

EMMANUEL CHURCH NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

DECEMBER 24, 2022

CHRISTMAS EVE

We share our home, building a vibrant, loving community.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

4:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
Christmas Carol Medley
Ave Maria

Dan Forrest
Lani Smith
Bach/Gounod

HYMN 83

O come, all ye faithful
Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 6

CHRIST CANDLE

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING SENTENCES, Book of Common Prayer (BCP) page 355

COLLECT FOR PURITY, prayed together

GLORIA: Hymn S278

William Mathias

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 [this day] 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 FIRST READING

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. *-Isaiah 9:2-7*

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

PSALM 96



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 people with his **truth**.

THE SECOND READING

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.

-Titus 2:11-14

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE: Hymn 105 *God rest you merry, gentlemen*

Stanza 1 & 2 all, Stanza 3 soloist, Stanza 4 all

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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!"

-Luke 2:1-14

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE RESPONSE: Hymn 96 *Angels we have heard on high*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Meaghan Brower

THE NICENE CREED, BCP, page 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form VI, BCP, page 392

CONFESSION

THE PEACE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Anthem *O Holy Night* Adolphe Adam
Presentation of Gifts: Hymn 112, Stanza 4 (*In the bleak midwinter*)
What can I bring him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd boy, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wiseman I would do my part; but what I can I give him, give my heart.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP page 367

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS: Hymn S128 William Mathias

THE LORD'S PRAYER: BCP, page 364

FRACTION ANTHEM: S158 *O Lamb of God* Healey Willan

COMMUNION ANTHEM *In the Bleak Midwinter* Harold Darke

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER, BCP, page 365

HYMN 111 *Silent night, holy night*

BLESSING

HYMN 87 *Hark! the herald angels sing*

POSTLUDE *Christmas Carol Fantasy* Richard Purvis

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GIFTS TO EMMANUEL CHURCH FOR POINSETTIAS

Suzanna Laramee

in honor of John Laramee, Della Wells, Steve and Jennie Huttler,
Randy Elkins and my fellow Musicians' Circle members.
In memory of my mother, Shirley Robinson.

Debra and Perry Venancio, Sr.

in memory of James and Paula Ottilige and Alfred and Helen Venancio.

Mary Twichell

in memory of Heath Twichell.

David and Marcia Monroe

in great thanksgiving for our family, past, present and future!

Jim and Nina Kaull

in memory of Jim Kaull, Charles and Hilda Kaull.

Sandy and Ken Chapman

in Memory of James and Paula Ottilige and Frederick and Theresa Chapman.

Lyndsay and Ryan Brown

in memory of James and Paula Ottilige, Frederick and Theresa Chapman,
Steve and Sue Winiger, Dan Brown, Richard Winiger and Clifford and Glee Winiger.

Sandy Chapman and Debbi Venancio

in memory of our grandparents Ann and Arthur Peckham and Charles and Aimee Ottilige.

Valerie and Michael Martin

in memory of our parents, Helen & William Lynch and Ruth and John F "Pepper" Martin;
our siblings Michele Suzanne Lynch, and Gizzi and Jack Martin;
and of Michael's aunt and uncle, Hilma and Charles Ackroyd.

Nancy Allan

in memory of Jack Allan and Tiuu and Don Booth.

Mary Newton
in memory of Brad Gray.

David Thalmann
in memory of my parents, The Rev. Canon Frederick E. Thalmann
and Caroline Hobart Gray Thalmann.

Philip Ragsdale
in memory of my mother, Lois B. Ragsdale.

Joyce-Ann Michaels
in memory of Harold S. Kenyon, Elizabeth Kenyon, Ruth Anthony,
Kathleen Christie, George Michaels & George Michaels, Jr.
In thanksgiving for our son Benjamin Michaels.

David and Lorraine Frazier
in memory of Molly Frazier, Sarah Quinn, and Thelma McDade.

Deb Roberts
in memory of Carter and Isobel Roberts.

Deb Roberts and Nilda Aponte
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Lil Hargrove
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Caroline Roggero
in memory of Clarence & Ruth Erickson, Marin Carside and Barbara Pilotte.

Shirley and Tom Rodrigues
in memory of deceased members of the Carr and Rodrigues families,
John Sleeper and Jeffrey La Pierre.

The Rev. Della Wager Wells and Jere Wells
in memory of Robert E. Wells, Elena Wells Harrison,
Rupert and Rose Anne Wager, and Carman Hill.

Randy Elkins
in memory of Joseph F. Elkins, Mary Estelle Wells Elkins
and Roy and Mabel Baldwin. In thanksgiving for Mary Sidney Elkins,
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