

ADVENT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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9:00 a.m.

The Holy Name Of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Holy Eucharist – Rite II – The Word of God

PRELUDE- University of Akron Brass Quartet

PROCESSIONAL Hymn #83 O Come, All Ye Faithful

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

STATION AT A CHRISTMAS CRECHE

Celebrant The word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

People ***And we beheld his glory.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God and ever living God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the Coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

All standing, sing

Offering

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star
While angels sang to lowly shepherds
Three wise men seeking truth
Travelled from afar, hoping to find
Child from Heaven
Falling on their knees they bowed
Before the humble Prince of Peace.

*I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due
O Lord I bring an offering to You.*

The sun cannot compare
To the glory of Your love
There is no shadow in Your presence
No mortal man would dare
To stand before Your throne
Before the Holy One of heaven
It's only by Your blood
And it's only through Your mercy
Lord, I come. (*Chorus*)

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 212

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 people sit

READING

Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7

Pew Bible 722

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

96:1-4, 11-12

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.
- 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.

Psalm Response

Angels We Have Heard on High (Chorus Only)

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

READING

Titus 2:11-14

Pew Bible 1252

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

*This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading. *(Chorus)*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20 Pew Bible 1071

Celebrant *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him. *(Chorus)*

SERMON

Pastor Paul Laursen

NICENE CREED (all standing)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE BCP 387, Form 3

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

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

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons, especially Archbishop Welby; our Presiding Bishop
Curry; our own Bishop, Hollingsworth.

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

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

Let us pray together:

Our Father in heaven,

We pray with open hearts and minds to know your will for us.

Reveal to us the initiatives we should take:

***For nourishing ourselves with your Word; for supporting each other in Christian fellowship;
for taking the Gospel to outside communities; and for loving and serving others in the power
of your Spirit. We are grateful for the pastoral encouragement you have provided us in this
season. We are grateful for our lay leadership in their shouldering of extra burdens. Lord,
we ask that you lay bare the hearts of this congregation, and open each one of us to every new
day. Open us to what you have for our future as a new church family in Christ.***

Amen.

O Lord, God of our fathers, your Advent people have stood steadfast in the truth of Your Word.
We have strived to be the beacon of light in our corner of this world, guiding others to you. We
search for the means to stay on this path together. We stand before you crying out to you. We
know this battle belongs to You Lord. We cannot do this ourselves. As we walk on the path you

have set before us, we sing your praises and give you thanks Lord! We know that you will show us the way. Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Then the Celebrant and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY O Little Town Of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in the dark street shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God, the King

And peace to men on earth

How silently, how silently
The wondrous Gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in

O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
Oh, come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Immanuel!

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

PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS

PREPARATION OF ELEMENTS

DOXOLOGY

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 372

The people remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks;
for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light
inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Celebrant and People sing,

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. (2Xs)
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. (2Xs).*

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People say,

*We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,*

People and Celebrant

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant 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.

* *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.
For those not yet baptized (or for baptized visitors who do not wish to receive the Sacrament), you may come to the altar rail and cross your arms; the pastor will be happy to pray a prayer of blessings.* Administration of Communion:
- Please follow usher's directions to altar rail.
- The consecrated bread is offered with the words,*

"The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven." (Amen).

- The intinction cup is offered with the words,

"The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation," (Amen).

* You may dip your bread in the intinction cup * Intercessory Prayer is available at the back of the Sanctuary.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn #101 Away in a Manger

Hymn #105 God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

The Celebrant says Let us pray.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (said by all) 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.

CANDLE LIGHTING Hymn #111 Silent Night

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

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

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.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL Hymn # 100 Joy To The World

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

POSTLUDE

On Christmas Eve, all of the candles in the Advent Wreath are lighted. The white Christ Candle in the center, symbolizing Christ's coming into the world, is lighted last.



Christmas Poinsettia's

IN MEMORY FOR

Dick McCormick- Christ

Mindy Rothrock- For Those Who Have Died This Year

Bev Cummings- Julie Coy

Ray Busony- Andrew and Pierrette Busony

Max and Barbara Gage- Jesus and Our Loved One's

Peter and Jennifer Meckes- Webb and Meckes Families

Teddi Augustine- Ray Augustine

Sharon Rice- All My Loved One's

Susan Boyce- Avril Carruth, James Carruth, Hazel Boyce, and Edward Boyce

Nita and Lamuel Ritchie- Our Parents

Darlene Khoury- Khoury and Jesser Families

John Urbas- Liz Urbas

John and Anne Crothall- Parents and Gordon Meldrum

THANKSGIVING FOR

Marilyn Decker- Family and Friends

Pat Perris- Advent Family

Sharon Rice- Advent Family

John and Anne Crothall- Family and Friends

Bill Carangio- Advent Family

Bruce Bunn- Advent Family