers of the People

Leader: People:	God of unimaginable love, on the first Christmas You became one of us. We celebrate Your love for every person in every place and time.
Leader:	God of all humanity, You offered Your Peace to anyone who would be satisfied with Your presence.
People:	We celebrate Your Peace in Your Church and accept Your commission to share it in all the world.
Leader:	God of the shepherds, You announced Your arrival among us to the poorest, the most humble.
People:	We celebrate Your good news to each of us and to everyone, right here where we are.
Leader: People:	God of the manger, You came to us through Your Son in a small and simple place. We celebrate Your presence with us this day in this small place made glorious by Your being in it.
Leader: People:	God of deliverance, You came to be one of us in order to deliver all of us. We celebrate Your protection and mercy toward all who are sick or in trouble.
Leader:	God of birth, when You became as we are, You opened Yourself to each of us, no matter who or what we are.
People:	We celebrate this day Your Kingdom and that we are welcome in it right now and always. Keep us close, now and in the life to come.
Leader: People:	God of creation, bless us as we once again celebrate Your coming into the world. Amen .

Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People*: **And also with you.**

Greet one another in the name of Christ.

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.

Offertory

During this time we make an offering to the church to help maintain its mission in the world, and we fully offer ourselves to be Christ in the world around us at this time.

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts with Thanksgiving. *Psalm* 96:8

Offertory Anthem:

O Holy Night, Ave Maria

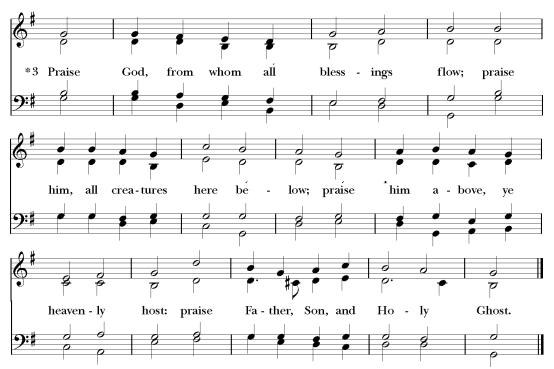
Kaia, Cellist - Lora, Soloist

When the Doxology begins to play the people stand while plates are brought up to be presented and placed on the Altar.

Doxology:

All stand and sing.

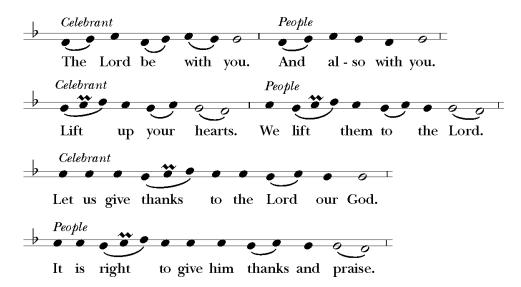
All Stand



Celebrant: Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda: # S-120

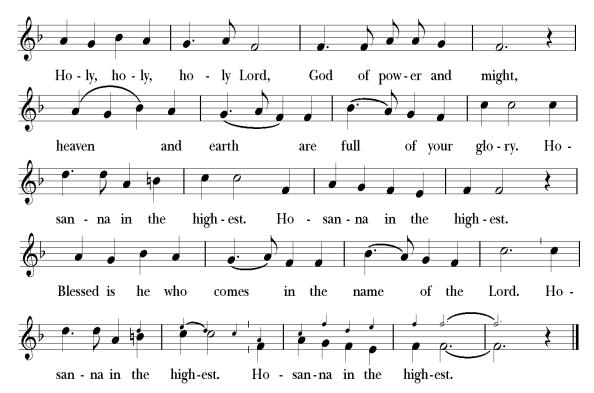


The Celebrant continues:

Celebrant: 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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: S-125

Congregation sings



The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

Celebrant: [†] Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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." ¹¹¹

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Celebrant and People: 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.

Celebrant breaks the bread says the following Invitation:

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

Communion of the People

At Grace Episcopal Church, **all are welcome to receive Holy Communion**. Please tell the usher if you need the bread and wine brought to you at your seat. At the altar there are several ways to receive the bread, and wine: you may hold your palms upward, receive and consume the bread. To drink from the chalice, it is helpful if you guide the cup to your mouth. If you wish to receive the bread dipped in wine from the chalice bearer, leave the bread on the palm of your hand, and they will dip the bread for you and place it in your mouth. **OR** you may dip the bread into the chalice yourself, and consume it. **IF** you wish to receive the bread only, hold your palms upward, consume the bread, and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer approaches.

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**]

Those who do **not** wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come to the altar rail to receive a Blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when the priest approaches. " [**Amen**]

Communion Solo:

Infant Holy

Kenneth Yadon

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray. God our Father. in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; confirm our faith and fix our hearts on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.

People: To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Christmas Blessing:

Celebrant: 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 forever. **Amen**.

Departing Procession: #111

Silent Night

Cello: Kaia Holder

- 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, heav'nly 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!
- 4 Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing "Alleluia" to our King:
 "Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born."

Please enjoy the beautiful rendition of Silent Night. The words are provided for your enjoyment only. After the dismissal, our service will end in silence and a fade to darkness. May you have a blessed Merry Christmas!

Dismissal

Deacon:	Go in peace so that your lives proclaim that God is with us now and always.
People:	Thanks and praise to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

In Loving Memory of:

 In memory of Tom Tobin Jr, Helen Tobin, Alex & Ruth Burrell and, Tom Tobin III by Barbara Tobin. Paul Archer, Ada Wood and, Debbie Schrader.

In Honor of:

🦇 Our Grace Family by Barbara Tobin.

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