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Christmas Eve
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

December 24, 2021 Four and Eight O'Clock

PRELUDE	<i>Andante sostenuto</i> (Symphonie Gothique)	Charles-Marie Widor
	<i>The Holly and the Ivy</i>	Herbert Sumsion
	<i>What Is This Lovely Fragrance</i>	Paul Manz
	<i>Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen</i>	Johannes Brahms
	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>	Robert Hebble
	<i>Carol Rhapsody</i>	Richard Purvis
	<i>Poem Mystique (It came upon the midnight clear)</i>	Purvis
	Randy Elkins, <i>organ</i>	

HYMN: 83	<i>O come, all ye faithful</i> stanzas 1, 3, 6	setting: David Willcocks
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THE WORD OF GOD

Book of Common Prayer page 355

OPENING SENTENCES
COLLECT FOR PURITY

HYMN: 96	<i>Angels, we have heard on high</i>
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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:6-12

Lector A Reading from Isaiah.

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Lector The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 97

chant: Jerome Webster Meachen

- 1 The Lord is King; let the earth **rejoice**; *
 let the multitude of the isles be **glad**.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round **about him**, *
 righteousness and justice are the foundations of his **throne**.
- 3 A fire goes **before him** *
 and burns up his enemies on every **side**.
- 4 His lightnings light up the **world**; *
 the earth sees it and is **afraid**.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the **Lord**, *
 at the presence of the Lord of the whole **earth**.
- 6 The heavens declare his **righteousness**, *
 and all the peoples see his **glory**.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false **gods!** *
Bow down before him, all you **gods.**

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah **rejoice,** *
because of your judgments, O **Lord.**

9 For you are the Lord,
most high over all the **earth;** *
you are exalted far above all **gods.**

10 The Lord loves those who hate **evil;** *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the **wicked.**

11 Light has sprung up for the **righteous,** *
and joyful gladness for those who are true**hearted.**

12 Rejoice in the Lord, you **righteous,** *
and give thanks to his holy **Name.**

THE SECOND READING: Titus 3:4-7.

Lector A Reading from the book of Titus.

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Lector The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

SEQUENCE HYMN: 102 *Once in royal David's city* stanzas 1, 2, 5, 6

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2: 1--20

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

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.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Della Wager Wells

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Book of Common Prayer, page 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

Book of Common Prayer, page 392

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Book of Common Prayer page 360

THE PEACE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Winter's Snow

music: Peter Niedmann
words: Edward Caswell

See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below;
see the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years: *refrain*

*Hail, thou everblessed morn; Hail, redemption's happy dawn;
sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

Say, ye holy shepherds, say what your joyful news today;
wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep? *refrain*

“As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wondrous light;
angels singing ‘Peace on earth’ told us of the Savior’s birth”: *refrain*

Teach, O teach us, holy Child, by thy face so meek and mild,
teach us to resemble thee, in thy sweet humility: *refrain*

DOXOLOGY with ALLELUIAS: HYMN 400, stanza 7

Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, *Book of Common Prayer, page 367*

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS: S114

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *Book of Common Prayer, page 364*

AGNUS DEI: S158

COMMUNION HYMN: 84

Love came down at Christmas

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER: *Book of Common Prayer, page 365*

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Night of Silence with Silent night

choir Cold are the people, winter of life, we tremble in shadows this cold endless night,
frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping, flowers that will echo the sunrise,
fire of hope is our only warmth, weary, its flame will be dying soon.

Voice in the distance, call in the night, on wind you enfold us, you speak of the light,
gentle on the ear you whisper softly, rumors of a dawn so embracing,
breathless love awaits darkened souls, woe will we know of the morning.

***all* Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

choir Spirit among us, shine like the star, your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar,
shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely, rising in the warmth of your Son's love,
star unknowing of night and day, Spirit we wait for your loving Son.

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

HYMN:100

Joy to the World

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Adeste Fideles

Eric Thiman

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