



Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2021  
8:00 p.m.  
St. David's Episcopal Church and School  
43600 Russell Branch Pkwy  
Ashburn, VA

Processional

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;**

*Refrain:*

**O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**True God of True God, Light from Light eternal,  
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten, not created; (*Refrain*)**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:  
glory to God, glory in the highest; (*Refrain*)**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; (*Refrain*)**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Christ Candle

Reader: During Advent, we have journeyed in faith toward God's wondrous gift.

**People: O come, let us adore him.**

Reader: During Advent, we stood in awe of God's saving grace.

**People: O come, let us adore him.**

Reader: During Advent, we recalled the promise of God's spoken word.

**People: O come, let us adore him.**

Reader: During Advent, we waited for the time of God's glorious arrival.

**People: O come, let us adore him.**

Reader: Tonight our waiting is over, our eyes are open, and the gift is given.

**People: O come, let us adore him.**

Reader: Tonight, we light all the candles on the Advent Wreath. The first candle reminds us to recapture the wonder of the season. In the midst of repeated refrains and familiar stories, Advent is a time to be awed by the God who came to restore our world. The second candle calls us to remember the promises of old, that from the dawn of creation all things have unfolded according to God's redemptive plan. The third candle calls us to listen to the God who still speaks to us today. Advent is a time to hear afresh the joy of God's reconciling love that beckons us homeward. The fourth candle calls us to reawaken our sense of expectation and behold the miraculous in our day and time. Tonight, we light the Christ candle, rejoicing in the Good News of the holy birth, the hope of humanity and the light of the world.

Celebrant and People: **Gracious God, thank you for guiding us throughout this season of wonder. We stand amazed at the promise now fulfilled and awed by your humble birth. Help us receive, again, the joy and wonder of the greatest gift offered to the world. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our newborn King. Amen.**

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Gloria

**Gloria! Gloria!**

**Gloria! Gloria!**

**in excelsis Deo!**

**in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria! in excelsis Deo!**

**Glorious is Thy name Almighty Lord!**

**Gloria! in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria! Gloria!**

**Gloria! Gloria!**  
**in excelsis Deo!**  
**Gloria! in excelsis Deo!**

**Blessing and honor be to God forever and ever-more!**  
**Blessing and honor be to God forever and ever-more!**  
**Blessing forever and ever-more! Gloria!**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect

**People: Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96:1-3,11-13



The Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

**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 hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!**

*Refrain:*

**Hark! the herald angels sing,  
glory to the newborn King!**

**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 Immanuel! (*Refrain*)**

**Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
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. (*Refrain*)**

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

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

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 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.**

Homily

Rev. Mary Kay Brown

## The Nicene Creed

**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

Leader: Standing on the threshold of Christmas, we offer our prayers spoken together and also the prayers of our hearts, praying for ourselves, our church, our community, and our world. As we draw closer to the birth of Jesus, we pray that we remain a faithful community witnessing to God's gifts of love. On this holy night, O God,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God chose Mary to bear the child Jesus. Pray that we may have the humility and strength to respond to God's calls to bring forth mercy and forgiveness to a hurting world. Help us build beloved community. On this holy night, O God,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God raised up David the shepherd boy as a powerful leader, and God overturns our ideas of power and privilege. Pray for God's blessing and wisdom for those responsible for our common life, especially leaders in government and commerce, scientists, medical workers, teachers, and service workers. On this holy night, O God,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: As God's light pierces these days of darkness, we pray for the warmth of Jesus' love to be near to those enduring hardship and suffering, especially those who are lonely, incarcerated,

homeless, battling diseases of mind and body. Bless all those affected by this ongoing pandemic. Give us the will and heart to care for one another. On this holy night, O God,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: In the promise of eternal life in Christ, we pray for rest for the departed and comfort for those who grieve. On this holy night, O God,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Prepare our hearts, O God, to make room for your love to grow in us, that we may be fruitful bearers of Christ's message of hope and peace in the world. As we discover your Word made flesh in Jesus, may we find ourselves ever more deeply drawn into the divine image that you have implanted in each of us. Increase our trust that with you, Loving God, nothing is impossible. We offer our prayer in the name of the Holy Child.

**People: Amen.**

Confession

**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.**

Absolution

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Offertory

“Of the Father’s Love”

THE HOLY COMMUNION  
The Great Thanksgiving-Prayer A

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: 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; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

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

*The Celebrant Continues:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*The Celebrant continues:*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

*Celebrant and People:*

**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 forever. AMEN.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

“The First Nowell”

**The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

*Refrain:*

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night. *(Refrain)***

**And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went. *(Refrain)***

**This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay. *(Refrain)***

**Then entered in those wise men three  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence,  
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *(Refrain)***

**Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
that hath made Heaven and earth of naught,  
and with His blood our life hath bought. *(Refrain)***

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**People: Almighty God and Father of light, your eternal Word came down from heaven in the silent watches of the night, and now your Church is filled with wonder and light at the nearness of our God. Open our hearts to receive this light, that our lives may be filled with his glory and his peace; who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.**

Candle Lighting Hymn      “Silent night, holy night” *Stille Nacht*      Hymn 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.  
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!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**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.  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

Benediction

Recessional      “Joy to the World” *Antioch*      Hymn 100

**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.**

**Joy to the earth! 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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**Celebrant:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Postlude

*Please join us tomorrow for one service on Saturday, December 25th at 10:00am.*

*There will be one traditional service at 10:00am on December 26th.*

*Our regular worship services resume in January:*

*Sunday, January 2nd*

*9:00 am—Contemporary service with band*

*11:00 am—Traditional service with organ and choir*

*The office will be closed December 27th– December 31st.*

*We will reopen at 9:00am Monday morning, January 3rd.*

*For pastoral care, call 703-729-7481.*

Prayer List:

Pray for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit: Colgate, Mary, John, Abby, Ken, Annie, Janet, Ginny, Stacey, Zakary, Madeline, Bob, Sofia, Richard, Michele, Madison, Len, Grace, Shirley, Sasha, Joyce and all those being prayed for by our prayer teams.

We pray for those who have died: Richard, Pat, Gene, Jerry, David, Margaret, Kelly, Anita, Stefan, Marvin, Heather and Rebecca; and those who have lost a loved one through death: the Whitlock family, the Nutwell family, the Hayes family, the Sonnthal family, the Yealdhall family, the Mellish family, the Simmons family and the Steed family.

We pray for our clergy, vestry, ministries, church staff, school staff, parents, and children.

Loving God, we pray for all those who continue to be affected by the pandemic.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### ***Christmas Floral Dedications***

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and:*

*in loving memory of Ted Dudley and Rachel Dudley by Deb Stafford*

*in thanksgiving for all of our blessings by the Maller family*

*in loving memory of Jean, Carol and George Patrick, Ruth and Philip Quinn  
by Jim and Nancy Quinn*

*in loving memory of Joan Berger and Carol Jean and Gerald Kellen  
by the Kellen family*

*in loving memory of Bernie Halprin by Jackie Halprin*

*in thanksgiving for our family by Larry and Norma Davis*

*in thanksgiving for blessings received by Penny Gerds and Richard O'Connor*

*in thanksgiving for my wonderful family by Debbie Ryan*

*in loving memory of Cora Kohlhoss by L.A. Hurst and Michele Perry*

*in celebration of our son Russell and his wife Kelsey and their first child due  
in January; prayers for a safe delivery by David and Pamela Moore*

*in thanksgiving for all who make St. David's a wonderful and welcoming church home by the  
Peiler family*

*in thanksgiving for my family and in loving memory of those who have gone before  
by Norma Patterson*

*in prayer for the financial recovery for St David's and in thanksgiving for Mary Kay's light  
through these dark days by Margot Culhane*

*in loving memory of Margaret Whitlock, the most amazing and loving wife mother and  
grandmother by the Whitlock, Mesecher and Lee families*

*in loving memory of Rev. Wright Johnson and Mary Lou Davis, Clayton and Ruby  
Parsons, David Johnson, Michael Hatcher, and all those dear to us who have died;  
and in thanksgiving for the ministry of Rev. Mary Kay Brown  
by Bruce and Bobbie Johnson*

*in thanksgiving for the staff, vestry, trustees and leaders of St. David's, for their  
commitment and dedication to our covenant community; and in honor of my mother, Lois Reese,  
in gratitude for many beautiful memories of Christmas pasts  
by Mary Kay Brown*

