St. Luke's Episcopal Church

The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

24 December 2020 ♥ 5:00 P.M.

Holy Eucharist

The Reverend Allison Caudill, Celebrant Mrs. Stephanie Delk, Storyteller

THE WORD OF GOD

Preludes

"And therefore be ye merry" - A medley of carols

arr. Brian Jovce

Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella -Sussex Carol – Now is born the divine infant-Patapan – We Three Kings – A virgin most pure – O little town of Bethlehem – Ding, Dong, merrily on high – Hark, the Herald Angels sing

String quartet: Jane Halliday, Sarah Hill, Angela Elliott, April Dannelly-Schenck

First Hymn

"O come, all ye faithful"

Hymnal, 83





Refrain

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others Music: Adeste fideles, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

The Opening Acclamation

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

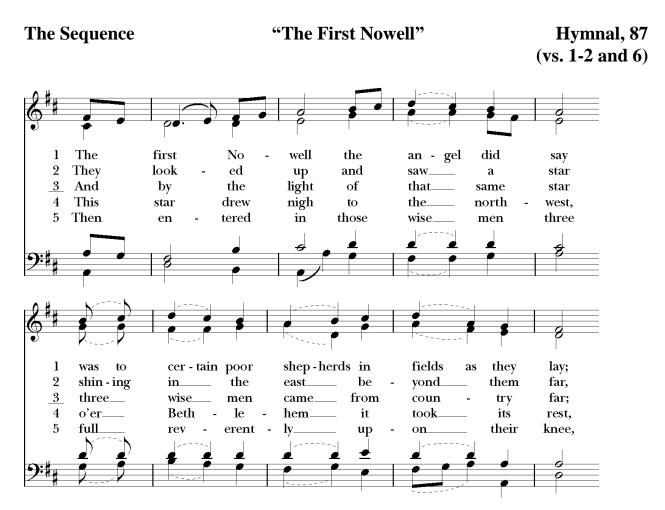


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The Salutation & Collect of the Day

| Celebrant | The Lord be with you. |
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| People | And also with you. |
| Celebrant | Let us pray. |

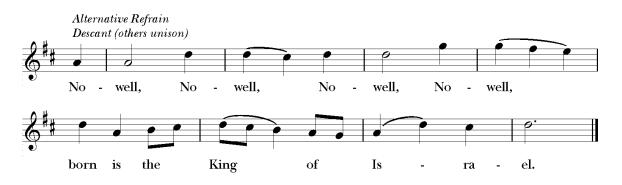
O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*





- and with his blood our life hath bought.
 - Refrain

Words: English carol, 18th cent. Music: The First Nowell, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1840-1901)



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Godly Play Story

The Nicene Creed

Said by all, standing

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, Form II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Terry, our Bishop, for this gathering; for Michael, Allison, Anne, Art, and Jim, our clergy and for all clergy and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, ... Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for Al, Allen, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Bill, Braxton, Bud, Calvin Riley, Carol, Charles, Christy, Dave, David, Diana, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Gene, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kelly, Ken, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Mary, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Nancy, Nina (Nine-ah), Patricia, Phil, Rob, Ronald, Sandy, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trent, Trish,

Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn; for the men and women of our armed forces, especially Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Sinclair, Steve.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

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William Mathias

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All 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 Absolution

Offertory Anthem

The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

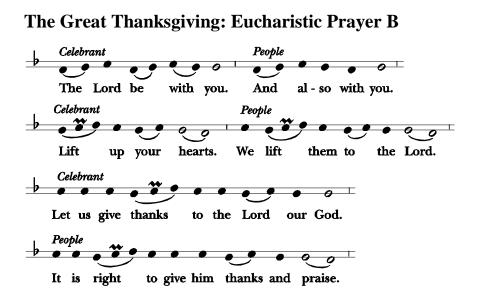
THE HOLY COMMUNION

"Sir Christemas"

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| Nowell! Who is there that singeth so, | | Christ is now born of a pure | maid, | |
| Nowell? I am here, Sir Christemas. | | In an ox-stall he is laid, | | |
| Welcome, my lord, Sir Christemas! | | Wherefore sing we at a braye | d: Nowell! | |
| Welcome to all, both more and less, | | Buvez bien, buvez bien par te | oute la compagnie. | |
| Come near, Nowell! | | Make good cheer and be right | it merry, | |
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Dieu vous garde, beaux sieurs, Tidings I you bring: A maid hath borne a child full young, Which causeth you to sing: Nowell! And sing we now joyfully: Nowell! Words anon. (c. 1500)

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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.

> 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

Sanctus



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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.

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 Mary the Mother of God, St. Luke, and 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.

(sung) 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 forever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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 Fraction Anthem

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

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. We invite you to join us in this prayer wherever you are.

A Prayer from the St. Augustine Prayer Book

After the celebrant receives the elements of Communion, the congregation says aloud this prayer

All Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

"O Holy Night"

Dylon Crain, tenor

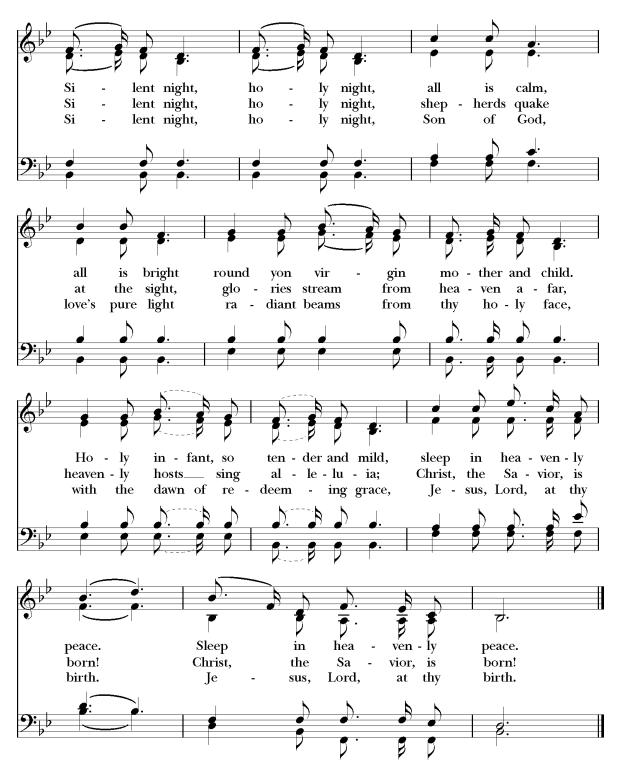
| O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, | Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming, |
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| It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth. | With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand. |
| Long lay the world in sin and error pining, | So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, |
| Till He appear'd and the soul felt its worth. | Here come the wise men from the Orient land. |
| A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, | The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger; |
| For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. | In all our trials born to be our friend. |
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| Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! | He knows our need, to our weaknesses no |
| | stranger, |
| O night divine, O night when Christ was born; | Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend! |
| O night divine, O night, O night Divine. | Behold your King, Before Him lowly bend! |
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Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace. Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother; And in His name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, Let all within us praise His holy name.

Christ is the Lord! O praise His Name forever, His power and glory evermore proclaim. His power and glory evermore proclaim.

Text: Placide Cappeau (1843)

Hymn of Adoration



Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885) Music: Stille Nacht, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

The Blessing





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

The Dismissal
PeopleThanks be to God.

Postlude

"In dulci jubilo"

J. S. Bach

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Christmas Service Times

Dec 25, 2020 9:00am: Special Service of Morning Prayer with Sermon (https://www.facebook.com/StLukesAnchorage)

Dec 27, 2020 10:00am: Christmas Service of Lessons & Carols [recorded] (https://www.facebook.com/StLukesAnchorage)



Hold Control and hover Left Mouse button over green button to activate link.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020 Christmas Memorials are below (scroll down)

Sunday Altar Flower Memorials for 2021

It's time to schedule 2021 altar flower memorials. Last year donors have been contacted. Please respond promptly since renewals are honored first. **New donors are also welcome and encouraged to respond with a date!** Please contact Dawn at the church office at <u>admin@stlukesanchorage.org.</u>

Thursday Night Bible Study

The Basics of the Bible Study **continues January 7th** on Thursday evenings with Mother Allison! We are using The Path to guide our study, but all you need is a Bible and access to the internet to join us. We are gathering every Thursday evening from 6:45-7:45 on Zoom to discuss the foundational stories of our faith and to explore how these stories connect to our own journeys. Please follow this link on Thursdays at 6:45 to join us!

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/284582639

Meeting ID: 284-582-639 If prompted to enter a password, please enter our parish office phone number - 2458827

Contemporary Anglican Theologians – Sunday 9am Class

Please join us Sunday mornings, 9:00, as we have begun a new series.

There are several Anglican (including many Episcopalian) theologians who have written during our lifetime, most of them are still working. They have written some fascinating ideas that enrich our understanding of God, Jesus, the Church and spirituality. Their work has added clarity, insight and depth to Anglican Christianity. We will be spending the next couple of months discussing these theologians and their ideas.

For more information, email Dave Kirchinger at <u>episcopaliandave@gmail.com</u>.

The link to the class is: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85144530030</u> / Meeting ID: **851 4453 0030** If prompted to enter a password, please enter our parish office phone number - 2458827

Centering Prayer

Please join us for Centering Prayer in January, every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, **January 12 and 26**, from 6 – 7pm on ZOOM.

Link to Centering Prayer Group: <u>https://zoom.us/j/85280543522</u> Meeting ID: 852 8054 3522 If prompted to enter a password, please enter our parish office phone number – 2458827

Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you've had a birthday or anniversary over the past several weeks, or have one coming up in the weeks ahead, please let Dawn know, <u>admin@stlukesanchorage.org</u>. Let her know your birthday, or the date of your wedding anniversary and how many years you've been married, and we will offer a blessing over you during our recorded worship.

In our prayers ... Al, Allen, Amy, Ann, Annie, Beecher, Bethann, Bill, Braxton, Bud, Calvin Riley, Carol, Charles, Christy, Dave, David, Diana, E.J., Eleanor, Elizabeth, Gene, Hugh, Ira, Jackie, Jen, Jenni, Jerry, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Joyce, Karen, Kelly, Ken, Lauren, Lee, Linda, Lisette, Liz, London, Lynn, Martha, Mary, Matt, Meg, Mike, Milo, Monica, Nancy, Nina (Nineah), Patricia, Phil, Rob, Ronald, Sandy, Stefanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Terry, Tim, Tracy, Trent, Trish, Ursula, Vicki, Walt, Whitney, Wynn; and our men and women serving in our armed forces and their families. We offer prayers of blessing and thanksgiving for all men and women serving in the armed services, especially these persons known to us: Alex, Bianca, Casey, Christian, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Sinclair, Steve. We pray that they have safe journeys and know the loving concern of friends and family. May God watch over them and grant them strength and courage to face perils which beset them.

Readings for:

| January 3: | |
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| Christmas 2 | |

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18.

2020 Christmas Memorials

Given by:

Nancy Barlitt Barlow & Ursula Brooks

Oletta & Bob Christensen Geoffrey Durham-Smith Michael Goad

Ann & Don Morrison David & Kathy Regneri

Rick & Mason Rummel

Doug Sanders & Todd Brown

Ed & Barbara Staats Joe & Anne Willis Lou & Bonnie Young

Given by:

Gene Bechtel

Mike Berry Margaret Dry

Geoffrey Durham-Smith

Peter & Alissa Finnis EJ & Kathryn Golightly Charlie & Melanie Hawkins

Fofo Johnson

Earl T. Lentz

POINSETTIAS MEMORIAL

In loving memory of her husband, Harl Barlitt, Jr. In loving memory of Barlow Brooks, Sr., Virginia Brooks, Kim Brooks McDonough, and Virginia Dobroth. In loving memory of Tony & Juhree Hilinski. In thanksgiving for his wife, Diana. In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Goad; Mr. & Mrs. James Goad; Mr. & Mrs. Seth Holleman. In loving memory of Susan Grostic and Eric Grostic. In loving memory of Sam, Alice and Nelson Kelley and Anthony, Maude, Joseph and Louis Regneri. In thanksgiving for their children: Bennett & Christina, Annie, Emma and granddaughter, Ellie. In thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Anderson, Max, Sophia, Theo, Luke, Harper, Brooks. In thanksgiving for our family's health and safety. In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren. In loving memory of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. Louis D. Young and Mr. & Mrs. William E. Burch.

WREATH MEMORIAL

In loving memory of Carol Bechtel, Paul & Bertha Bechtel, and Chuck & Jacqueline Rundio.
In loving memory of his mother, Helen J. Berry.
In loving memory of Gene Johnson (Gummy) and Helen
Dry. In thanksgiving for Fofo Johnson (Mam).
Love, Margaret, Dan, Hayden and Meagan
In thanksgiving for our children, Harrison, Mackenzie and Sydney.

Love, Geoffrey & Diana In thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren. In thanksgiving for their grandchildren. In thanksgiving for their grandchildren, Jackson and Caroline. In thanksgiving for her grandchildren and her great grandchildren. In loving memory of Martha lean Lentz and Thomas Allan

In loving memory of Martha Jean Lentz and Thomas Allan Lentz.

Elizabeth Pichea & family

Gene & Judy Pope Rick & Mason Rummel Doug Sanders & Todd Brown

Given by:

Barlow & Ursula Brooks Geoffrey Durham-Smith EJ & Kathryn Golightly Peter & Alissa Finnis

Fofo Johnson

Earl T. Lentz

David & Kathy Regneri Cindy Reinhart

Rick & Mason Rummel Larry & Brenda Stettenbenz

Waverly & Brenda Townes

<u>Given by:</u>

Lynn & Pat Cline

In honor of Gene & Judy Pope.
Love their children, Elizabeth & Mark Pichea, Mary & Tim Quinn, and Tom & Melisa Pope.
In thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.
In loving memory of his mother, Carole G. Rummel.
In loving memory of Suanne Sanders, Ron L. Brown, and John C. Dunlap.

MUSIC MEMORIAL

In memory of all past members of our parish. In loving memory of his mother, Dorothy Lois Smith. In thanksgiving for their grandchildren. In loving memory of their parents, James & Mary Finnis and Thornton & Alison Brown. In loving memory of Gene Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Wymond and Mr. & Mrs. Angereau Gray. In loving memory of Martha Jean Lentz and Thomas Allan Lentz. In thanksgiving for Erin, Daniel and Alice Regneri. In loving memory of Robert "Rags" Gritton. Love Cindy Reinhart and Mary Dott Gritton. In loving memory of her mother, Laura K. Bennett. To the Glory of God and in honor of blessed family members; Joel & Monica Layton, James Layton, Casey, Amber & Leighton Baldwin, Tom, Lauren, Drake & Paisley Stettenbenz and Jackson Turley. Also, in honor of Lisa Lewis and the Music Ministry of St. Luke's. In loving memory of his mother, Anne Thweatt Townes.

ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIAL

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Edna May Cline, Wallace H. Cline, Olivia S. Bell, Dr. Horace J. Bell, Martha A. Cline, Paul Rowan Cline, John H. Cline, Sarah Francis Cline, Michelle Rucker, Gary L. Rucker, Kenneth J. Ulmer, Steven D. Ulmer, Edward Renfro, and Dorothy Renfro.