

# ST. DAVID'S ON THE HILL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Priest-in-Charge**



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

**December 24, 2022  
10:00 pm**

*Please observe that there are emergency exits at each corner of the room, including the door behind the chapel altar leading through the sacristy to an outdoor exit.*

**Opening Hymn: “O Come All Ye Faithful”**

**H 83**

### THE WORD OF GOD

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*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.***

**Hymn: “Angels We Have heard on High”**

**H 96**

## The Collect

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you

**People:** *And also with you*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray

**The Collect for Christmas Eve:** 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, now and for ever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## 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.

Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord

People: ***Thanks be to God***

## **Psalm 96** *(spoken in unison)*

Cantate Domino

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning. Is now and will be forever. **Amen.**

## **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..

The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

**Gradual: "The First Nowell"**

**H 109**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

## **The Holy 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.

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

## **The Sermon**

*The Reverend Edward G. Beaudreau, Jr.*

## **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 Form IV**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love,  
and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor  
one another and serve the common good. We especially pray for our Service Members: Jake & Christie  
Knight, Elizabeth Butler, Matthew Paiva, Debbie Cox, Corbin Warner and Rachel Beaudreau.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Especially Brandon, Geri, Charlie, Chloe, Alan, Grace, Dodie, Jen, Anna, Janel, Frank, Christy, Gladys, Sue, Marjorie, Victor, Pat, Bob, Bill, Joseph, David, Tom, James, Beth, Michelle, Marsha, Max, Alexandra, Jack, Fred, Steven, Diane, Rebecca, Don, Vinny, Ronnie, Paul, Anne and Brad.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. (Flower Memorials can be read here)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Peace**

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

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

*Then the Minister and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.  
(Announcements)*

**Offertory Hymn: “Hark the Heral Angels Sing”**

**H 87**

## Hymn of Doxology

Celebrant: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

*In the Episcopal Church all baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion.*

*Persons who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward and receive a blessing..*

*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.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, 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 sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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.

Then the Celebrant 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant 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 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.



## **The Lord's Prayer**

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. Then may be sung or said

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:  
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

## **Ministration of Communion**

*Facing the people, 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.

**Communion Hymn: “It came upon the midnight clear”**

**H 89**

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

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**A Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*spoken in unison*)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son at Christmas. We give you thanks for binding us together in these Holy Mysteries of the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we your people, may become one in heart and soul, live in fidelity and peace, and obtain those eternal joys prepared for all who love You; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Lighting of the Candles**

**Hymn: “Silent Night”** (*kneeling*)

**H 111**

## **The Blessing**

Send, O God, into the darkness of this troubled world, the light of your Son: Let the star of your hope touch the minds of all people with the bright beams of mercy and truth; and so direct our steps that we may always walk in the way revealed to us, as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy to the manger where he dwelt who now and ever reigns in our hearts, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen..**

**Recessional Hymn: “Joy to the World”**

**H 100**

## **Dismissal**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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