

CHRISTMAS EVE 2022
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
8:00 P.M.

Prelude

Choral Anthem: 'O Holy Night'

OPENING HYMN #123

'Once in Royal David's City'

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 also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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**

The Collect

The congregation remains standing.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

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 for ever. **Amen**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

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 Counsellor, 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.

ISAIAH 9:2-7

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

People: Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO TITUS

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 Saviour, 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.

TITUS 2:11-14

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

'Halle Halle Hallelujah'

The Gospel

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 to you, Lord Jesus 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 Saviour, 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 favours!" 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.

LUKE 2:1-20

Reader : The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

'Halle Halle Hallelujah'

Sermon

Archdeacon Peter Scott

Anthem

'There is Faint Music'

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All 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 worshipped 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**

The Prayers of the People

Please sit or kneel

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.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners
and invites us to this table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The members of the community, ministers and people, greet one another with the words, "The Peace of Christ".

OFFERTORY HYMN #154

'Joy to the World'

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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 for ever. **Amen**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Please sit or kneel

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope
in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and
death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant

Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."
Remembering, therefore, his death and
resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to be in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and for ever.

People

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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

Celebrant We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Prayers for Spiritual Communion

Communion will be offered in both kinds, bread and wine, and will be received while standing in from of the Altar Rail. Hand sanitizer is available at the end of the pews in the middle isle. If you would prefer a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this to the Priests by crossing your arms.

COMMUNION CAROLS

#129	'No Crowded Eastern Street'
#139	'The First Nowell'
#118	'O Come All Ye Faithful'

CAROL AFTER COMMUNION #119 'Silent Night'

(The candles will be lit in each pew as the server progresses down the aisle.)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant 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**

Celebrant Glory to God,

People 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, forever ever and ever. Amen

Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(All candles are now extinguished)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

#138 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing'

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DONATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR A 2022 TAX RECEIPT must be into the church office no later than December 30, 2022.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Opened December 26, 27, 28.

Closed December 29, 30, 2022, January 2, 2023.

THANK YOU to Dods & McNair Funeral Home for the use of their parking lot this evening and throughout the year.

CALENDAR OF SERVICES

December 25	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Eucharist
	11:30 a.m.	Christmas Lunch
January 1	8:30 a.m.	Eucharist
<i>Epiphany</i>	10:00 a.m.	Choral Eucharist

2022 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE
GLORY
OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARY & FRANK TKALCEVIC by their daughter Irene Lowery & Family
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By Pam & Ken Kent & Family

CONSTANCE FAREWELL
By Mom

PARENTS & LOVED ONES
By Lee & June Moir

BILL CONNING, ED & JEAN GRUNDY,
CAY & ROSS CONNING & KEN CONNING
By the Conning Family

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by Jane and Tim and Families

PATRICIA & CHARLES MCLEOD
by Jo-Ann Bryant & Stephen McLeod and the rest of the Family

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Brother & Sister-in-law

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by Harold & Janet Speers and Family

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by Bill, Linda, Stefanie and Matthew Davenport

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by
Sharon Bailey

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By the Family

