

Celebrant: The Rev. Paul Hicks (5:00pm); The Rev. Joshua Saxe (11:00pm)

Chalice: Scott Ramsay (5:00pm); Larry Tucker, LaVerne Marshall (11:00pm)

Readers: Will Couch, Olivia Ramsay, Abby Stanley, Katie Stanley (5:00pm); Dick Bonnet, Scott Ramsay, Larry Tucker (11:00pm)

Acolytes: Olivia Ramsay, Will & Jamie Couch (5:00pm); Nick Wright (11:00pm)

Altar Guild: Jennifer Currey, Julie Matheny, Edith Newman (Sunday); Paul Miller (Tuesday); Linda Tucker (Wednesday); Susie Fitcher, Carol Snyder (Saturday)

Ushers/Greeters: Mike Matheny, John Alkire, Jim Batten, Forbes Hiehle

Instrumentalist: Will Crichton (Bass)

Children's Choir: Gabriel Bookman, Owen Bookman, McKenzie Cameron, Nikolas Cameron, Jamie Couch, Will Couch, Lillith Crichton, Abby Darnell, Hannah Darnell, Anna Martin, Bella Marteney, Hank Oliphant, Cardy Ramsay, Olivia Ramsay



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The service beginning on page 355 of the *Book of Common Prayer*—the red book with a gold cross found in your seat and abbreviated **BCP** in the program. Congregational music for the service can be found in the red hymnal and is also found in your seat, unless otherwise noted. Music marked with **S-###** in the program corresponds to music found in the front of the hymnal. Times where kneeling is appropriate are marked with an asterisk. Activity packs for our younger visitors can be found in the back of the church, however child care is also available. Feel free to ask a greeter for any assistance.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

***He is A Rose, Blooming
What Child is This***

Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Song Book

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Response **And blessed be his kingdom,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Gloria in Excelsis

Angels We Have Heard on High

Song Book

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

Response **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

**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**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Response **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.**

A Christmas Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature
upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness
of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. ***Amen.***

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of
the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of
the Gospel. ***Amen.***

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to
earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. ***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.***

Recessional Hymn

Joy to the World

Song Book

Dismissal

BCP 366

Response **Thanks be to God**

Prayer Hymn

Silent Night

Song Book

Postlude

The Angels Sing

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.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Response Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

Invitation **BCP 364**

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 invited to come forward and receive the Sacrament. If you do not wish to receive the Bread and Wine then we invite you to come up for a blessing by crossing your arms on your chest in an "X" pattern. Ushers are available, should you need assistance during Communion.

Communion Hymn **O Little Town of Bethlehem** **Song Book**

Communion Hymn **Away in a Manger** **Song Book**



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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
Response 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.

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! *

Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bringing offerings and come into his courts.

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."

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Lesson

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
Response Thanks be to God.

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:

Sanctus

S-114

*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;

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 Blessed Mary and Joseph, and 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

his time, especially for those that are ill, depressed, or deceased. Lord, in your mercy,

Response *Hear our prayer.*

In this holy night the angels sang of peace on earth: strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world. Lord, in your mercy,

Response *Hear our prayer.*

In this holy night strangers found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger: bless our families and all whom we love, and open our hearts to those who are alone. Lord, in your mercy,

Response *Hear our prayer.*

The celebrant may add a concluding prayer

The Peace

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Response **And also with you.**

Christmas Greetings

The Great Thanksgiving

Offertory Anthem

“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”

John Leavitt

Presentation of Gifts

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Song Book

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367-369

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

Response **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

Response **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

Celebrant

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

Response

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 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.

Celebrant

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
kindle in us the fire of your love and we shall be recreated.

The Christmas Message

The Very Rev. Larry Jackson

The Nicene Creed

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.

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.

*The Prayers of the People**

When all things were lying in peace and silence, and night in her swift course was half spent, thy all-powerful world, O Lord, leapt from thy royal throne in heaven. Alleluia.
Wisdom 18:14-15

Father, in this holy night your Son our Savior was born in human likeness: sanctify our humanity, and renew the Church as the Body of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

Response *Hear our prayer.*

In this holy night Christians the world over celebrate thy Son's birth: open our hearts that He may be born in us anew tonight. Lord, in your mercy,

Response *Hear our prayer.*

In this holy night there was no room for your Son in the inn: in your love protect those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Lord, in your mercy,

Response *Hear our prayer.*

In this holy night Mary, through long painful hours, brought your Son to birth: be present with those who wake, or watch or weep this night. Lord, in your mercy,

Response *Hear our prayer.*

In this holy night your Son came as a light shining in the darkness: come to all who are in darkness, in doubt or despair, in loneliness or in fear tonight. Lord, in your mercy,

Response *Hear our prayer.*

In this holy night shepherds in the field heard good tidings of great joy: renew our hope, kindle our joy, and send us out to share the good news with others. Lord, in your mercy.