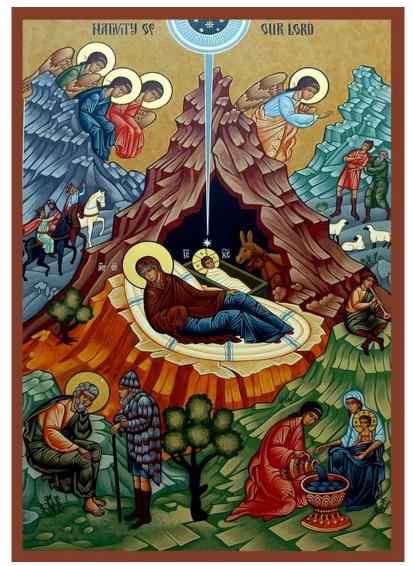
Christmas Eve



*Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people."

Angel of the Lord

December 24, 2021 9:00 PM

The Lovely Poinsettias on the Christmas Altar are Given to the Glory of God.

In Loving Memory of:

- Mallory Paige Coburn by Katherine Coburn.
- Paul Archer, Ada Wood Kenneth Sellers and Keith Sellers by Lora Sellers.
- Kayden Stepp, Freddie Ramirez, John Chelssi, Larry Woods and, Debra House by Terra Tomlinson.
- Cooper Cox Betty & George Knapp, C.V. & Loretta Wilkinson by D. I. Wilkinson.
- Audrey Hansen by Jean Lewis.
- Cliff Franklin & Mallory Coburn by Diamond Franklin
- Madeline & Bob Minton, Don Jiles, Burk & Bonnie Gilbreath, Ray & Ruth Odom, Sandy Odom by Van & Marlene Odom.
- Emily Green, Linda Edwards, Debby Schrader by David Edwards
- Alvin & Mabel Freie, David Gaillard, Donna Maxwell by Melody & John Freie.

In Honor of:

- Freeman & June Little by Terry Tomlinson.
- Molly & Casey, Jacob, Kenize & Lainey by Doug & Lisa Duffy
- Our children & grandchildren by Van & Marlene Odom.
- Dorothy Fite by David Edwards.
- Pat & Dave Wilcox by Chris & Rick Ewing.

Hymn: #87 Hark the herald angels sing Please stand & sing.

Hymn: #83 O come all ye faithful

The Liturgy of the Word

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.

Hymn: #89 It came upon the midnight clear

Collect of the Day The collect prayer "collects" the the

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; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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

Amen.

Anthem: Still, still, still Choir

We Hear God's Word

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

Hymn: #96 Angels we have heard on high

Psalm 96

Reader: Sing to the LORD a new song; *

People: sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

Reader: Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *

People: proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Reader: Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.

Reader: For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *

People: he is more to be feared than all gods.

Reader: As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *

People: but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

Reader: Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
People: Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
Reader: Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *

People: ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

Reader: Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name;*
People: bring offerings and come into his courts.

Reader: Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
People: let the whole earth tremble before him.

Reader: Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *

People: he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples

with equity."

Reader: 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.

Reader: Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes,*

People: when he comes to judge the earth.

Reader: He will judge the world with righteousness *

People: and the peoples with his truth.

Duet: Noel Nancy Scott & Carol Lashley-Bobb

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Please be seated.

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: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gradual Hymn: #79 O little town of Bethlehem

Gospel Reading: Luke: 2:1-20

Please stand as you are able.

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.

Anthems: Carol of the Bells Choir
Angel's Carol Choir Ladies

Nicene Creed BCP Page 358 All in unison; Please stand as you are able.

Prayers of the People

Reader: God of unimaginable love, on the first Christmas You became one of us. People: We celebrate Your love for every person in every place and time.

Reader: 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.

Reader: 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.

Reader: God of the manger, You came to us through Your Son in a small and simple place.

People: We celebrate Your presence with us this day in this small place made glorious

by Your being in it.

Reader: God of deliverance, You came to be one of us in order to deliver all of us.

People: We celebrate Your protection and mercy toward all who are sick or in trouble.

Reader: 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.

Reader: God of creation, bless us as we once again celebrate Your coming into the world.

People: Amen.

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Please kneel, sit or stand.

PeaceBCP Page 360
Please stand as you are able.

Hymn: #93 Angels from the realms of glory

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

Please be seated.

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. The offering of bread and wine are brought to the altar.

Offertory Sentence:

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

Psalm 96:8

Please be seated.

Offertory Anthem: I am a Carpenter Rick Ewing

Doxology: #380Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda BCP Page 361

Sanctus: #S-130 Please stand, sit, or kneel.

Lord's Prayer: BCP Page 362

Breaking of the Bread

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A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: #S-164 Lamb of God Please remain seated.

Communion Anthem: Somewhere in your Silent Night Choir

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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

After we finish singing Silent Night, please extinguish your candle. The choir will then exit and congregation will follow. Please give candles to the ushers on your way out of the church.

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Please join us in the parish hall for refreshments and Christmas cheer.





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