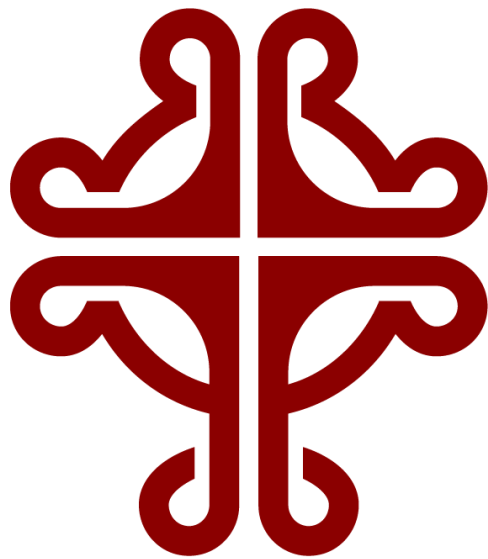


EMMANUEL CHURCH
NEWPORT



Christmas Eve
2023

WE SHARE OUR HOME, BUILDING A VIBRANT, LOVING COMMUNITY

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II + 4:00 P.M.

PRELUDE

The Musicians' Circle and guests

the people stand to sing

HYMN 102, *the first verse is sung by a soloist*

1 Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild;
Jesus Christ, her little child.

2 He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

4 For he is our life-long pattern;
day when on earth he grew;
he was tempted, scorned, rejected;
tears and smiles like us he knew;
thus he feels for all our sadness,
and he shares in all our gladness.

5 And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child who seemed so helpless
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

THE WORD OF GOD

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY, *prayed aloud by all*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 100

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the World! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY, *prayed aloud by all*

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, *please remain seated and sing with the choir*



Sing to the Lord a new **song**; *

sing to the Lord, all the whole **earth**.

Sing to the Lord and bless his **Name**; *

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to **day**.

Declare his glory among the **nations** *

and his wonders among all **peoples**.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be **praised**; *

he is more to be feared than all **gods**.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but **idols**; *

but it is the Lord who made the **heavens**.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his **presence**! *

Oh, the power and the splendor of his **sanctuary**!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the **peoples**; *

ascribe to the Lord honor and **power**.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his **Name**; *

bring offerings and come into his **courts**.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of **holiness**; *

let the whole earth tremble **before him**.

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**."

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**.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he **comes**, *

when he comes to judge the **earth**.

¶ 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**

the people stand and sing

FOR THE SEQUENCE, Hymn 101

1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,

the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,

the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,

but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.

I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,

and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay

close by me forever and love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,

and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Priest 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!"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

-Luke 2:1-14

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Della Wager Wells

THE NICENE CREED, *recited together, 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (*silence, then...*) For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

We pray for Xay, our mayor, Dan our governor, Joe our president and for this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians, for all people of the land. While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honor as your children, for to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Della+, our rector, +Nicholas, our bishop, +Michael, our presiding bishop, ++Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, ...

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer...

In the Emmanuel Church cycle of prayer,

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation we ask your prayers for ... hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Carolyn Wells who died December 18, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

(*silence, then...*) **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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AT THE OFFERTORY

Candlelight Carol

John Rutter

How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How can you measure the love of a mother? Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?
Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow shine on his cradle 'til breaking of dawn.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing "The Christ child is born."

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him. Seraphim 'round him, their vigil will keep.
Nations proclaim him their Lord and their saviour, but Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep.
Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow shine on his cradle 'til breaking of dawn.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing "The Christ child is born."

for the presentation of gifts the people stand and sing

HYMN 380, stanza 3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below,
praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. ... who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

HYMN 5128

William Mathias

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Then the Priest continues We give thanks to you, O God,
concluding... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Priest and People

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Priest continues And we offer our sacrifice of praise ... *concluding...*we are bold to say:

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.

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

HYMN 5165

William Mathias

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER, *prayed aloud together, standing, kneeling or sitting as you prefer*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN III

1 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.

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

3 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.

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

HYMN 87

1 Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

3 Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

POSTLUDE

Christmas Carol Rhapsody

Richard Purvis

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December 25 10:00 a.m. Community Service at Trinity Church, The Rev. Della Wager Wells, *preacher*
December 31 8:00 a.m. No Service, 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite 2 with Carols and Jazz

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