

HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

December 24, 2023 ♦ 4:00 p.m.

*Welcome to St. Barnabas, we are delighted that you're here. We hope you'll participate fully in our worship through singing, praying, hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ, and receiving communion.
May God richly bless you as you bless us... Merry Christmas!*

PRELUDE

Noël Joyeux

Gordon Young



All stand as able at the sound of the tower bells:

CAROL (sung by all)

O come, all ye faithful

**1. 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.**

**3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest; (Refrain)**

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

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presiding Priest 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

Presiding Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presiding Priest Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

We ask that you help us to maintain our worship by refraining from any photography, video or recording. Thank you.



THE GOSPEL READING WITH CAROLS

Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20

Please join us in singing the carols.

CAROL

Silent night

1. **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.**
2. **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!**

CAROL

O little town of Bethlehem

1. **O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

CAROL

Away in a manger

1. **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.**
2. **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.**

CAROL

Hark! the herald angels sing

1. **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 host proclaim “Christ is born in Bethlehem.”
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

CAROL

Angels we have heard on high

1. **Angels we have heard on high, Singing sweetly through the night,**
And the mountains in reply Echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people pray responsively

We pray for all of the people we love and for the people we find hard to love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the people who are unhoused, poor, and for immigrants and refugees everywhere.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for people who are sick, sad or lonely, and for people who have died.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our church and our clergy.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the leaders of our country and other countries that they would govern with justice and compassion.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for peace.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the visitors who have joined us tonight. Bless them and keep them in your care.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for ourselves that we would be loving and forgiving, and that we would love as God loves.

Lord, hear our prayer.

*The presider concludes the prayers with a closing collect. The people respond **Amen.***

THE PEACE

Presiding Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.



RECTOR'S WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Remain seated. An offering of money is collected.

[You may make an offering by clicking here](#) or by scanning the QR code on the last page of your service bulletin.

CAROL (sung by all)

Go tell it on the mountain

**(Refrain) Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!**

- 1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night.
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (Refrain)**
- 2. The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)**
- 3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)**



PRESENTATION ANTHEM

Presiding Priest All things come from you, O Lord,
People and of your own have we given you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing.

Presiding Priest The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presiding Priest Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presiding Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of powr' and
 God of might. Heavn' and earth are full are
 full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est. Blest is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Blest is He who
 comes in the name - of the Lord. Ho
 san - na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

The Presiding Priest 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presiding Priest and People

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

The Presiding Priest 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. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

ACCLAMATION AFTER THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presiding Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Presiding Priest says

The gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*This is Jesus' table around which we gather, and all are welcome to receive communion.
If you prefer to receive a blessing, or not to receive wine, fold your arms across your chest as a sign.*



THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presiding Priest and People

Almighty and ever living 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.

THE BLESSING

CAROL (sung by all)

Joy to the world!

1. **Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing...**
2. **Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy...**
4. **He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love...**

DISMISSAL

The Presiding Priest dismisses the people with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PROCESSION

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso

G. F. Handel

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presiding Priest
 Organist
 Pageant Narrator
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The Rev. Karen Haig
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*We are a community of faith that welcomes and values all people.
We commit to follow Christ, serve others, grow in faith,
and transform the world by sharing God's love.*



*St Barnabas Episcopal Church acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land
of the first people of this island, the Suquamish People, who are still here,
and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of the Suquamish Tribe.*

CLERGY

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