



The
Nativity
of Our
Lord Jesus
Christ

Christmas Day

25 December 2023

10:00 am

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WAUWATOSA, WISCONSIN

The Christmas Eucharist

Rite II



Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Gary B. Manning
Director of Music: Dr. Curt Sather

Prelude: *Noel*.....Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 87....."Hark! The herald angels sing"
Collect for Purity.....p. 355, BCP
Hymn 96....."Angels , we have heard on high"
(verses 1-2)

The Collect of The Day

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.**

The First Lesson.....Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

From Psalm 98 (*read in unison*)

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.

The Second Lesson.....Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Sequence Hymn 79....."O little town of Bethlehem"
(verses 1-3)

The Gospel.....John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Homily.....The Rev. Gary B. Manning
The Nicene Creed.....p. 358, BCP
Prayers of the People, Form III.....p. 387, BCP
The Peace & Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Currently Trinity Church does not "pass the plate," and continues to receive monetary offerings of checks and/or cash via an offering plate on the small table in the center aisle at the rear of this worship space. You are welcome to place your offering in the collection plate either prior to or following the liturgy. If you'd like to make a donation electronically, please see the QR code elsewhere in this bulletin. The Wardens and Vestry thank you for your continued generosity and support of Trinity Church.

Offertory: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*.....Johann Michael Bach (1648-1694)

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B.....p. 367, BCP

The Lord's Prayer.....p. 364, BCP

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE



**All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.
If you desire to receive gluten-free bread, please ask the priest, and
a host will be provided.**



Communion Music....."*What Child is This?*" Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

Prayer after Communion & Blessing.....p. 365, BCP

Recessional Hymn 100"**Joy to the World**"

The Dismissal

Postlude: "*Bring a Torch, Isabella*"..... Keith Chapman (1945-1989)



Greens, poinsettias and flowers are given through the offerings of many people. Thank you!

IN LOVING MEMORY:

Of Jill Bottoni, from Dave and Kari Ancevic; of Peter Arvedson, from Joan Arvedson; of parents, and Mary & Mik from Ann Brophy; of Peter and Janet Jensen, Roque and Mary DeLeon, and Margot from Julie and Bob DeLeon, of Carrie Neyhart from Carlynn Higbie; of Timothy Suha, Carlolyn and "Wild Bill" Gessell from Nancy Huber; of Jeannine Loncsar from Charmaine Janik; of Robert S. Jermyn from Barbara Jermyn; of Kenneth and Dorothy Wood, Norman, Ione and Mark Johnson from David and Jane Johnson; of Hans and Marlies Simmon and Ronald Johnson from Ken and Annette Johnson; of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kelly, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kelly from Mary and Bob Kelly; of Bill and Ginger Long, Tony and Mary Weiser, from Dave and Sharon Long; of Dennis, Doris, Sarah and Lee from Joseph Murrenus-Mehalopoulos, of brother John Platt from Joanne Oliver, of Dorothy & Ken and Alex & Esther and James from Jill and Paul Paradowski; of Harry and Alice Parman, from Cynthia Parman, of Tom Pfeil from Joan Pfeil; of Ellenore and Edward, Joe and Ann from the Thompson family; of Arlene Trakel Radaj from Debra Trakel; of Dale & Billie Washburn, Carl & Mildred Gaeth, Paul Gaeth, and Burk Holaday from the Washburn Family; of Fred, from Jill Wellman; of Daniel & Ellan Suchecki, Carl & Doris Zimmerman and Emily Zimmerman from Richard and Claudia Zimmerman.



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IN THANKSGIVING:

For loving family from Joan Arvedson; for Trinity, family, and grandchildren, from Ann Brophy; for friends and family, from Susan Cohen; for Erica, Matt, and Jack, Jacob and Amy from Julie and Bob DeLeon; for our parents, children, and grandchildren, from Lynn and Tom Fohr, for Gaelyn Rice Gingery from Corliss and Jim Gingery; for our grandson Laszlo from John and Grace Gnorski; for the people of Trinity Church, family and friends from David and Jane Johnson; for our grandchildren from Tom and Judy Mackenzie; for Jacob and Nico from Dave and Sharon Long; for family and friends from Joseph Murrenus-Mehalopoulos; for Melissa, Amelia, and Mason from Jill and Paul Paradowski; for Wilson Weir from Meredith and Dave Weir; for our children and grandchildren from John & Beth Vogel.



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