

St. Clement's Episcopal Church

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The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24, 2008 — 4:00 PM



Prelude

Carol, Greensleeves
Emma Gavenda, flute

R. Vaughan Williams

Processional Carol

Adeste Fideles

Hymn 83

Verse 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.

Verse 2 God from God, Light from Light eternal.
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb:
Only begotten Son of the Father,

Refrain

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

Opening Sentences

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Allein Gott in der Höh

Hymn 421

Verse 1 All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven,
and God's good will unfailingly be to all people given.
We bless, we worship you, we raise for your great glory thanks and praise,
O God, Almighty Father.

Verse 2 O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ, whom God the Father gave us,
who for the world was sacrificed upon the cross to save us;
and, as you sit at God's right hand and we for judgment there must stand,
have mercy, Lord, upon us.

Verse 3 You only are the Holy One, who came for our salvation,
and only you are God's true Son, who was before creation.
You, only, Christ, as Lord we own and, with the Spirit, you alone
share in the Father's glory.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Collect for Christmas

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 congregation sits throughout the pageant.

THE PROPHECY

Isaiah 9: 2-4, 6-7

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 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.

Congregational Carol

Es ist ein Ros

Hymn 81

Verse 1 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

THE ANNUNCIATION

Luke 1: 26-33

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.

But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the

throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end. Then Mary said, Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word. Then the angel departed from her.

Congregational Carol

Es ist en Ros

Hymn 81

Verse 2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
 With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind
 To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,
 When half spent was the night.

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Luke 2: 1-7

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.

Congregational Carol

Irby

Hymn 102

Verse 1 Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
 where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
 Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little 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.

Choir of Shepherds, Lambs and Angels

Away in Manger

Verse 1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
 the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
 The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
 the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Verse 2 The cattle are lowing, the poor babe awakes,
 but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
 I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
 and stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh.

THE ANGELS APPEAR TO THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2: 8-14

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; and on earth, peace, goodwill to all!

Congregational Carol

Gloria

Hymn 96

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

THE WORSHIP OF THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2: 15-20

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.

Congregational Carol

Gloria

Hymn 96

Verse 3 Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
 come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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 WORSHIP OF THE MAGI

Matthew 2: 1-4, 7-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, Magi from the East came to Jerusalem.

Congregational Carol

Three Kings of Orient

Hymn 128

Verse 1 *sung by the Magi*
 We three kings of Orient are,
 bearing gifts we traverse afar,
 Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
 following yonder star.

Refrain *sung by the Congregation*
 **O star of wonder, star of night,
 star with royal beauty bright;
 Westward leading, still proceeding,
 guide us to thy perfect light!**

Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, In Bethlehem of Judea.

Then Herod secretly called for the Magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage. When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Congregational Carol

Three Kings of Orient

Hymn 128

Verse 2 *sung by a Mage*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never
over us all to reign.

Congregational Refrain

Verse 3 *sung by a Mage*

Frankincense to offer have I:
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worship him, God Most High.

Congregational Refrain

Verse 4 *sung by a Mage*

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Congregational Refrain

The congregation is welcome to take photographs during the singing of Verse 5.

Verse 5 *sung by the Congregation, with Refrain*

**Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Heav'n sings alleluia:
Alleluia the earth replies.**

Offertory Sentence

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows unto the Most High.

Carols, sung by the Youth Choir during the Offertory

Twass in the Moon of Wintertime	Huron Carol
Fum Fum Fum	Spanish Carol
Carol of the Bells	Ukrainian Carol
Lowly Shepherds of Judea	Japanense Carol
Go Tell It on the Mountain	American Carol

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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:

Sanctus (S-130)

Franz Schubert

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father...

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

People AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant and People

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

At St. Clement's, all who seek Christ are invited to receive communion. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it) or by dipping the wafer of bread in the cup.

Carols, sung by the Congregation during Communion

Hymn 109 The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Hymn 79 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

Hymn 111 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.

Hymn 89 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.

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.

Hymn 87 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 th’angelic host proclaim: Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

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 God-head see; hail th’incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

Hymn 115 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant, king to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

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.

Christmas Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn 100

Antioch

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sound joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

The Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

From Heaven Above, to Earth I Come

Johann Pachelbel

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