

The Feast of the Nativity



Christmas Eve 2017

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.

Luke 2:10-11

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral
Jackson, Mississippi**

PRELUDE TO THE 5:00 P.M. SERVICE

BEGINNING AT 4:30 P.M.

sung by the Parish Choir

WHAT SWEETER MUSIC

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS, MUSIC | ROBERT HERRICK, TEXT

*What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol for to sing
the birth of this our heav'nly King?*

*We see him come, and know him ours,
Who with his sunshine and his showers
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.*

*So we will see him, and bequeath
This holly and this ivy wreath,
to do him honour, who's our King,
And Lord of all this revelling.*

*Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
And give the honour to this day
That sees December turn'd to May.*

*The darling of the world is come,
And fit it is to find a room
To welcome him. The nobler part
Of all the house here is the heart.*

THE WORLD'S DESIRE

ALLEN ORTON GIBBS, MUSIC | G.K. CHESTERTON, TEXT

*The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap,
His hair was like a light.
O weary, weary were the world,
But here is all aright.*

*The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast,
His hair was like a star.
O stern and cunning are the kings,
But here the true hearts are.*

*The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart,
His hair was like a fire.
O weary, weary is the world,
But here the world's desire.*

*The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee,
His hair was like a crown.
And all the flowers looked up at Him,
And all the stars looked down.*

LULLY, LULLA, LULLAY

COVENTRY

CAROL, TEXT AND MUSIC | ARR. PHILIP STOPFORD

The text for this anthem may be found at Hymn 247.

CAROLS (please remain seated and join with the choir in singing)

H-1982 #101, Away In a Manger

H-1982 #109, The First Nowell (verses 1-4)

H-1982 #84, Love Came Down at Christmas

H-1982 #81, Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ORGAN PRELUDE

FANFARE ON "IN DULCI JUBILO"

ARR. DON MICHAEL DICIE

PRELUDE TO THE 7:00 P.M. SERVICE

BEGINNING AT 6:45 P.M.

played by the Capitol Brass

PRELUDE TO THE 11:00 P.M. SERVICE

BEGINNING AT 10:30 P.M.

sung by the Cathedral Choir

CHRIST THE APPLE TREE

STANFORD SCRIVEN, MUSIC | RICHARD HUTCHINS, TEXT

*The tree of life my soul hath seen
Laden with fruit and always green
The tree of life my soul hath seen
Laden with fruit and always green
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel
By faith I know but ne'er can tell
His beauty doth all things excel
By faith I know but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*This fruit does make my soul to thrive
It keeps my dying faith alive
This fruit does make my soul to thrive
It keeps my dying faith alive
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*For happiness I long have sought
And pleasure dearly I have bought
For happiness I long have sought
And pleasure dearly I have bought
I missed of all but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.*

*I'm weary with my former toil
Here I will sit and rest a while
I'm weary with my former toil
Here I will sit and rest a while
Under the shadow I will be
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

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CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST

INTROIT (*sung by the Choir*)

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

*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.*

*He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.*

*Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing round,
we shall see him; but in heaven, where his saints his throne surround:
Christ, revealed to faithful eye, set at God's right hand on high.*

All stand at the chiming of the bells.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE HYMN, H-1982 #83

O Come, All Ye Faithful
(verses 1, 2, 3, and 6)

ADESTE FIDELES

STATION AT THE CHRISTMAS CRECHE

After the figure of the Christ Child has been placed in the manger, the following is said.

Presider The glory of God has been revealed.
People **And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.**

Presider Let us pray.
Almighty and everliving God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE, H-1982 #96

Angels We Have Heard On High
(verses 1 and 2)

GLORIA

ACCLAMATION

The Presider says to the people

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Presider 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 him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

All are now seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2-7

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 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.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96 *chanted by the Choir and Congregation at 5:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.; said in unison at 7:00 p.m.*

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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| <p>1 Sing to the LORD a / new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole / earth.</p> <p>2 Sing to the LORD and bless his / Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to / day.</p> <p>3 Declare his glory among the / nations *
and his wonders among all / peoples.</p> <p>4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be / praised; *
he is more to be feared than all / gods.</p> <p>5 As for all the gods of the nations,
they are but / idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the / heavens.</p> <p>6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his / presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his / sanctuary!</p> <p>7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the / peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and / power.</p> | <p>8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his / Name; *
bring offerings and come into his / courts.</p> <p>9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of / holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble be/fore him.</p> <p>10 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."</p> <p>11 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 there/in.</p> <p>12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he / comes, *
when he comes to judge the / earth.</p> <p><i>(second half of chant)</i></p> <p>13 He will judge the world with / righteousness *
and the peoples with his / trut</p> |
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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.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN, H-1982 #78

O Little Town of Bethlehem
(verses 1, 2, and 3)

FOREST GREEN

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, O 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 he favors!"

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Right Reverend Brian Seage (5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)
 The Very Reverend Ron Pogue (11:00 p.m.)

NICENE CREED

All now stand.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions, spoken silently or aloud.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

The Presider concludes with the following Collect.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY

The Christmas Offering goes to support the Good Samaritan Center, a private, non-profit service center in Midtown that assists families and individuals in emergency situations.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Nowel,” from *The Nativity according to St. Luke*

Randall Thompson

5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich, BWV 605

J.S. Bach

7:00 p.m.

Then all stand and sing

PRESENTATION HYMN, H-1982 #82

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The people remain standing. The Presider sings (or says)

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

The Presider continues

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, H-1982 #S-130

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people may now stand or kneel. The Presider 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,

Presider and People

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

The Presider continues

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 Mary, Joseph, Andrew 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 glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Presider and People say together

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then the following is said or sung.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Cantor
This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven and gives life to the world.

All
Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

Then the Presider says the following invitation

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

The table of bread and wine is the table of company with Jesus, and all those who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this Sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus in the world, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

For Holy Communion, receive the bread in the open palms. 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 carefully dipping the bread in the chalice. If you'd prefer not to receive Holy Communion but would instead like a blessing, please come forward and indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten free is available upon request.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Night of Silence

H-1982 #112

H-1982 #104

H-1982 #115

In the Bleak Midwinter
A Stable Lamp Is Lighted
What Child is This, Who, Laid To Rest

arr. Daniel Kantor
CRANHAM
ANDÛJAR
GREENSLEEVES

5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Divinum mysterium

Es ist ein Ros

Puer natus in Bethlehem, BWV 605

7:00 p.m.

Wilbur Held
Johannes Brahms
J.S. Bach

PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

ANGELIC PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOR

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Then all sing

CAROL, H-1982 #111

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

The Presider now blesses the people. As the procession passes down the aisle, the people turn and face the doors of the Cathedral.

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.**

CLOSING HYMN, H-1982 #87

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

DISMISSAL

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

played by the Capitol Brass

The 2017 Christmas Flowers are given to the glory of God and

In loving memory of Dan Morse and in grateful thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren: Dan, Denise, and Joshua Morse; Nancy, Sarah, Elizabeth and Annie Parkes; and Gene Lynda, Millie, William and Cole Morse
Given by Frances Morse

In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren
Given by Virginia and Armistead Powell

In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren.
Given by Susan and Tommy Weems

In thanksgiving for my brother, Ed Oliver
Given by Mary Benson

Merry Christmas to Uncle Ed
Given by Jack and Caroline

In thanksgiving for my grandchildren; Will, Ashley, Megan and Andrew O'Mara;
Taylor, Sarah and Zachary Maris; Reese and Walker Crochet
Given by Sandra Maris

In loving memory of Eleanor and John Fontaine
Given by Maury, Martha and Jay

In thanksgiving for our precious grandchildren: Marley, Hap and Troy
Given by Kathryn and Gerald McCormick

In thanksgiving for my grandchildren Tinsley Grace, Tatum Elise, Reed Matthew, and Baby Molly
Given by Barbara McLaughlin

In thanksgiving for Diane and David Morse
Given by Taylor, Wes and Mary Manning

In loving memory of my husband, the Reverend Dr. Daniel D. McKee
Given by Mrs. Daniel D. McKee

In thanksgiving for my children, Helen Elizabeth McKee and Katharine McKee and Joe Surkin
Given by Mrs. Daniel D. McKee

In thanksgiving for my granddaughter, Mary Kate Surkin
Given by Mrs. Daniel D. McKee

In thanksgiving for our parents and grandparents, Betty Lou & Rodger Reeves
Given by Julie, Michael, Spencer, Kate & Vivi Reeves

In loving memory of Diana O'Toole
Given by Alice Skelton

In thanksgiving for my mother, Elsie Skelton and my father, the late Earl Skelton
Given by Alice Skelton



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