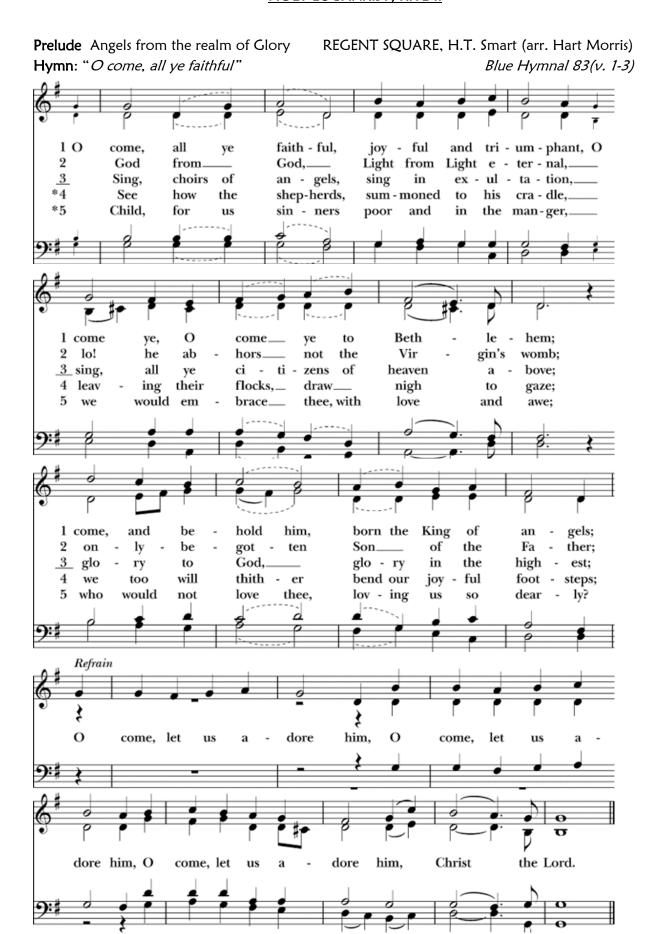


CHRISTMAS EVE 10:00 PM, DECEMBER 24, 2024

## HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II



The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant The people who walk in darkness

People have seen a great light.

Celebrant Behold I bring you good news of great joy to all people

People unto us a Savior is born: Christ the Lord.

Celebrant His name will be called wonderful, counselor

Peoplemighty God, the Prince of Peace.CelebrantGlory to God in the highest

People and peace to his people on earth.



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant: Together let us pray.

### The Christmas Collect

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.

## A Reading from the Prophet 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.

People's response after the reading

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 96



Sing to the Lord a **new song**;

sing to the Lord, all the whole **earth**.

Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to **day**.

Declare his glory among the **nations** 

and his wonders among all **peoples**.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be **praised**;

he is more to be feared than **all gods**. [ANT.]

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

but it is the Lord who made the **heavens**.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!

Oh, the power and the splendor of his **sanctuary**!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the **peoples**;

ascribe to the Lord honor and **power**.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;

bring offerings and come into his **courts**. [ANT.]

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

let the whole earth tremble before him.

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**." [ANT.]

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.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy

before the Lord when he comes,

when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness

and the peoples with his **truth**. [ANT.]

## A Reading from the Paul's letters to the Titus 2:11-14

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.

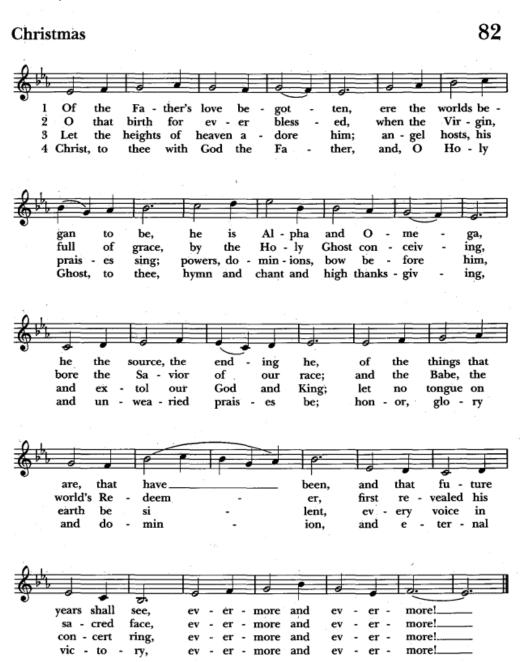
People's response after the reading

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: "Of the Father's love begotten"

Blue Hymnal 82 (V. 1-2

before Gospel, v. 3 after)



## The Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:1-20

People Said before the reading

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-- 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 saving.

"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.

People Said after the reading

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Sean Maloney

The Nicene Creed

Spoken by all, standing.

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— Form III

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; 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.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: What Sweeter Music

Words: Robert Herrick, Music: LINDEN LEA; Ralph Vaughan Williams

## What Sweeter Music (Robert Herrick)

What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heav'nly king,
The birth of this our heav'nly king?
We see him come and know im ours,
Who with his sunshine and his showers
Turns all the patient ground to flowers,
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.

So we will give him, and bequeath This holly and this ivy wreath, To do him honor who's our king And Lord of all this revelling.

Dark and dull night, fly hence away

And give the honor to this day,

That sees December turn to May,

That sees December turn to May.

The darling of the world is come, And fit it is we find a room. To welcome him the nobler part Of all the house here is the heart. Awake the voice! Awake the string! What sweeter music can we bring To sing the birth of this our king, The birth of this our heav'nly king?

# Eucharistic Prayer B

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 God thanks and praise.

#### The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

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The people stand or kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 for ever. **AMEN**.

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

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.

Fraction: Christ our passover 5 155



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

#### The Communion

Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome to receive the communion of Christ.

Non-wheat bread is available at communion for those who are gluten intolerant. Please ask the server for a rice wafer host.

## Communion:

What Child is This Words: William Chatterton Dix, Music: GREENSLEEVES; English melody

## The Post Communion Prayer

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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.

The candles will be lit

Lit candle

stays upright



## **Christmas Blessing**

(respond "Amen" after each sentence)

May the radiance of the Father's splendor shine upon you, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your hearts with the light of divine holiness. **Amen**.

May Christ, the Word made flesh, Jesus the Son, who forever joins heaven to earth and earth to heaven, mold you into his image. **Amen**.

May the Spirit, by whose power Mary submits to be the bearer of God, make us all heralds of the tidings of peace and joy. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.** 



### Dismissal

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE PRAY FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION:

The Diocese of São Paulo – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

#### In our Diocese: Churches of the Alewife Deanery

Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard, Cambridge Lutheran Episcopal Chaplaincy at Mass. Institute of Technology, Cambridge,

The Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge Hospital Chaplaincies & Healthcare Chaplains

## We also pray for the faith communities in Chelmsford:

St. Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church

#### PRAY FOR THOSE JOINING GOD'S MISSION IN OUR PARISH:

For All those participating in the Pageant

## PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH IN NEED OF HEALING:

Garrett Burgess recovery of his sight Jerry Ceasar that he may walk again

## PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OUR PARISHIONERS:

Robin MacKenzie Daughter of Jan MacKenzie- cancer Matt Hickcox Former Parishioner- treatment for cancer Deb Whitney Friend of Marlene Hillman - brain surgery

Bill Mayer Friend of Liz Landers – in rehab

Chuck Provost Brother of Linda Ouellette - heart procedure

Janelle Cooper cancer diagnoses and treatment

Kevin Thomas Father of Michelle Thomas- health struggles

Rich Gardner UTI

Deb G friend of Liz Landers, cancer Linn Flint friend of Liz Landers, cancer

Jane & Mary Furcho sister in -law and sister of Anne Ludlow Matt McGill recovery from surgery family of Anne Ludlow

### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE AT HOME, IN NURSING HOMES, OR LIVING WITH CHRONIC ILLNESSES: Chaz

Freeman, Ken Lager, Katherine Luetters, Garrett Burgess, Ginny Wright, Carolyn Zannini, Jack Stansfield, Vi Flumerfelt, Ann Smith, Evelyn Sims and Diana Green.

#### PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES AND THEIR

**FAMILIES**: Especially for those who have been deployed overseas, and for all others serving our country

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All Saints' Episcopal Church welcomes all people who seek the love of God without regard to ability, age, color, economic circumstance, ethnic background, family configuration, gender, nationality, or sexual orientation.

We promise to "seek and to serve Christ in all persons ...strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being" (From the Baptismal Covenant).

#### ASSISTING With SERVICES

## 24th Sunday 10 AM

Crucifer: Edith Parekh Litanist: Li Danieli

Counter: Rose Felzani, Mike Condor Altar Guild: All Members before the Service Lisa Condor and Virginia Jengo after the Service

#### 24th Sunday 4 PM

Crucifer: Lucas Felzani Server: Addie Collins Torch Bearer: Eli Barry Chalice: Laura Barry Litanist: Laura Marshall

Usher: Dan Dowd and Andrew Barry Altar Guild: All Members before the Service Lisa Condor and Elizabeth Danieli after the Service Greeters: Larisa Ducharme and Mike Condor

### 24th Sunday 10 PM

Chalice: Steve Hawthorne Litanist: Bob Andrews Usher: Beth-Anne Economou

Altar Guild: After the Service Linda Cahill and Michelle Thomas

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