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THE CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

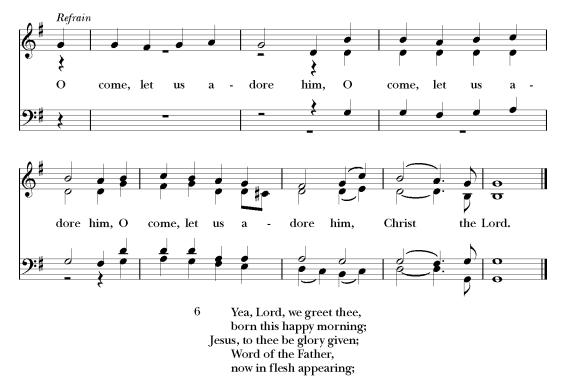
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

PROCESSIONAL HYMN





HYMNAL 83



Refrain

THE BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE

- CelebrantBlessed be God: ♥ Father, Son and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
- *Celebrant* The Glory of the Lord has been revealed!
- *People* And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.
- Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who in the Incarnation of your Son has revealed to us the holiness of creation, mercifully grant that as he humbled himself to be clothed with our humanity, so we may be found worthy, in him, to be clothed with his divinity; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People Amen.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

HYMNAL 96

HYMN OF PRAISE ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH



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.

Please be seated.



THE LESSONS

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 9:2-7

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

THE **RESPONSE**

Read responsively by the whole verse

- 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.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.

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PSALM 96

- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 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.

SECOND READING

TITUS 2:11-14

Lector A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus.

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.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able for the singing of the sequence hymn and the reading of the Holy Gospel.



SEQUENCE HYMN





THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 2:1-20

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

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated when prompted.

HOMILY

THE REVEREND EDIE HOLTON

When prompted, please stand if you are able.

NICENE CREED

People	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

Deacon On this holy night in which God joins heaven and earth, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need, responding "Come Lord Jesus, Hear Our Prayer."

We pray for the Church around the world as it celebrates the birth of Christ. Bless all those who are entrusted with Christian ministry, that your Word might be proclaimed with truth and courage across our world. Come Lord Jesus,

People Hear our prayer.

Deacon	Bestow your wisdom on all who govern, that in honoring the earth and its diverse races, cultures, and religions, we may celebrate the light of this holy night. Come Lord Jesus,
People	Hear our prayer.
Deacon	Grant reconciliation to those surrounded with conflict and violence, that they may live in the peace of this holy night. Come Lord Jesus,
People	Hear our prayer.
Deacon	We pray for all who are cold, hungry, or alone this night. Embrace with your tender care all who wander alone or have no place to lay their head, they may experience the hope of this holy night. Come Lord Jesus,
People	Hear our prayer.
Deacon	We pray for all who are anxious, depressed, or ill. Draw near to those who find this season a source of pain or grief, and to all who are suffering or sick, especially those we remember in our own hearts
	a moment of silence to remember them
People	May they may feel the comfort of this holy night. Come Lord Jesus, Hear our prayer.
Deacon People	We pray for parents, families, and newborn infants. Strengthen families in the bonds of love and commitment, that they may delight in the joy of this holy night. Come Lord Jesus,
People	Hear our prayer.
Deacon	We pray for ourselves and for the blessings of Christmas. Open our hearts to your presence, that we may be transformed by the new birth of this holy night. Come Lord Jesus,
People	Hear our prayer.
Deacon We	e give thanks for all the faithful departed who have been bearers of the Word made flesh. Give us grace to follow your holy ones in lives of faith and commitment, that we may join with the hosts of heaven in singing the praises of this holy night. Come Lord Jesus,
People	Hear our prayer.
Celebrant	All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of him who became human to die and rise again, and now lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People	Amen.

THE PEACE

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, and then be seated for the announcements.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMNAL 78

OFFERTORY HYMN

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM



Please stand if you are able.

PRESENTATION HYMN ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

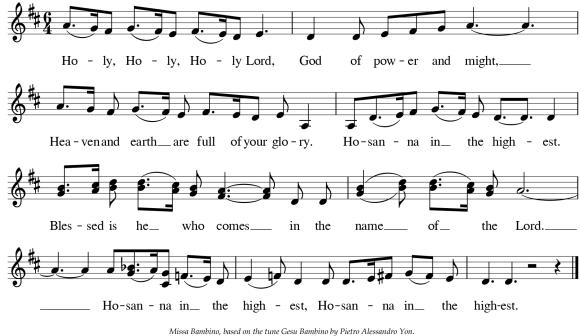


EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

- *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.
- CelebrantIt is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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:



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The Celebrant 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."

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory,

The Celebrant 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.



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People 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.	

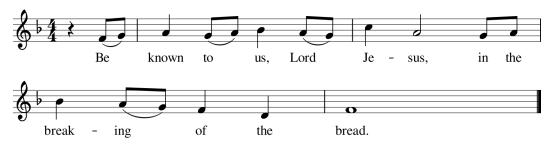
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ*People* We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM

BE KNOWN TO US, LORD JESUS



The cantor or choir sing the verses

- 1. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.
- 2. One body are we, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

May all who share these gifts be found in Christ and may Christ be found in you.



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What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Rev. Edie or Deacon Kathleen following the service.

When receiving the Holy Communion, you may take just the bread if you prefer, or the clergy person can give a gluten-free wafer if you request it. If you are not baptized, or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that all are welcome here at Grace!

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O HOLY NIGHT

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining; It is the night of the dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope - the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn! Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand. So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, Here came the Wise Men from Orient land. The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, In all our trials born to be our Friend. He knows our need-- to our weakness is no stranger. Behold your King, before him lowly bend! Behold your King, before him lowly bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another; His law is love and his gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, And in his name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we; Let all within us praise his holy name. Christ is the Lord! O praise his name forever! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!

Communion Hymn In The Bleak Mid-Winter





POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Please stand or kneel if you are able.

People Eternal God, we thank you that in Christ you give yourself into our hands: May we who have been touched by the Word made flesh be his body for the world, his hands to bring blessing, his senses to glory, to bear the message of the promise of creation restored; in the name of the Holy Child Jesus we pray. Amen.

After the prayer, all stand. The lights are dimmed and the acolytes assist the congregation in lighting their candles as "Silent Night" is sung.

HYMNAL 111

POST-COMMUNION HYMN SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

Si all lent night, night, ho ly is calm, -Si lent night, night, ho ly shep - herds quake -night, Si lent night, ho ly Son \mathbf{of} God, _ _ all is bright mo - ther and child. round yon vir gin the sight, from at glo ries stream hea ven - far, а love's from pure light ra diant beams thy ho - ly face, Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly heaven - ly hosts____ sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is with the dawn of re deem ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy Þ٠ 7 B Sleep peace. in hea ven - ly peace. born! Christ, the Sa vior, is born! birth. Je Lord, at thy birth. sus,

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who on this night sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father ♣, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



Recessional Hymn

JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME!



HYMNAL 100

DISMISSAL

DeaconGo in peace to love and serve the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

THE FLOWERS ADORNING OUR WORSHIP SPACE ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

MIKE & JUDY ANDREW

In remembrance of William and Catherine Andrew and Charles and Marie Mattingly

BRETT BRENNER & BRIAN REID

In honor of our Grace Family

THE BROWN FAMILY

In memory of Kate Jauch

STACEY CENDROWSKI

In thanksgiving for our friends at Grace

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NANCY HUGHES

In memory of Melvin & Eldred Shank, Charles & Edith Jennings, Millard Smith, Jr., Sam Smith, Shirley Grams

ELEANOR KERR

In memory of Lila Wenner, our Mother and Altar Guild Queen

CARMEN LESCURE

In honor of Grace Church

ERNESTINE 'TEENY' PHILLIPS

In memory of Allen 'Red' Phillips, Richard A. Phillips, members of the Phillips family that have passed, and Ross and Helen Wenner

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In memory of Emma Grace Smith and in celebration of Elinor Grace Hamley

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