



24 December 2023

8:00 pm Eucharist

Trinity Episcopal Church
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ — Rite II

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Gary B. Manning

Director of Music: Dr. Curt Sather

Prelude: Joy to the World.....arr. James Curnow
What Child is This?.....arr. Richard Purvis
The Wexford Carol.....arr. John Carter
Don Sipe, *Trumpet*

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 83....."O come, all ye faithful"

(vs. 1, 2, 3, and 6)

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

2 God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Only begotten Son of the Father; [*Refrain*]

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest; [*Refrain*]

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; [*Refrain*]

Opening Acclamation & The Collect for Purity.....p. 355, BCP

For the Gloria: Hymn 96....."Angels We have heard on High"

1 Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

- 2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
 Why these songs of happy cheer?
 What great brightness did you see?
 What glad tidings did you hear? *[Refrain]*
- 3 Come to Bethlehem and see
 him whose birth the angels sing;
 come, adore on bended knee
 Christ, the Lord, the new-born King. *[Refrain]*
- 4 See Him in a manger laid
 whom the angels praise above;
 Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
 while we raise our hearts in love. *[Refrain]*

The Collect of the Day

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 First Lesson.....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.

For the Psalm: Choir Anthem: Carol of the Bells.....M. Leontovich

Hark! how the bells, sweet silver bells,
 All seem to say throw cares away.
 Christmas is here bringing good cheer
 To young and old, meek and the bold.
 Ding, dong, ding, dong, that is their song,
 With joyful ring, all caroling.
 One seems to hear words of good cheer
 From everywhere, filling the air.
 O, how they pound, raising the sound
 O'er hill and dale telling their tale.
 Gaily they ring while people sing
 Songs of good cheer, Christmas is here!
 Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas!
 Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas!
 On, on they send, on without end,
 Their joyful tone to every home.

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.

Sequence Hymn 89....."It Came upon a midnight clear"

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear,
 that glorious song of old,
 from angels bending near the earth
 to touch their harps of gold:
 "Peace on the earth, good will to men,
 from heaven's all-gracious King."
 The world in solemn stillness lay,
 to hear the angels sing.

- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come
 with peaceful wings unfurled,
 and still their heavenly music floats
 o'er all the weary world;
 above its sad and lowly plains,
 they bend on hovering wing,
 and ever o'er its Babel sounds
 the blessed angels sing.

- 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife
 the world has suffered long;
 beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled
 two thousand years of wrong;
 and warring humankind hears not
 the tidings which they bring;
 O hush the noise and cease your strife
 which now the angels sing!

- 4 For lo! the days are hastening on,
 by prophets seen of old,
 when with the ever-circling years
 shall come the time foretold,
 when peace shall over all the earth
 its ancient splendors fling,
 and all the world give back the song
 which now the angels sing.

The Gospel.....Luke 2:1-20

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 — I 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.

The Sermon.....The Rev. Gary B. Manning

After a time of silence, all stand and say together

The Nicene Creed.....p. 358, BCP

The Prayers of the People, Form III.....p. 387, BCP

The Peace & Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Choir Anthem: Where Shepherds Lately Knelt.....Carl Schalk

Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word,
I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred;
But there is room and welcome there for me.

In that unlikely place I find him as they said:
Sweet newborn Babe, how frail! And in a manger bed:
A still, small voice to cry one day for me.

How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,
His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.

Can I, will I forget how Love was born, and burned
It's way into my heart—unasked, unforced, unearned,
To die, to live, and not alone for me?

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B.....p. 367, BCP

Sanctus, Hymnal S-125

The Lord's Prayer

Fraction anthem, Hymnal S-154

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD.....p. 364, BCP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion Choir Anthem: *Still, Still, Still*.....arr. Norman Luboff

Still, still, still,
One can hear the falling snow.
For all is hushed,
The world is sleeping,
Holy Star its vigil keeping.
Still, still, still,
One can hear the falling snow.

Sleep, sleep, sleep,
'Tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.
The night is peaceful all around you,
Close your eyes,
Let sleep surround you.
Sleep, sleep, sleep,
'Tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.

Dream, dream, dream,
Of the joyous day to come.
While guardian angels without number,
Watch you as you sweetly slumber.
Dream, dream, dream,
Of the joyous day to come.



All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

There are two Communion Stations at this Liturgy. The "standing station" is located on the left (pulpit) side of the center aisle. Once you have received the Bread, if you desire to receive wine, please pick up a small, compostable cup located on the nearby stand, and the cruet bearer will pour wine into the cup. Once you've consumed the wine, please deposit the used cup in the receptacle at the end of the row as you return to your seat. If you wish to receive Communion at the Altar Rail, please line up on the right hand (lectern) side of the aisle. You may either stand or kneel to receive at the Rail. Once you've received the Bread, you can choose to either receive wine by "intinction" (touching the Bread lightly to the wine) from the ceramic chalice, or by drinking from the silver chalice. Once you and your family have received Communion, you may leave the Rail and return to your seat. If you require gluten free bread, please make your way to the Altar Rail, and notify the Celebrant if you've not already done so. You may need to cross the aisle to get to the Communion Station you prefer. This is perfectly acceptable!



Post Communion Hymn III (kneeling)....."Silent Night"

- 1 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, heavenly 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.

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

Recessional Hymn 87....."Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

- 1 Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing,
glory to the newborn King!

- 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel! [*Refrain*]
- 3 Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings,
Light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! [*Refrain*]

The Dismissal

Postlude: Ding Dong Merrily on High.....arr. Kevin Norbury

Don Sipe, *Trumpet*

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



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