

Christmas Eve
December 24th, 2025
The Nativity of Our Lord
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
5:00pm & 10:30pm



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Celebration of the Nativity

Christmas Eve

5:00 & 10:30 pm Service

We Light the Christ Candle

5:00 pm Pageant

Prelude: **H-79** “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Anthem: “In the Bleak Mid-Winter”

Leader: Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
People: *A light no darkness can extinguish.*

Leader: Tonight we light the Christ candle. Jesus has come.
The waiting is over. The promise is fulfilled. I am
bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:
“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.”

(The Christ Candle is lit.)

Candle Lighting Hymn: H-25 “O Gracious Light”

Leader: O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of
the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that
we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may
with sure confidence behold him when he comes to
be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Leader: The light of the world brings joy.
People: *Let us go forth carrying the light of joy.*

We Gather in the Name of God

Entrance Hymn: **H-83** – “O, Come, all Ye Faithful”

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, alleluia:
People: **God’s reign is here; God has shined upon us, alleluia.**

Leader: Paul wrote to the Church in Corinth, “It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus’ sake. For the same God who said, ‘Out of darkness let light shine,’ has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation – the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” The Lord be with you.

(please stand)

People: ***And also, with you.***

Leader: Let us pray.

People: O Lord our God, with Mary and Joseph, angels and shepherds, and the animals in the stable, we gather around your Son, born for us. Bless us with your holy presence, and inspire us to help those who have no place to dwell. Be with us that we might share Christ’s love with all the world, for he is our light and salvation. Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever. Amen.

Leader: O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

Beloved in Christ, in this Christmastide, let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even into Bethlehem, and see this thing, which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Let us listen to the ancient story made new this night through the reading of God’s Word, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

Song of Praise: **H-96**— *“Angels we have heard on high”*

We Proclaim the Word of God

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalms 96

The Epistle

Titus 2:11-14

The Sequence Hymn: **H-87** *“Hark the Herald Angel’s Sing”*

The Gospel

Luke 2:1-14,[15-20]

We Respond to the Word of God

The Christmas Message

The Very Rev. Robert E. Shives

The Nicene Creed

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.*

We Pray for One Another

Leader: As the heavens and earth are filled with the grace and
peace of the Word made flesh, let us pray for the church,
the world, and all those in need.

Mighty God, Sovereign of peace, strengthen the leaders of nations in their service that all the corners of the earth may be filled with your justice and righteousness. God of grace and peace,

People: *Light of Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Leader: Give voice to your church, that we may proclaim Christ in our midst and live out the good news of his birth among us. God of grace and peace,

People: *Light of Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Leader: Shelter those who are homeless, poor, lonely, and despised of the world. Break the yoke of their burdens and grant them your joy. God of grace and peace,

People: *Light of Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Leader: Console those who are homebound, hospitalized, and sick especially those who have asked for our prayers. Enfold them with your light and healing. God of grace and peace,

People: *Light of Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Leader: Make room in our hearts for all who join us in worship, and call to mind those absent from us, that our common bonds of faith may be strengthened. God of grace and peace,

People: *Light of Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Leader: Enliven this congregation with the Word made flesh in bread and wine, that we may be signs of Christ's presence in the world. God of grace and peace,

People: *Light of Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Leader: Hold us in unity with all the saints, that together we may share in the joyful song of the heavenly hosts. God of grace and peace,

People: *Light of Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Leader: Hear our prayer, gracious God, as we rejoice in the Word made flesh, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

We Share the Peace of God

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And with you.*

We Prepare the Lord's Table

Offertory Anthem – H-109 *"The First Nowell"*

We Give Thanks to God

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People ***And with you.***

Celebrant: Lift 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 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus **S-130** – “*Holy, Holy, Holy*”

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; . . .
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all . . . 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 forever. ***AMEN.***

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

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.*

We Break the Bread of Life

Fraction Anthem S-154 – “*Alleluia, Christ our Passover*”

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.

We Share the Gifts of God

[All are invited to receive Communion at the Lord's table.]

Communion Hymn: **H-115** — “*What Child is This*”
H-102 “*Once In David's Royal City*”

We Go Forth in the Name of God

Post communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.*

The Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn: **H-111**– “*Silent Night*”
H-100– “*Joy to the World*”

Celebrant: Go forth into the world proclaiming the good news,
Jesus Christ is born today! Alleluia!

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia!*

Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year!
From
Rector, Bobby,
Deacon Nicole,
The Vestry
And the
Staff (Coty & Lisa)
of Trinity