



HOLY EUCHARIST, 10:30 PM
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
DECEMBER 24, 2022

TODAY'S ART

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Albrecht Altdorfer (1480 – February 12, 1538)

German

The Nativity of Christ

c 1513

Oil on lime panel

State Museums in Berlin

The Holy Family, almost hidden, has found makeshift shelter on the lower floor of the ruins of the stable. Mary and Joseph adore the child, which is carried in a cloth by three angels. Joseph holds his hand around the candle-flame to prevent it from being blown out by the draft. In fact this is intended to indicate that the celestial light of the divine child completely outshines the glow of the earthly light. The star, surrounded by a brightly glowing aureole, remains above the stable in Bethlehem and illuminates the darkness of the night. Alongside it, three angels hover in the sky singing the “Gloria”. Another has appeared in a cloud of light in the background on the left, in order to proclaim the joyous event of Christ’s birth to a shepherd in the field. The little picture is filled with celestial light, reflected in the foliage on the tree, the dilapidated stable walls and even the grass on the ground. It creates a dreamy, mysterious atmosphere that takes the events of the holy night away from reality.

Prestel Museum Guides – Berlin Picture Gallery, 2017
<https://recherche.smb.museum/detail/871150>

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

December 24, 2022

Beginning at 10:30 pm, we have special music,
with guest guitarist, Tanja Mirić.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel	Tanja Mirić
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	Tanja Mirić
O Come to My Heart Lord Jesus	Ruben Weaver
Once in Royal David's City	Tanja Mirić
Jesu Bambino	Lisa Amelse
In the Bleak Midwinter	Tanja Mirić
There Were Angels Hovering Round	Choir
What Child is This	Tanja Mirić
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly	Tanja Mirić

THE WORD OF GOD

We prepare for our time together.

We take our places and allow the peaceful quiet to center and calm us.

The bold portions are the parts the congregation says together.

Liturgy of the Word

The first part of the service is the Liturgy of the Word: We hear the sacred story of scripture, the sermon, and pray for God's work in us and in the world.

The Collect of the Day

changes each Sunday. These prayers (or "collects") are adapted from the first Book of Common Prayer, written by Thomas Cranmer in 1549.

Prelude

Processional Hymn

O come, all ye faithful

Hymnal 83

The Celebrant says

People Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

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 of Praise

Angels we have heard on high (v. 1,4)

Hymnal 96

Collect of the Day

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

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

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.

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

Psalm 96

Lector We will say the Psalm in unison.

- 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.**

The Psalm (or Canticle) is our response to hearing the first lesson.

- 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 peoples with his truth.

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Lector A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Hymnal 87

The Gospel Lesson:

Luke 2:1-20

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!"

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

We stand to indicate the importance we place of Jesus' words and actions. The **Gospel** book comes into the midst of the people and all turn toward the reader.

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.**

Sermon

The Rev. Amy Morehous

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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.**

We use the **Nicene Creed** on Sundays, and the Apostle's Creed for Baptism. Both are ancient statements of faith.

The Prayers of the People

Come let us adore Christ, the Lord. Let us pray, “Glorious Lord, grant us your peace.”

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: Make joyful our hearts. Strengthen your Church with humility and faith that we might triumph over the power of evil.

Glorious Lord, grant us your peace.

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you abhor neither the simple nor the lowly. Shine your light on all the world that the nations may look upon your truth and find their salvation.

Glorious Lord, grant us your peace.

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: may all of creation burst forth in songs of praise. May all the works of your hand glorify you.

Glorious Lord, grant us your peace.

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: summon the people of all the cities to yourself. May all of the distractions and heartache of our lives fade away in the joy of your presence.

Glorious Lord, grant us your peace.

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you love us so dearly. Grant your healing grace to sinners, to the poor, to those in need of love. Open your arms to the sick and the lonely, and especially

Lynda; Amanda B.; Alan; Sue; Millie; Meghan; Tom & Sara; Aimee; Mary Carol; Jean M.; Andrew & Cath; Jerry & Nancy; Carolyn & Vince; Milton; Jim & Jane, Kathleen; Sarah; Ben; Steve; Randy; Oliver & Meghan and family; Tom & Karen; and all who are suffering the effects of the war in Ukraine.

Glorious Lord, grant us your peace.

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: all glory be given to you. You blessed our earthly bodies with your birth; and you promise to raise us to new life by your death and resurrection.

Glorious Lord, grant us your peace.

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Our **Prayers of the People** change each Sunday to echo our scripture readings. You are also welcome to add your own prayers.

The **Confession of Sin** helps us examine our hearts, and hear of God's forgiveness.

In the **Peace**, we affirm our reconciliation with one another as preparation for receiving communion. (See Matthew 5:23-24) In ancient times, Christians would greet

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**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 Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

BCP 360

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn

How Far Is It to Bethlehem?

There are a number of **Eucharistic Prayers** that we use at Resurrection. This is Prayer A from the Book of Common Prayer. Eucharistic Prayer A is a shorter, modern adaptation based on the prayers of previous American Books of Common Prayer.

“Eucharist” comes from “eucharistia” - Greek for “thanksgiving.”

The Sanctus (Latin - “holy”) praises God, and is the song of the seraphim in Isaiah’s vision of the Lord. (Isaiah 6:1-3) It is said or sung by all the people together; some bow during it as a gesture of reverence to God.

Why do some stand, and some kneel? Kneeling during the Eucharistic prayer first began in the 13th century, but

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

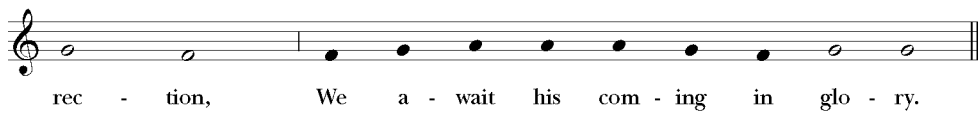
Then the Celebrant continues

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.”

Celebrant
 There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,
Celebrant and People
 We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -



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 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.

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 for ever.



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

standing was the original custom (early churches didn't have pews or chairs - just open space). Either is correct - choose what feels prayerful for you. Perhaps try both and see.

The Great Amen is the only word in our Book of Common Prayer in all capital letters. It is the people's affirmation of all that has gone before, and has been a practice since the 2nd century.

Receiving Communion

All are welcome at God's table. Hold out your hands and you will be given the bread. For now, wine is available both in individual cups and from the chalice. Please partake either way you feel comfortable.

Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

You have fully received communion if you receive either the bread or the wine.

Celebrant and People

**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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We encourage you to come forward to receive Holy Communion as you feel comfortable. Remain seated, and the usher will direct you forward to the communion rail. Please remain standing to receive communion, and then return to your seat by the side aisle. so that traffic flows one way.

If you would prefer communion be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know and, as always, we will be happy to do

so. If you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you prefer a blessing

Communion Hymn
The First Nowell

Hymnal 109

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

Please sit or kneel, as you prefer.

*As we sing, the altar party will bring the light forward. Please
pass it to your neighbor as a sign of hope and joy.*

Postcommunion Hymn
Silent Night

Hymnal 111

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.

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

The final act of our common worship is the **Dismissal**. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service. The word “Mass” comes from the Latin words “missa est” - “you are sent”. Jesus’ final action on earth was to send his followers into the world to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey all that he commanded. This is what we are all called to do.

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.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior’s birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Go tell it on the mountain

Hymnal 99

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude



**Altar flowers are given to
the Glory of God and In
Loving Memory of**

Jim & Martha Brown
James & Vilah Follansbee
Betty & Warren Hammann
Consuelo Heath
Don & Margaret Hennes
Ben & Susan Kubesh
Dorothy Parker
Jane & Bill Schwindt
Deborah Weaver
Richter & Ruth Wiggall

and

In honor of all members of the Armed Services
at home and abroad

ABOUT OUR MUSICAL GUEST

Tanja Mirić, native of Bosnia and Herzegovina, has been playing the guitar for over three decades. Her academic credentials include a B.M. from Mississippi College, M.M. from Southern Methodist University and D.M.A. from University of Minnesota.

Dr. Mirić received numerous awards for her guitar playing and academic excellence. She was honored as a presidential scholar, recipient of the B.G. Walden Memorial Scholarship and was a Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges honoree.

Among her musical achievements are first place awards at Mississippi Music Teachers Association, Mississippi Federated Music Club and Mississippi Guitar Festival competitions. As a member of Duo Mirić she won the college duo and overall college division at the University of Texas at Brownsville Ensemble Festival, 2006. Duo Mirić was the featured artist in residence for the St. Louis Classical Guitar Society and was selected to perform at the Guitar Foundation of America Ensemble Showcase, Louisville, KY, Fort Worth Guitar Festival (TX), and Schubert Club Courtroom Concert series (Saint Paul, MN).

Dr. Mirić is a published author of over a dozen books featuring arrangements for solo guitar and guitar duo.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

12/04 - Ruth Hennessy
12/11 - Rosemary & Gregg Kitts
12/12 - Dave St. John
12/17 - Jerry Ploeger
12/18 - Jenny Lucas
12/22 - Paul & Jeanette Fiebke
Will & Nancy Heathcote
12/23 - Vicky St. John
12/24 - David Baumgardner
12/25 - Keytha Graves, Michael Meade
12/26 - Jessica Harper, Michael Mott
12/27 - Rame Coombes
12/30 - Tom & Karen Flood, Mel Hines

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST

Claire	Sandy
Rob & Sherry	Tom & Nancy
Lynnette	Jody
Rhonda	Janelle
Cheri	the Garretts
Jim & Jane	Richard
Missy	Penney
Joe & Dana	Amelia & family

DIOCESAN PRAYERS

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Coming Week at Resurrection

Sunday, 12/25
10:00am - Holy Eucharist

**Office Closed December 26-30
We'll be back on January 2nd!**

Monday, 12/26
7:00pm - AA (*open meeting*)

Tuesday, 12/27
1:00pm - EfM Study

Thursday, 12/29
3:30pm - AA (*women only meeting*)

Sunday, 1/1
8:00am - Holy Eucharist Service
10:30am - Holy Eucharist Service

Email office@episcopalloudon.com to have your ministry or committee's activities or meetings added to the parish calendar (and to let us know if you'd like it to appear here).

January 1st
8:00am

Acolyte/EM:
Lector:
Usher:
Chancellor:
Coffee Hour:
Flower Guild:
Altar Guild:

Judy Hadjian
Jack Lefler
Kathleen Bailey
Holly Pate
Peggy Rogers
Rosemary Kitts

January 1st
10:30am

Acolyte:
EM:
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Chancellor:
Coffee Hour:
Flower Guild:
Altar Guild:

Drew Hawley
Jackie Buttinelli
Keytha Graves
Art Stewart &
Monty Ross
David Baumgardner
Jenny Lucas
Rosemary Kitts

GLORIFYING GOD BY
REFRESHING SOULS | BRIDGING COMMUNITIES | ENGAGING PEOPLE IN SERVICE

Thank you for joining us today! We hope to see you again soon.

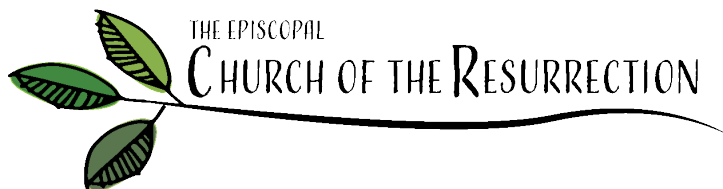
We invite you to join us for worship at 8:00 or 10:30 am each Sunday. If you are not able to visit in person, please join us at 10:30 am, live on Facebook.

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- Curious about the Episcopal Church?
Wonder why we do what we do?
- Questions about what we believe and how we worship?

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- Questions about our service?
Curious about Church of the Resurrection?
- Wondering how we're being the church in these days?

We welcome you to visit us at our website or call us at the number below.



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