



The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Eve
Midnight Mass

THE HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II

Thursday, 24 December 2020 • 10:30 PM

Pensacola, Florida • Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

Worship Information

Masks must be worn while you are in the church covering both nose and mouth.

Please sit in the designated seating.

Please keep a minimum of six feet between you and others present (except those you arrive with), especially when entering and exiting the church, when approaching to receive the Eucharist, and in the courtyard.

If you attend worship and are later diagnosed with COVID-19, notify the church (or a member of the clergy) immediately so that we can take the necessary steps to protect others from the spread of the virus. Please continue to mail in your offerings, make them online, or text GIVE to 850-403-6673 (the first time will have a quick, one-time registration).

Prelude: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

— Dale Riegler, trumpet

Processional: Once in Royal David's City

— Kate Owens

(The People stand)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

Celebrant Lord have mercy.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord 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.**

(The People may be seated)

The Lesson — Isaiah 9:2-7

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet 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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem – O Holy Night — Kate Owens

(The People stand)

The Gospel - Luke 2:1-14

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord 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!"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Dr. Michael Hoffman

Silence may be kept.

The Nicene Creed *(The People 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.*

*During the Prayers, the lights will be turned off. Please turn on
your candles by twisting the top of the candle.*

Prayers of the People

*Priest Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out
of darkness and into his own marvelous light.*

(The People kneel)

At each petition, the reader says: Lord, in your mercy.

*The People respond: **Hear our prayer.***

The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

*Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.*

Celebrant and People

*Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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.*

The Celebrant stands and says

*Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through
our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the
power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.*

Hymn 111: Silent Night — Stephanie Riegler, flute

*Please take a moment of silence to treasure this hymn in your heart.
You may be seated or continue kneeling.*

The Peace

All stand. Please turn off your candles.

Celebrant Merry Christmas!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People **And also with you.***

Remaining in place, greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem – What Child is This — arr. Chip Davis
— Stephanie Riegler, flute

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A

*While the Celebrant is saying the Eucharistic prayers, the elements
to be consumed by the people will remain covered.*

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.***

The Celebrant proceeds

*It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to
give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.*

Here a Proper Preface is said

*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:*

Celebrant and 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. 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:

Celebrant and 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,

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

The Celebrant 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.

Prayer for Mission

Celebrant and People

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you: for the honor of your name. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

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.**

Instructions

ONLINE SERVICE

What Sweeter Music – John Rutter, Robert Herrick

Pam Nichols, Pam Carr, Brenda Zetelski,

Jennifer Adkins, Becca Schmidt, Susan Shimel, Greg Vannoy,

Tony Chiarito, Mike Richards; Paul Miller, organ

Dismissal People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

Postlude: Joy to the World!

Ryan McKinley, trumpet; Tony Chiarito, timpani

The Communion and Time of Prayer

Receiving Communion

This is a quiet time for prayer before receiving communion. Please come forward, when you are ready – wearing masks and keeping at least six feet distance – to receive communion in one kind (wafer only) in the hand. Then, exit the church through the side door into the courtyard. Once outside, you may briefly remove your mask to consume the sacrament. If you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer, place one arm across your chest. If you come forward and do not wish to receive communion, please fold both arms across your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing.

Please take this bulletin home with you.

Communion Music:

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Postlude: Joy to the World

Ryan McKinley, trumpet; Stephanie Riegle, piccolo;

Tony Chiarito, timpani

*The Christmas Flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of ...*

Bill Bozeman
Ann Pope Bullock
Alice Chiarito
Anthony Chiarito, Sr.
Ernestine Conners
Dan J. Cox
Sally Booker Currie
Matt Currin
Vicky DePew
Cindy Fell
Ruth Glant
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of Bill & Nancy Stafford
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and in thanksgiving for ...*

The Boatwright Family
Cole Carrell
Hailey Carrell
The Children of Christ Church
The Collins Family
Carson Daniel Cox
Shelby Kelin Cox
James William Currie
The Harrison Family
Sally Hart
Traci & Will Hart
Virginia Hart
Wyatt Hart
The Hodnette Children & Grandchildren

Katherine Adair McCrackin
Henry, Ellie & Maddie Patterson
Mike & Nina Patterson
Andrew Sawyer
Brent Sawyer
The Sherman Family
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The Children, Grandchildren
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