



# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

*The Anglican Province of America*

## *Christmas Eve*

*Mass with Lessons and Carols*

### Opening Acclamations

Minister: The Lord is my Light and my Salvation

People: **Our God shall change the darkness into Light**

Minister: Blessed art thou, O Lord God, Creator of day and night: unto thee be praise and glory forever. As darkness falls thou dost renew thy promise to reveal among us the light of thy presence. By the light of Christ, the living Word, dispel the darkness of our hearts, that we may walk as children of the light and sing thy praise throughout the world. Blessed be God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost:

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### Lighting of the Christmas Candle

Surge, illumina, Solo: The Rev. Fr. Brian Oldfield

Opening Carol **O come all ye faithful** Hymn #12 verses 1-3

## The Bidding Prayers of the Christmas Vigil

Beloved in Christ, on this Christmas Eve, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; 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 goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

**Our Father...**

## The Lessons and Carols

**Lesson I** The First Book of Moses called Genesis, chapter 1

**Carol I Hark the herald angels sing**      **Hymn # 27 verses 1&3**

**Lesson II** The Prophet Jeremiah, chapter 31

**Carol II** The Holly and the Ivy, solo by Chloe & Allister Cunningham

**Lesson III** The Prophet Zachariah, chapter 2

**Carol III God rest ye merry gentlemen**      **Hymn # 40 verses 1&3**

**Lesson IV** The Prophet Isaiah, chapter 7

**Carol IV I know a rose tree springing**                      **Hymn # 17 verses 1-3**

**Lesson V** The Prophet Micah, chapter 5

**Carol V O little town of Bethlehem**                      **Hymn # 21<sup>2nd</sup> verses 1,2,5**

**Lesson VI** The Gospel According to St. Matthew, chapter 1

**Carol VI Of the Father's love begotten**                      **Hymn # 20 verses 1-3**

**Lesson VII** The Gospel According to St. Luke, chapter 2

**Carol VII** O holy night

*The babe is laid in the manger, The offerings are received*

*The Altar is set for Holy Communion*

### **The Collect for Christmas**

Grant, we beseech thee Almighty God, that as thou hast poured forth upon us the Light of tine incarnate Word; so he, who doth illuminate our hearts by faith, may likewise in all our works show forth his brightness; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

### **The Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

### Confession of Sin and Absolution

**A**lmighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Sursum Corda

The musical notation consists of four lines of music on a five-line staff. The first line is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit." The second line is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord." The third line is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God." The fourth line is for the People, with lyrics: "It is meet and right so to do." Each line of music includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

### Proper Preface

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

BECAUSE thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man, of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with Angels, etc.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying

## Sanctus with Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be  
to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: John Merbecke (1510?-1585?); adapt. *Hymnal* 1982

## The Consecration

*According to the Canon of the first Book of Common Prayer (1549)*

O God heavenly Father, which of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption, who made there (by his one oblation once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world, and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us, to celebrate a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again:

Hear us (O merciful Father) we beseech thee; and with thy holy spirit and word, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify these thy gifts, and creatures of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ.

Who in the same night that he was betrayed: took bread, and when he had blessed, and given thanks: *he brake it*, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper *he took the cup*, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: drink ye all of this, for this is my blood of the new Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for remission of sins: do this as oft as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution

of thy dearly beloved Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, we thy humble servants do celebrate, and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, the memorial which thy Son hath willed us to make, having in remembrance his blessed passion, mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, rendering unto thee most hearty thanks, for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same, entirely desiring thy Fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our Sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving: most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee (O Lord) our self, our souls, and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee: humbly beseeching thee, that whosoever shall be partakers of this holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ: and be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with thy Son Jesus Christ, that he may dwell in them, and they in him.

And although we be unworthy (through our manifold sins) to offer unto thee any Sacrifice: Yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, and command these our prayers and supplications, by the Ministry of thy holy Angels, to be brought up into thy holy Tabernacle before the sight of thy divine majesty; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost: all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. Amen.

#### The Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

#### The Communion Hymns

Away in a manger

Hymn # 43

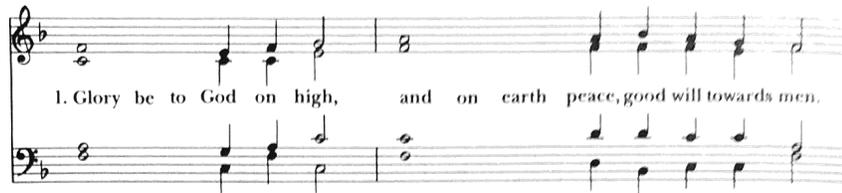
Silent night, holy night

Hymn # 33

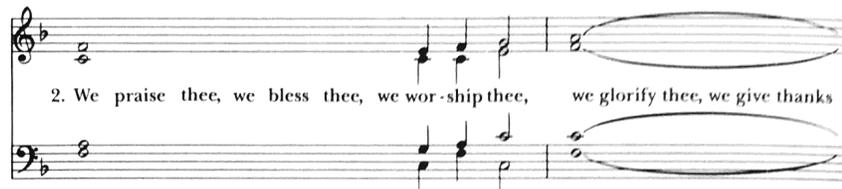
### The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**A**lmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

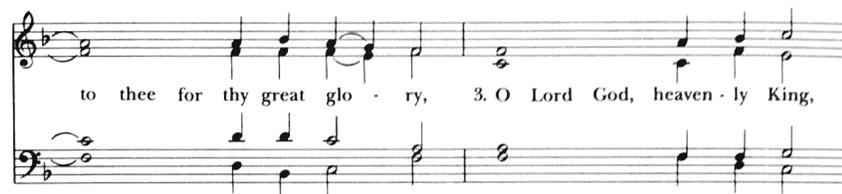
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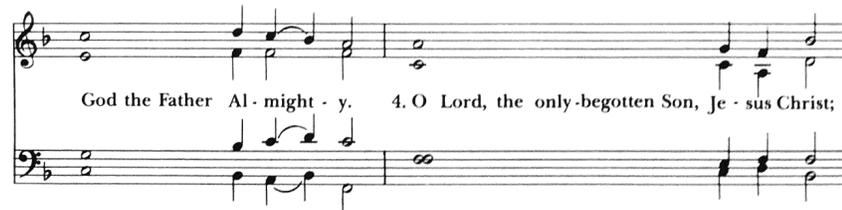
1. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.



2. We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks



to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly King,



God the Father Al - might - y. 4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

5. that takest away the sins of the world. have mercy up - on us.

6. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up-on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. Thou only, O Christ,

with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

The Post Communion Prayer

The Benediction

The Recessional **Joy to the world!**

**Hymn # 775**

The Last Gospel St. John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.

Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia! Unto us a Child is born!

People: **O come, let us adore him. Alleluia!**

Deacon: Depart in peace!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

# Epiphany



## *The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles*

**Friday, January 5, 2018**

**5:00 PM**      **Mass of the Feast of the Epiphany (transferred from Jan. 6th)**

**6:00 PM**      **First Friday Fellowship / 12 Days of Christmas Party**

Featuring “King Cake” and the annual crowning of the Parish King or Queen along with special treats. Guests, we invite you to join us for our Epiphany party. Members, please bring an appetizer or “finger food” to share.

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