

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JANUARY 3, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS: THE PAGEANT

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II — 10:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

The opening music offers a time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all devices.

GATHERING MUSIC *Pastorale* Keith Chapman

Please stand, as able, at the sound of the chimes.

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMNAL #109 *The First Nowell* THE FIRST NOWELL
The Magi crèche figures arrive at the stable.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (Book of Common Prayer p. 355)

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.

People **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Hymn #96, vss. 1 & 3)

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing through the night,
And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing,
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Good News of Great Joy

SCENE I

The Prophecy of Isaiah

CAROL *(sung by all at the end of this scene)*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
free them from Satan's tyranny that trust thy mighty power to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

SCENE II

The Annunciation

CAROL *(sung by all at the end of this scene)*

**Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!**

**O that birth for ever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore!**

SCENE III

The Nativity

SCENE IV

The Shepherds

SCENE V

The Magi

CAROL *(sung by all at the end of this scene)*

**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.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
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.**

NICENE CREED *(standing, if able)* Book of Common Prayer p. 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(standing or kneeling)*

Reader Incarnate God,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Gracious God:

All **By your love you have called us to proclaim with joy
the good news of your Son: So build us up in the knowledge and love of
Him, that we may welcome all people into this community of faith, and
show forth our service to you in our service to others; through Jesus
Christ Our Lord. Amen. *(Collect for St. John's)***

THE PEACE *(standing, if able)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with those around you.

WELCOME *(Please be seated.)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to share at the Lord's table. At the altar railing you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing you may indicate so by crossing your arms. The common loaf is gluten-free.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

VOLUNTARY *Away in a Manger* K. Chapman

PRESENTATION *(sung by all, standing if able)* OLD HUNDREDTH

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C *(The prayer may be followed in the BCP on p. 369.)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS **S-130** *(in front section of hymnal)* F. Schubert
(sung by all)

(Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.)

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, . . . Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; . . .
. . . that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and th Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People **AMEN.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC

HYMNAL #124 *What Star Is This* PUER NOBIS

HYMNAL #336 *Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus* WERDE MUNTER

HYMNAL #324 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* PICARDY

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(said by all, kneeling or standing.)*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members
of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory,
now and for ever. Amen.**

(Please stand, as able, for the closing hymn.)

HYMNAL #93 *Angels, From the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Celebrant May the babe of Bethlehem bring you peace.
May the child of Nazareth bring you joy.
May the man of Galilee bring you strength;
the Christ of Calvary bring you courage;
and the ascended Lord a foretaste of his glory.
And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, be with you this day and always.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Our worship here is ended; now let our service begin.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY *Konzert in D-moll* Vivaldi-Bach

(You are invited to move forward to the choir stalls for the final music.)

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TODAY WE PRAY WITH

Bill, Caroline, Don, Star, Bert, Wimpy, Mae, Kathleen, Linda, Glen, Norma, Ann, Mildred, Joan, Patricia, Thelma, Pat, Steve, Ginny, Jack, Camille, Susan, Pat, Christopher, Amy, Annie, and those you would add.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In thanksgiving for the life of Newton B. & Sarah S. Frost, Robin and Marguerite Baker Frost, David R. & Elizabeth Frost

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

CELEBRANT	<i>The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller</i>
PREACHER	<i>The Reverend Jered Weber Johnson</i>
DEACON	<i>The Reverend Margaret Thor</i>
ALTAR GUILD	<i>Dusty Mairs, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisby, Patty Byrne Pfalz, Phillip Baird, Bill Sherfey</i>
ORGANIST	<i>Jayson R. Engquist, Director</i>
ACOLYTES	<i>Matt Brooks, Charlie Docherty, Will Rinkoff, Thea Bishop</i>
VERGER	<i>Joan Potter</i>
USHERS & GREETERS	<i>Cammie Beattie, Jay Debertain, Mimi Pollard, Alden Drew, Phyllis Frisby, Phyllis Goff, Vern Kasseker</i>
COFFEE HOUR	<i>Pageant, Jeff Olsen and Rick Olson Families</i>

THANK YOU TO PAGEANT PARTICIPANTS

DIRECTOR *Heather Hunt*

AS WE MOVE FROM CHRISTMAS INTO EPIPHANY, WE CELEBRATE WITH OUR ANNUAL EPIPHANY PAGEANT. WE WOULD LIKE TO HEARTILY THANK ALL CHILDREN, YOUTH, PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF WHO HELP TO MAKE THIS WARM, EMBRACING CELEBRATION COME TO LIFE!

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