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# The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Day

December 25, 2016

10:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher - The Reverend Canon Steven M. Roberts

*It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship begins, remembering to turn pagers and cell phones off; let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship.*

## The Word of God

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #83 ~ O come, all ye faithful (Omit Verses 4 & 5) ..... *Adeste fideles*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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. Amen.

GLORY TO GOD *Gloria in excelsis*

Prayer Book, Page 356

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* 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 FIRST LESSON ~ Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 97 *Dominus regnavit*

1 The LORD is King;

let the earth rejoice; \*

let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*

righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him \*

- and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; \*  
the earth sees it and is afraid.
  - 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
  - 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
and all the peoples see his glory.
  - 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before him, all you gods.
  - 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments, O LORD.
  - 9 For you are the LORD,  
most high over all the earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods.
  - 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
  - 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
  - 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, \*  
and give thanks to his holy Name.

**THE SECOND LESSON** ~ Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**HYMN #100** ~ Joy to the world! the Lord is come..... *Antioch*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** ~ Luke 2:1-20

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form IV)

THE PEACE

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

*People* And also with you.

Prayer Book, Page 358

Prayer Book, Page 388

## The Liturgy of the Table

AT THE OFFERTORY - O Holy Night.....*Adolphe Charles Adam*  
Casey Candebat, *Tenor*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer B

Prayer Book, Page 367

SURSUM CORDA

THE PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (*said by all*)

Prayer Book, Page 368

THE GREAT AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer Book, Page 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All persons are welcome at the Lord's table; to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing. Baptized Christians of all ages and denomination may receive the elements. To receive a blessing rather than the elements, cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar rail. To receive communion please hold out your crossed hands, open palms up, for the bread, and then help guide the chalice to your lips to receive the wine; cross your arms over your chest if you do not wish to receive the wine. Please blot lipstick before drinking from the chalice. You may also allow the chalice minister to dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue and it is permissible to receive only the bread if you like.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer Book, Page 365/366

THE BLESSING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #87 - Hark! the herald angels sing ..... *Mendelssohn*

THE DISMISSAL

*People* Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*The clergy & staff wish you a blessed Christmas.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*To all who enabled this joyous celebration* - the Altar Guild, Flower Guild, the Choir, Acolytes, Ushers, Greeters, Clergy, and Staff, we offer our sincere thanks.

*Save the dates:*

- Sunday, January 1, 2017 - The early service (1928 Prayer Book) time changes to 8:00 AM.
- Friday, January 6, 2017 - Holiday party at the home of Henry & Sandy Jackson.

*The Gardening Group meets on Saturday*, January 15 from 8am to 10am to beautify and maintain the gardens. Many thanks!

*Donors needed for Altar Flowers in Cathedral and Chapel* - Please sign up today or for more information, contact Sue Blankingship - phone 885-0773 or wyattpump1@aol.com.

*If you or a family member is hospitalized or shut-in*, please contact the parish secretary during office hours or call one of us directly on our mobile phones at any time and leave a voice message if necessary. If the situation is not urgent you may also contact us via email (copying the parish secretary as well.) Please DO NOT use text messages, Facebook or any other instant message platform to communicate sensitive or urgent information, as their reliability is inconsistent.

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## VESTRY

### 2017

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### 2018

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### 2019

Ryan Garrity, Angela Kellum, Dan LeGardeur

### 2020

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## SUNDAY 12/25

*THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST*

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist (Sung) (Cathedral)

## MONDAY 12/26

*SAINT STEPHEN, DEACON & MARTYR*

*CATHEDRAL OFFICE CLOSED*

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

## TUESDAY 12/27

*SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST*

9:30 AM Staff Meeting (Westfeldt Room)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

5:00 PM Bodytime Bootcamp (Stuart Hall)

5:30 PM Yoga (Cathedral)

6:45 PM Seekers Book Study (Advent House)

## WEDNESDAY 12/28

*THE HOLY INNOCENTS*

11:30 AM Contemplative Prayer & Book Study (Advent House)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

4:30 PM Driscoll-Yeager Wedding Rehearsal (Cathedral)

7:00 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)

## THURSDAY 12/29

12:00 PM Ladies Only A.A. Group (Martin Room)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

3:00 PM Driscoll-Yeager Wedding (Cathedral)

5:00 PM Bodytime Bootcamp (Stuart Hall)

## FRIDAY 12/30

*CATHEDRAL OFFICE CLOSED*

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

## SATURDAY 12/31

*CATHEDRAL OFFICE CLOSED*

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

## Regular Schedule of Services:

### Sundays

8:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (1928 BCP)  
10:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung)  
6:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Real Presence)

### Weekdays

12:15 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

### Saturdays

9:30 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)

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