



ST. GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols, Bishop
The Rev. Ellie Hart Garner, Celebrant
The Rev. Sally Bosler, Deacon/Pastoral Care Missioner
Charles Glandorf, Organist/Choirmaster
Phoebe Kelleher, Music Associate

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

10:30AM 12/30/2018

A PROCESSION WITH LESSONS & CAROLS

Welcome to St. Gabriel's. We invite you to be an active participant in the worship of God! This service is the Holy Eucharist, as it is found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Organ - "Prelude on 'Divinium Mysterium'"

T. Frederick Candlyn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Processional Hymn (*stand*) #100 "Joy to the world"

Antioch

THE BIDDING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Dear People of God: In this season of Christmas, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this community.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

(said by all) ***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, and 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.***

FIRST LESSON (*people sit for all lessons*)

GENESIS 22:15-18

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.

Carol: #66 "Come, thou long expected Jesus"

Stuttgart

SECOND LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7

The Prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

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. 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.

Carol: #81 "Lo, how a rose e'er blooming" vs. 1 & 2

Es is ein ros

THIRD LESSON

LUKE 1:26-35, 38

The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Carol: #265 "The Angel Gabriel from heaven came"

Gabriel's Message

FOURTH LESSON

LUKE 2:1, 3-7

St. Luke tells the birth of Jesus.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 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.

Carol: #101 "Away in a manger"

Cradle song

FIFTH LESSON

LUKE 2:8-16

The Shepherds go to the manger.

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.

Carol: #94 "While shepherds watched"

Winchester Old

SIXTH LESSON

MATTHEW 2:1-11

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Choir Carol "Mater Ora Filium" (Mother, pray to your Son) Irish Carol, arr. H. Oxley
(Refrain) Mater ora filium ut post hoc exilium nobis donet gaudium beatorum omnium

Mother, pray to your son, that after this exile, he gives joy to all your saints.

Fair maiden, who is this bairn that thou bearest in thine arm? Sir it is a kinges son that in heaven above doth won. Man to Father he hath none, but himself God alone; Of a maid he would be born, to save mankind that was forlorn. (Refrain.) Three kings brought him presents Gold, myrrh and frankincense, to my Son full of might, King of kings and Lord of right. (Refrain)
Fair maiden, pray for us unto thy Son, sweet Jesus, That he will send us of his grace in heav'n on high to have a place. (Refrain)

SEVENTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-14

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Carol: #104 "A stable lamp is lighted"

Andujar

THE SERMON - The Rev. Ellie Hart Garner, Celebrant

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

THE PEACE (*standing*)

BCP 360

Offertory Anthem - "When Mary walked"

German Carol, arrr, C.Glandorf

When Mary walked through woods of thorn, Kyrie eleison, When Mary walked through woods of thorn that seven years no leaves had borne, Jesus and Maria. What clasps she to her heart so near? Kyrie eleison. A babe unborn from sin so clear, which to her heart she holds so near, Jesus and Maria. Then roses bloomed in woods forlorn, Kyrie eleison. Because the babe through woods of thorn close to his mother's heart was borne. Jesus and Maria. Now what, Oh what shall be his name? Kyrie eleison. The Christ, the Christ, the very same, Oh that indeed, shall be his name, Jesus and Maria. This sacred name who shall declare? Kyrie eleison. John Baptist shall that name declare to those who ready are to hear, Jesus and Maria. What Christ'ning gifts for him are there? Kyrie eleison. What things in heav'n and earth are dear, Those things for him are now brought here. Jesus and Maria. Now who alone hath saved the world? Kyrie eleison. The Christ child, he hath saved the world, and from it satan's sin hath hurled. Jesus and Maria.

At the Presentation: #115 "What child is this"

Greensleeves

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer Prayer B

BCP 367

SANCTUS - S 130 (*front of Blue Hymnal*)

Franz Schubert

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

AGNUS DEI S164 (*front of Blue Hymnal*)

Franz Schubert

THE INVITATION

BCP 364

(All are welcome to receive communion at St. Gabriel's. Drink from the common cup, or dip your bread in the chalice as it is offered to you. If you wish no wine, fold your arms across your chest after receiving the bread. To receive a blessing only, fold your arms across your chest as you approach the person with the bread.)

COMMUNION

Communion Solo - "Gesù Bambino"

Pietro Yon

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night, was born the Child, the Christmas Rose,
The King of Love and Light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced, and at
his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced! O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night that gave the world its Christmas Rose,
Its King of Love and Light. Let ev'ry voice acclaim his name, the grateful chorus swell, From paradise
to earth he came that we with him might dwell. O come let us adore him Christ the Lord.

Soprano, Julie Eurillo

Text: Frederick Martens

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (All stand)

BCP 365

THE BLESSING

Closing Hymn-#105 "God rest you merry, gentlemen"

God rest you merry

DISMISSAL (*The Deacon dismisses the people*)

BCP 366

People's Response: Thanks be to God!

Organ - "Variations on 'Adeste Fidelis'"

T. Frederick Candlyn

We thank The Rev. Ellie Hart Garner for being our Celebrant and Preacher this morning.

PARISH FAMILY & FRIENDS NEEDING SPECIAL PRAYERS (30 DAY): Ken Ambler; Dee Brenner; Bill Heist; family of Arnav Krishna; Tracey Franey; fammily of Tammy Long; Guellianna Riegel; Eric Roda; Christi Schroeder; Gary Schroeder.

In the military: Jacob Bennett; Kyle Connor; Connor Cooper; Nick English; Zach English; Vince Frasure; Alex & Gesine Ftorski; Adrienne Hunt; Jacoby Kellog; Jason Killian; Jeff Lydic; Ben Martin; James Martin; Shannon McCorkle; Ross Morrison; Matthew Pawlik; Jason Robbins; Ben Skean; Daniel E. Vroman

(LONG TERM): Mary Jane Amoroso; Joan Andres; Dave Aument; Telisha Baker; Ray & Pat Bailey; George Bartalsky Jr.; Mary Bartalsky; Bobbie; Kathy Borneman; Christopher Browne; Carol & Carl Burkhart; Caroline Coyne; Margaret Crummy; Danny; Jed Dean; Joe DeMayo & family; Sandy Douros; Kathryn Ellwanger; Mark Endy; Natasha Ewa; Tina Fanjoy; Kathleen & Mary Flannigan; Nancy Flohr; Gail; Thomas Gentile; Elizabeth George; Tracy Germano; Mary Gorham; Bob Green & family; Jeffrey & Ayla Gummel; Matthew Hall; LuAnn Hanley; Theresa & Christine Hawkins; Trevor Heinrich & family; Carroll Hine; Lynn Jackson; Debra Bird Jarvis; Jeanne M.; Debby Khateeb; Liz Landes; Aytza Ledezma; Lorraine S.; Drew Mancuso; Charlie Mandrachia; Bernadette Massaro; John Mazzoni; Lorraine McCorkle; the McKeon family; Safaa Mohammed; Rosann Mosteller; Frank Owsiany; Louise Parsons; Patti; Elliot Phillips & family; Rosemary Pollock; Ember Poppeti; Molly Price; Troy Richie & family; Bill Roberts; James Rooks; April Rosenbaum; Ernie Runge, Jr.; Lee Sartell; Romy L. Schaeffer; Cathi Schrosder; Kristen & Jon Simchick; Sharron Specht; Rita Starkey; Heather Stefanik; Chris Stewart; Blair Stockton; Kathleen Sweeny; Mary Lou Tate; Caroline Terrell; peace in Venezuela; Rich Vila; Jack Vondwinglow & wife Mary Jane; Christine Wesoloski; Judy Wink; Tony Yanos; the York family.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR Diocesan Staff & Youth & Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Bethlehem; Hopewell Love; Common Ground Recovery Community, worshipping at Atonement Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran & St. Gabriel's; Mission Developer Russ McClellan & Pastor Tom Scornavacchi; Good Shepherd Learning Center.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Tom Pfeiffenberger and family in memory of Diane Pfeiffenberger.

THE BULLETIN is sponsored for peace on Earth.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is sponsored for peace on Earth, goodwill to all people.

IN OUR PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER we pray for the entire Parish family of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church .

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER we pray for the clergy and people of St. Paul's, Troy and St. Stephen's, Whitehall.

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER we pray for the clergy and people of Kyushu, Japan.

WE PRAY FOR OUR COMPANIONSHIP DIOCESE OF KAJO-KEJI in South Sudan, Bishop Emmanuel Modi, and clergy and people of Mangalotor Parish and Sodogo-Trinity Easton Primary School.

→ ANNOUNCEMENTS ←

THE FIRST BLOOD DRIVE OF 2019 is scheduled for January 6th (Sunday). What a great way to start the New Year...saving a life! If you are able to donate please join us. A sign-up sheet is located in the Bell Tower. Thank You for taking the time to give such a precious gift!

GOD'S WORD, MY VOICE: A LECTIONARY FOR CHILDREN will be available each Sunday, back of church. Each lesson & Gospel is written for children and can be used to help discuss them with your children. Children in Sunday School will receive a copy in class. Please pick up a copy and use it with your family!

Did you know...?: St. Gabriel's, through our parishioners, continues to collect laundry detergent and toilet paper for Hopewell Love's pantry in Birdsboro. These items cannot be purchased using SNAP benefits but are essential household items. Please pick up an extra bottle or package as you can (large TP packs can be divided) and place it in the laundry baskets under the coat rack.



