

THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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CHORAL PRELUDE

<i>The Holly and the Ivy</i>	<i>trad. English, arr. John Riddle</i>	
<i>There Is No Rose of Such Vertu</i>	<i>Mark Sedio</i>	
<i>A Child My Choice</i>	<i>Richard Dirksen</i>	
<i>See Amid the Winter's Snow</i>	<i>John Goss, arr. David Willcocks</i>	
<i>Organ Prelude</i>	<i>In Dulci Jubilo</i>	<i>Marcel Dupre</i>
<i>What Sweeter Music</i>		<i>John Rutter</i>
<i>Away in a Manger</i>	<i>W.J. Kirkpatrick, arr. David Willcocks</i>	
<i>Torches</i>		<i>John Joubert</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Posture Note: In the Episcopal Church we worship with our whole selves because we believe that how we pray shapes our belief. As able, we stand to praise God and sing, we sit to hear lessons and learn (although we stand for the Gospel), and we kneel or stand to pray. Worship as meets the needs of your body. Your presence among us is the most important thing!

Processional Hymn #83 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* *Adeste Fideles*

Opening Acclamation

(The people stand.)

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

People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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.*

Song of Praise Hymn #96 *Angels We Have Heard on High* *Gloria*

Collect

Celebrant: God be with you.

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

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

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 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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm

Psalm 96

Celebrant: Please join me in reciting from Psalm 96, responding with the italicized verses.

1 Sing to God a new song; *

sing to God, all the whole earth.

*2 Sing to God and bless God's Name; **

proclaim the good news of God's salvation from day to day.

3 Declare God's glory among the nations *

and God's wonders among all peoples.

*4 For great is God and greatly to be praised, **

who is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *

but it is God who made the heavens.

*6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's presence! **

Oh, the power and the splendor of God's sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to God, you families of the peoples; *

ascribe to God honor and power.

*8 Ascribe to God the honor due their Name; **

bring offerings and come into God's courts.

9 Worship God in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth tremble before God.

*10 Tell it out among the nations: "God is Ruler! **

who has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; who will judge the peoples with equity."

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 therein.

*12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before God when they come, **

when they come to judge the earth.

13 God will judge the world with righteousness *

and the peoples with God's truth.

SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

A Reading from the Second Letter 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 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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn #100

Joy to the World!

Antioch

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

Celebrant: 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 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.

People: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Sarah C. Ginolfi

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.

Prayers of the People

Reader: The Prayers of the People are found on page 5 of the bulletin. Dear God, we seek to follow your will. Guide us as we deepen in spirituality, grow in compassion, and be your courageous hope in the world. Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: *That we all may be one.*

Reader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Reader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Reader: We remember with love all those in whose memory the Christmas flowers have been given. Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

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

(Silence)

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn #109

The First Nowell the Angel Did Say

The First Nowell

Sursum Corda S 120 (*sung; service music is in the front section of the hymnal*)

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. And so we join the saints and angels proclaiming your glory, as we say:

Sanctus S 128 (*In the front section of the blue hymnal.*)

Mathias

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.

The people stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: *Christ has died.*

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. 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. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: 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.*

Fraction Anthem S152 *(In the front section of the blue hymnal.)*

Hurd

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 are welcome to proceed up the center aisle and either stand or kneel along the railing to receive Communion. Gluten free wafers and/or grape juice are available upon request. Those wishing to receive a blessing instead of Communion are invited to cross their arms as a signal to the priest. Please alert an usher if you wish to receive communion in your seat. Thank you for your financial commitment to the life of Trinity Church. Your gift helps our church family spread God's love and joy in the world! Offering plates are located at the top of the center aisle on the way to the altar as well as near the center exit doors. Please see the announcements page for other options.

Communion Hymns

Communion Anthem

O Magnum Mysterium

Tomas Luis da Victoria

Hymn #112

In the Bleak Midwinter

Cranham

Hymn #78 (omit verse 4)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Forest Green

Post Communion Prayer of Mission

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.

After the Post Communion Prayer, the lights will dim for a moment of silence, the congregation kneels:

Hymn #111

Silent Night

Stille Nacht

The Blessing

Celebrant: Life is short and we don't have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey the way with us, so be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Hymn #87

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

Postlude

Finale sur un Noël

Marcel Dupré



Our Staff: *Priest-in-Charge*, the Rev. Sarah Ginolfi; *Treasurer*, Linda Fay; *Parish Administrator*, Wendy Grace; *Music Director*, John Riddle; *Sexton*, Gil Nell

Our Vestry: *Senior Warden*, Fern Fryer; *Junior Warden*, Jay Slenker; *Members*: Melissa Alarie; Lisa Frankel-Boerner; Elizabeth Bushey; Kathy Hall; Rich Jones; David Thurmer; Holly Webb

Today's Liturgical Assistants: *Altar Guild*— Helen Thomas, Winnie Grace, Mary Ruth, Linda Barcomb; *Chalice Assistant*— Dana Peterson; *Old Testament Reader*— Nanci Gordon; *Epistle Reader*— Sue Beriau; *Intercessor*— Melissa Alarie; *Ushers*— Rich Carlson; *Live Stream Tech*— Melissa & Lee Alarie

****Many thanks to all who helped prepare the church for Christmas!****

Your presence is a gift!

We worship together at Trinity Church on Sundays at 9:30am in the sanctuary.

We gather again tomorrow for worship on Christmas Day at 9:30am in the sanctuary.

We are humbled by the generosity of people who support our church and its mission and there are a number of ways to make your offering. You may opt to set up either a one-time gift or your recurring pledge gift on the giving tab of our website. Another option is to text "TrinityRutland" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. This number will never send unsolicited texts to you. To cancel further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply. You may also scan this QR code and follow the instructions. As always, if you prefer giving envelopes, we have those, too!

