

THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 2023 AT 5:00 PM



HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
6301 PARKMAN PLACE  
CINCINNATI, OH 45213



If you are joining us for the first time, we are so glad you are with us this evening! Know that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

We invite you to sign our guest book as you exit or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack in front of you and return it to the offering plate. We'd love to stay connected with you and tell you about the wonderful offerings and community here at All Saints Episcopal Church.

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## PRELUDE

Marcel Dupre

Variations on ADESTE FIDELIS

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: O Emmanuel, come to us tonight. As angels sing and shepherds rejoice, let us share in the brightness of your love. Fill our hearts and minds with joyful anticipation. As we light these candles, we celebrate your coming at Christmas and await your coming again for all eternity.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, as we light the Christ candle in the center of our Advent wreath, fill our hearts with the joy of this holy night and help us to keep Christmas in our hearts all the days of our lives. Come, Lord Jesus!

*ALL: Come, Lord Jesus!*

## OPENING HYMN

Hymn 83

O Come All Ye Faithful

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*        *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.*  
                    *Amen.*

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 87, v 1

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

## 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 Liturgy of the Word

### THE 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.**

## THE RESPONSE

Psalm 96

*Prayed responsively by whole verse.*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 **Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \***  
**proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \***  
**he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 **Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \***  
**Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \***  
**bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 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."**
- 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 the Lord when he comes\*  
when he comes to judge the earth.**

13 He will judge the world with righteousness\*  
and the peoples with his truth.

## **THE 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.*

*The people stand to sing the following.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Hymn 101**

*Verses 1&2 Before the Gospel, Verse 3 After the Gospel*  
Away in a Manger, No Crib For His Bed

Gospeller        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according  
to Luke.  
*People*            *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

## **THE GOSPEL**

**Luke 2:1-20**

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.

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

**THE SERMON**

**The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn**

**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.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Celebrant: Gracious and Loving God, in Jesus you have filled all humanity with your divine life: Hear our prayers of joy and thanksgiving as we offer our supplications to you, saying: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to God's people on earth.

Litanist: You have entrusted the Church with good news of great joy for all people: Inspire our witness that we may spread the light of Jesus' love to all humanity. Glory to God in the highest heaven, **and peace to God's people on earth.**



Let your power and compassion guide those who exercise authority on earth, that they may be servants of peace, bringing comfort and security to all who are vulnerable. Glory to God in the highest heaven, **and peace to God's people on earth.**

Embrace with your eternal protection all of our brothers and sisters who are vulnerable: especially refugees and the displaced, those threatened by violence or illness, and families with no place to call their home. Glory to God in the highest heaven, **and peace to God's people on earth.**

Fill this community with hospitality and generosity, that we may care for one another and celebrate the joy of your presence in our humanity. Glory to God in the highest heaven, **and peace to God's people on earth.**

We entrust to your divine grace all for whom we pray, especially \_\_\_\_.  
*All are invited to name their petitions aloud or silently.*

We give thanks for shepherds and all the vigilant who work while others sleep. Hear our grateful thanksgiving for all the gifts and blessings in our lives, especially \_\_\_\_.  
*All are invited to name their petitions aloud or silently.*

We entrust into your eternal arms those who have died, especially \_\_\_\_.  
*All are invited to name their petitions aloud or silently.*

Celebrant: Loving God, the joyful message of the angels fills us with gladness as we celebrate the coming of the Christ Child to live among us in vulnerable humility: Let your divine light so dwell within us, that we may treasure your words, ponder them in our hearts, and continue the work of Christ's incarnation in our day, through Jesus our Savior, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. ***Amen.***

## **THE PEACE**

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Liturgy of the Table

#### MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Harry T Burleigh

Rise Up Shepherd and Follow

#### PRESENTATION HYMN

Hymn 686, v 1

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

##### Enriching Our Worship: Eucharistic Prayer 2

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 God thanks and praise.*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

# SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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.*

**FRACTION HYMN**

**S 169**

*Cantor or Choir*

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

*All*

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - decd, and my blood is drink in - decd, says the Lord.

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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.

### **A Note About Communion: All are Welcome.**

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the priest. If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest so that the priest may give you a blessing. If you would like to receive but mobility is a concern, the priest will come serve you at your seat.*

## **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

Hymn 87: Hark, The Herald Angels Sing

O Holy Night  
arr. Craig Courtney  
*Soloist, Ethan Neal*

## **CANDLELIGHT HYMN**

Hymn 111: Silent Night, Holy Night  
*Cantor sings verse 1, all sing verses 2 & 3, all hum one final time*

## **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER** *Standing; said by all.*

***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.***

## 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, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## HYMN AT THE CLOSE

Hymn 100

Joy to the World

## THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*                *Thanks be to God.*

## POSTLUDE??

### **Serving Christmas Eve 12/24 at 5:00pm**

**Celebrant and Preacher:** The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn

**Assisting Clergy:** The Rev. Cn. Jason Oden

**Director of Music Ministries:** Ethan Neal

**Advent Wreath:** The Buccini Chamberlain Family

**Lectors:** Jackson Hearn and Christina Albert

**Server:** Jackson Hearn

**Usher:** Kathy Doane

**Altar Guild:** Karen Murphy

**Communion Bread:** Erica Bowen

### **Christmas Poinsettias**

*Many thanks to those who gave in memory of or in gratitude for loved ones in order to help us decorate our nave for Christmas Eve.*

Erica and Cooper Bowen in memory of Lisa Parker Deters and Joseph Okruhlica

Emily and Andy Burton in memory of Ben & Dale Schellin

The Rev. Meredith Day Hearn and Jackson Hearn in gratitude for the All Saints Vestry, especially our Wardens Tony Naggyor and Kathy Doane

Jean Janneck in gratitude for the Janneck Family

Amanda and Bryan Kluener in memory of Our Grandparents

Chris Meshot and Mary Taflinger in memory of Charles & Mary Meshot  
and Don & Bette Taflinger

Jenna Beall Mueller and Adam Mueller in memory of Paul Baker

Ron and Karen Murphy in gratitude for our family

Maggie Nelson in gratitude for Mary and Alice Nelson

Dorothy Powell in gratitude for the Powell and Singh Families

John and Carolyn Rudolph in memory of Jennifer Rudolph

France and Bill Sloat in memory of Joan & Ted Griggs and Bill &  
Rosemarie Sloat

### **Digital Visitor's Card**



If you are new among us, we offer you a special word of welcome at worship this morning and invite you to join us after the service in the Parish Hall for coffee, treats, and fellowship. We'd love to greet you and answer any questions you might have. Whether you're a first-time visitor or have been around All Saints for a while, please scan the QR code above. We'd love to learn more about you and add you to our weekly email newsletter list.

### **Ways to Give**



All Saints has several ways to give in addition to cash/checks in the offering plate. You can also donate by texting GIVE to 513-540-4633 or you can give online by scanning the QR code.

### **Parish Prayer List**

Join us in praying for Marley, Levi, & Jaxon Singh, Jeanne Longeway, Sherrie O'Rear, Jean McOsker, the Family of Beth Bruin, Kristi Barnes, Pat H., Joshua Bermudez, JoAnn and Mike Griffin, Rob S., Danny Brown, Gary Slater, Mary Kay Nagygyor, Allison Rosenberg, and Makayla Conder. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please call the parish office or add the name to the list at the back of the church. Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.



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