

CHRISTMAS EVE

Festive Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER 24, 2025 8PM

Prelude

Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella

arr. Mark Hayes

Lights will be turned off

Word of Welcome

Musical Offering

Gropwn-Up Christmas List

Christ Church Choir David Foster & Linda Thompson Jenner

Candle Lighting

Celebrant The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

People *And we beheld his glory.*

Processional Hymn

O come, all ye faithful

Hymn #83

Verses 1 & 2 in English

Verses 3 & 4 in Arabic

Blessing of the Creche *Said in both Arabic & English*

Celebrant Let us pray:

Most gracious God, for our salvation you were born and manifested in a human body: Help us to see your likeness in women and men of all nations, races, and cultures, that we may rejoice in our diversity and live together as one; in the name of your Child, our Savior Jesus Christ, given to us this holy night.

(St. Anthanasius, 4th C, Women's Uncommon Prayer)

People *Amen.*

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

People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The 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.

People *Amen.*

The Lessons (People sit)

From the Hebrew Bible

Reader A reading from Isaiah (9:2-7) *Read in Arabic*

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 96:1-4, 11-13(said 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.
- 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.
- 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.

From the Epistles

Reader A Reading from Titus (2:11-14) *Read in English*

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.*

Lights turned on, candles may be extinguished

Sequence Hymn

Angels we have heard on high

Hymn #96 v. 1 & 2

Verse 1 in English

Verse 2 in Arabic

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

(People stand, as ability allows)

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now it happened in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered (for taxation). This was the first registration and occurred while Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be registered; each to their own towns. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth in to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, for he was from the house and heritage of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was betrothed and who was pregnant. So it was, that, while they were there, the time came for her to birth her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and swaddled him, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Shepherds were in that region there staying in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Most High God came upon them, and the glory of the Living God shone around them, and they were greatly terrified. But the angel said to them, "Fear not. Look! For I proclaim to you good news of great joy for all the people: For there is born to you this day a Savior who is the Messiah, the Sovereign God, in the city of David. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby swaddled and lying in a manger." And immediately there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly array, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among peoples whom God favors!" And it happened when the angels had departed from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to be, which the Sovereign God has made known to us." So they came hurrying and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. Now seeing this, they made known what had been spoken to them about this child. And all who heard marveled at what was spoken by the shepherds to them. But Mary preserved all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was just as it had been told them.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Homily

Hymn

Soloist: Marwa Hindaileh

The Nicene Creed *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 358. People stand, as ability allows) Said in both Arabic & English*

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 *(People stand, as ability allows) Said alternating Arabic & English*

Leader A As we join the shepherds and celebrate with joy the birth of Jesus Christ, let us offer prayers to God who shines the light of Christ on all creation.
For all bishops, priests and deacons who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.
People ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

Leader E For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Word of God.
For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice.
People ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

Leader A For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead.
For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.
People ***Glory and praise to you, O living God.***

Leader E Remembering the most glorious and blessed Mary and Joseph, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.
People ***To you, O Lord.***

Celebrant Source of light and gladness, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May the Rising Sun of Christ spread across the world and brighten all humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People ***Amen.***

The Peace

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

Offertory Anthem

Candlelight Carol

John Rutter

THE HOLY COMMUNION *(Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer p.367)*

The Great Thanksgiving *(People stand, as ability allows.)*

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 him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where 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, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Said in both Arabic & English

***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.

The Celebrant continues (The people kneel or stand)

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 honor his birth,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

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. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer *Said in both Arabic & English*

Celebrant As our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us, we now pray in the language of your heart.

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

BOS 17

Celebrant The bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ.

People ***We being many are one bread, one body, for we all share in one bread.***

The Communion of the People

(Honoring the example of Jesus, we welcome everyone to his table)

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

The Fathers Rose

arr. by Mark Hayes

Communion Hymn

Christmas Night

Arabic Hymn

Soloist: Marwa Hindaileh

Post Communion Prayer *Said in both Arabic & English*

BCP p. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All ***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.***

The Christmas Blessing

Celebrant May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with 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.

People ***Amen.***

Recessional Hymn

Silent Night

Bell Choir and Bilingual Congregational Singing

The Dismissal

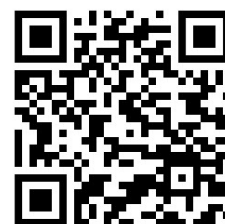
Priest Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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Christmas Flowers 2025 *In loving memory*

- Her mother Velda Taylor by Deborah Taylor
- George & Marge Shevrovich, Alonzo & Lena Oglesby, and Frank Cusato by Jan & Dallas Motsinger
- Robert & Rhea Juergens, Walter & Sarah Akey, and Connor Shea by Ron Juergens
- Howard E. Laude & E. Audrey Laude, and Gene Gullett by Jill Poske
- Carl & Dolores Gray, Myron & Bertha Gray, Otis & Norma Whitt, and Belle Weiss by Elaine Kirton
- Loved ones of the Damps Family
- Concetta Green and Edith Lane by Kevin and Margaret Green
- Patrick Rodemeyer by Christ Church Family
- Zolton & Mary Daroczy by Gillian Daroczy-Woods

In thanksgiving

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