



St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



Gerard van Honthorst, The Adoration of the Shepherds, 1622

CHRISTMAS EVE – 7PM

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

December 24, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Barb Hignell and Mary Lee Voort

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Steve Bateman

Processional Hymn: #118 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (v. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

**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**

**Chorus O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**God of God, Light of Light,
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb
Very God, begotten not created** Chorus

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God in the highest** Chorus

**See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps** Chorus

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

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: **And with thy spirit.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Focus: The Blessing of the Crèche.

Celebrant: In the faith of Christ, and in your name, O God most holy, do we bless this crèche of Christmas, to set before the eyes of your people the great love and humility of Jesus Christ, your only Son; who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary his mother, and was made Man; to whom with you and the same Spirit be all honour, majesty, glory and worship, now and world without end. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis *(together, all standing)*

**Glory be to God on High,
And in earth peace, good will towards men,
We praise thee, we bless thee,
We worship thee,
We glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty,
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us,
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
Receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
Have mercy on us.**

**For thou only art holy;
Thou only art the Lord;
thou only; O Christ,
With the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us Pray. *(All kneel)*

All Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

*At the conclusion of each reading, the reader shall say: The Word of the Lord.
And the people shall respond: Thanks be to God.*

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Adeyemi Aramide

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for
burning, will be fuel for the fire.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace.

Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on
David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and
righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will
accomplish this.

Gradual Hymn Light of the Stable

**Hail, hail to the newborn King
Let our voices sing Him our praises.
Hail, hail to the guiding light
That brought us tonight to our Saviour.**

***Chorus:* Alle, alleluia, alle, alleluia.
Alle, alleluia, alle, alleluia.**

**Come now where it shines so bright
to the knowing light of the stable.
Kneel close to the Child so dear,
cast aside your fear and be thankful. *Chorus***

**Come now, where it shines so bright.
Come now, to the glowing light.
Come now to the child so dear.
Come now to the stable.**

Hail, hail to the newborn King
Let our voices sing Him our praises.
Hail, hail to the guiding light
That brought us tonight to our Saviour. *Chorus*

Gospel Reading Luke 2:1-20

Tim Pope

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

Br. Jason Carroll

Anthem: “Et in Terra Pax (And on Earth, Peace)” – J. Purifoy
sung by Karen Hudson, Joanne Collier, Keith Griffioen, Len Robinson

The Nicene Creed (*Together, all standing*)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Litany of the Incarnation *(all kneeling)*

Cathy Gillespie

(In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying “Lord, grant us peace”)

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord

Lord, grant us peace.

Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

Silence is kept. The celebrant and people say together,

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand, and one of the ministers addresses the people:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory: "What Child is This"- handbell solo played by Barb Hignell

Prayer over the Gifts

All **Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and forever. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving *(All kneel)*

The Rev. Steve Bateman

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his

one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

All **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

Celebrant And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

All **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us. (Repeat)
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Lullay, lulla, thou little tiny child; grant us your peace.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks Be to God**

Celebrant: The body and blood of Christ given for you.

All: **Amen.**

The Communion

Celebrant Please join me in an act of Spiritual Eucharist

Gracious God, I repent of my sins, and steadfastly believe that Jesus Christ has suffered death upon the cross for me, and that he shed his blood for my redemption. I earnestly remember the benefits I have because of his death and give him my heartfelt thanks. I eat and drink the body and blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to my soul's health, although I do not receive the sacrament with my mouth.

Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer pp 584

Hymn: "Silent Night" (all kneel)

**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 Saviour is born; Christ the Saviour 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.**

**Silent night, holy night, Child of heaven, O how bright.
Thou didst smile on us when thou wast born.
Blest indeed was that happy morn,
full of heavenly joy, full of heavenly joy.**

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Extinguish candles and all stand)

Celebrant Glory to God,

All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #138 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (v. 1, 2, 3)

**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 host proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate deity
Pleased as one of us to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that we no more may die
Born to raise each child of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

Dismissal

Postlude Mary Lee Voort

Flowers at the altar are in loving memory of the Siewert and Bress Family loved ones, Bob and Anne, Connie, Roy and Dorothy, James, David and Gladys, Shirley, and our mother
Doreen

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"The Light of Christ has come into the World!"

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