

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

The Twenty-fourth of December, Two Thousand and Twenty  
Four o'clock p.m.

### THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

**Prelude**

À la Venue de Noël

C. Balfastre

### The Word of God

#### Station at the Creche

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

The glory of the Lord has been revealed.

*People*    **And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.**

*The Celebrant says*

Most merciful and loving God, you have made this day holy by the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, and by the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Grant that we your people may enter with joy into the celebration of this day, and may also rejoice for ever as your adopted sons and daughters; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

**Marvin Beinema**

#### The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

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 people sit as the Lessons are read.*

## **A Children's Liturgy for Christmas Eve: Lessons**

**Lesson One:** The Scene in Bethlehem

**Lesson Two:** No Room at the Inn

**Lesson Three:** Our Savior is Born

**Lesson Four:** The Shepherds in the Field

**Lesson Five:** The Gifts of the Magi

**Lesson Six:** Follow the Star

**\* Everyone please light your candle and hold it up to celebrate the birth of Jesus.**

**Vocal Solo**

Carol of the Birds  
Brian Shircliffe, baritone

J. William Greene

**Homily**

The Reverend Lillian Hyde

**The Nicene Creed** *Said by all, 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 worshipped  
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.**

### **The Prayers of the People For Christmas Eve**

Let us pray to God, who came among us in the birth of Jesus.

Gracious God, as a star rose, and drew people from great distances to Bethlehem that they might greet the Christ-child; Draw us, your Church, and all of your people to you, that we might be the Church and the People who you call us to be.

**Celebrant:** Lord in your mercy **People:** Hear our prayer.

As you gave Mary your Holy Spirit, filling her with delight of your Presence; fill us with your Spirit and renew our lives.

**Celebrant:** Lord in your mercy **People:** Hear our prayer.

As Gentiles streamed to Jesus' Light, and Kings to the brightness of his rising; draw our nation, our President, and all in authority, to His brightness.

**Celebrant:** Lord in your mercy **People:** Hear our prayer.

As angels sang "glorias" to you and proclaimed peace on earth and goodwill among all peoples; bring us your peace, and bring an end to terror and strife.

**Celebrant:** Lord in your mercy **People:** Hear our prayer.

As the Holy Family gathered in Bethlehem, and traveled together to far off lands; bless all families, especially the families of our parish, and protect those who travel.

**Celebrant:** Lord in your mercy **People:** Hear our prayer.

**Celebrant:** As your son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of Life Eternal; give the departed eternal rest and let light perpetual shine on them. Lord in your mercy.

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray for our own needs and those of others especially our parishioners who are sick, especially Jacque and Mike Ellis, Judy Giovannini, Leta Higgins, Joy Incaprera, Roger Lindsey, Teresa Reeves, and Eric Trout.

**Celebrant:** For those who are serving in the armed forces, especially John R. Kelley, Jarrod Johnson, John Wilkinson, Bol Lollar, John Kelso, Jr., and David Middleton.

**Celebrant:** O Lord our God, may the Light and Hope of this night, and of your Son's incarnation, reassure our hearts that you are among us, that you hear our prayers, and that you will be with us always, even to the end of the age. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth we pray. *Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

**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 Celebrant stands and 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**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **The Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory*

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

### **The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B**

*The People remain standing.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you...

### **Sanctus & Benedictus**

Marvin Beinema

*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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*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 the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we 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. **AMEN.**



**Chorale Prelude on “Silent Night”**

**Samuel Barber**

**The Blessing**

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one thing earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant dismisses the People with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**     *Organ Flourish on “Joy to the World”*     *M. G. Dell*



**LEADERS IN THE LITURGY**

**CELEBRANT**

The Reverend Lillian Hyde, Interim Rector

**LECTORS**

Children

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

Ronald Wyatt

**SOLOIST**

Brian Shircliffe, Baritone



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Susn Duif, Senior Warden, Tom Wimbrow, Junior Warden,  
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Eileen Hall, Laura Hughes, Robert Krout,  
Mike Malloy, Mary Lou Shuffler, John VanDewalli.



## TRINITY CHRISMON TREE ORNAMENTS

As you approach the altar this Christmastide, please take time to look at these beautifully hand made symbols of Christ.

A Chrismon is a Christian symbol representing Jesus Christ. The word is a combination of CHRISt and MONogram. They were used by the early Christians as symbols of their faith. Chrismons are patented designs and they must be handmade in either white or gold or in combination. White being the liturgical color for Christmas, refers to our Lord's purity and perfection and gold is symbolic of his glory and majesty. The one requirement is that Chrismons proclaim our Lord Jesus Christ through the use of traditional symbols.

Chrismon ornaments for Christmas trees were developed in 1957 by Frances Kips Spencer (1919-1990) at a Lutheran Church in Virginia. At Trinity, in the 1970's, the Saturday Morning Bible Study Guild made beautifully creative Chrismons out of Styrofoam decorated with gold beads, pearls, sequins and jewels. These Chrismons adorned our Trinity tree for over thirty years. In 2013, our Tabitha Guild began a project to replace the crumbling originals with hand-made needlepoint ornaments that currently number over 100.

*Thank you for sharing this service with us.  
A happy, healthy and blessed Christmas to each of you!*

***SUNDAY SERVICES – ONLINE ONLY BEGINNING 12/27/20***

8:00 a.m - Holy Eucharist - Rite I • 10:30 a.m - Holy Eucharist - Rite II

***WEDNESDAY EVENINGS***

5:30 p.m.- Evening Prayer (online)

***Thursday Evenings***

6:30 p.m. – Healing Service (online)



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