

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

10:30 a.m., December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Children's Christmas Pageant

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two



The Word of God

Entrance Rite

PRELUDE

Veni Emmanuel

Philip Moore

LIGHTING of the ADVENT WREATH

ENTRANCE HYMN (497)

How bright appears

Wie schön leuchtet

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

The Celebrant may say

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.*

KYRIE (S 86)

Kyrie Eleison

David Hurd

All stand

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Trinity Christmas Pageant 2019

Adapted from *Light of the World* by Mark Patterson

Actors take their places at the front of the sanctuary.

Prologue narrators speak over music.

Narr. 1: In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth. The Earth, seas, and skies were covered in darkness... until God spoke.

Narr. 2: God said, "Let there be light, and there was light. The sun filled the heavens by day and the moon and the stars brightened the night.

Narr. 3: Long after the dawn of creation, God promised another light: a light that would shine through the eyes of a child; a light that would bring hope and love to a world darkened by sin.

Narr. 4: Old Testament prophets predicted the Messiah's birth. They said he would be called "Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Prince of Peace". The true light that could give light to everyone was coming into the world.

SONG: **Jesus, Light of the World**

All: Jesus, Light of the world,
 hope and salvation for all the Earth,
 Jesus, Light of the world,
 from every nation we come to celebrate your birth.

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria in excelsis
Gloria, Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

For unto us a child is born- to us a Son is given!
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, the Prince of Peace!

Jesus, Light of the world, hope and salvation for all the Earth, Jesus, Light of the world, from every nation we come to celebrate your birth.	Gloria, Gloria, Gloria in excelsis. Gloria, Gloria Gloria in excelsis Deo
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Jesus, Light of the world, we come to celebrate your birth.

Mary, Joseph and 2 angels come together at center, down from stable

Narr. 1: One day, an angel appeared to Mary and said,

Angel 1: Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God. You will give birth to a son and he will be called Immanuel, which means “God with us”.

Narr. 2: An angel also appeared to Joseph and told him,

Angel 2: Have no fear about your wife. The baby she carries is from God through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Joseph: Mary and I made the long trip to Bethlehem to register for the census as Caesar ordered. After the long and tiring journey, we arrived as the baby was about to be born.

Mary: The town was full and there are no rooms at the inn where we could stay. We asked everywhere. Finally, an innkeeper told us,

Innkeeper: There is a stable in a cave behind my inn. It will be warm and safe for you tonight.

Narr 3: How could the Son of God be born in such a place? Surely a king would never be found here!

Narr 4: But in the stable, surrounded by animals, Jesus was born. Mary wrapped Him in soft cloths and laid him in the manger. In that dark night, light came to the world

SONG: Away in a Manger

All: Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes
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.
Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care
And take us to heaven to live with thee there.

Narr. 1: There were shepherds living in fields nearby, keeping watch over their sheep that night.

Narr. 2: An angel of the Lord appeared to them surrounded by a bright heavenly light and they were very frightened.

Angel 3: Do not be afraid! I bring you good news of great joy! Today in Bethlehem, the city of David, a Savior has been born. He is Christ the Lord!

Narr. 3: And suddenly, many angels appeared in a bright and beautiful light, saying

All angels: “Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth, peace and goodwill to all people!”

SONG: He Is Born!

Chorus: He is born, the divine Christ child,
Play the oboe and bagpipes merrily
He is born the divine Christ child,
Sing we all of the Savior’s birth!

Vs 1 Through long ages of the past
Prophets had foretold his coming,
Through long ages of the past,
Now the time has come at last!

Chorus He is born, the divine Christ child,
Play the oboe and bagpipes merrily
He is born the divine Christ child,
Sing we all of the Savior's birth.

Vs 2 Jesus light of all the world
Coming as a child among us
Jesus light of all the world
Grant to us thy heavenly peace.

Chorus He is born, the divine Christ child,
(sing twice) Play the oboe and bagpipes merrily
He is born the divine Christ child,
Sing we all of the Savior's birth.

Sing we all of the Savior's birth!

Narr. 4: The light that God had promised had finally come into the world!
When the shepherds heard the news from the angels, they wanted to
go and see the Son of God for themselves.

Narr. 1: But how would they find him? How would they know where to go?

Narr. 2: Where the shining angels had been a moment before, a star appeared,
brighter than anything else in the sky.

Narr. 3: The shepherds knew if they followed it, they would find the Christ
child. They said to one another,

Shepherds: "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this miracle that has happened!"

SONG: Rise Up Shepherd and Follow

Shepherds: There's a star in the East on Christmas morn:

All: Rise up shepherd and follow

Shepherds: It will lead to the place where the Savior's born.
Rise up, shepherd, and follow!

All: Follow, follow, rise up shepherd and follow
Follow the star to Bethlehem
Rise up shepherd, and follow!

Shepherds: If you take good heed to the angel's words

All: Rise up shepherd and follow

Shepherds: You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds,

All: Rise up shepherd and follow.
Follow, follow, rise up shepherd and follow
Follow the star to Bethlehem
Rise up shepherd, and follow!

Narr. 4: Others saw the star, too. Magi visiting from the East saw the light in the sky and travelled to Bethlehem to find the baby Jesus.

Narr. 1: God used the star to guide them across many lands to find the true light of the world, Jesus.

Narr. 2: When they found the Savior, the Magi rejoiced and presented them with precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

SONG: From a Distant Home

**Kings: From afar we journey, searching for the Savior,
With the eastern star to guide us through the dark night**

All: Holy news proclaim, O wondrous star so bright
Never stop your shining, blessed heavenly light.
Glory raised on high and lifted to the Savior
In the world tonight may peace and love bless all.

**Kings: To you we bring myrrh and frankincense and gold
Symbols of your reigning in the highest heaven**

All: Holy news proclaim, O wondrous star so bright
Never stop your shining, blessed heavenly light.
Glory raised on high and lifted to the Savior
In the world tonight may peace and love bless all.

Peace and love bless all.

Narr. 3: For the shepherds and the Kings, this was just the beginning of the story. As they journeyed back to their homes, they took the news of Jesus' birth with them.

Narr. 4: Our story begins here, too. We have seen the light that God has sent for us. We have heard the good news of the Savior's birth.

ALL: Now we journey, too, sharing the hope and love of Jesus wherever we go. The Savior is born! Let His light shine!

SONG Light of the World (reprise)

All: Jesus, Light of the world,
hope and salvation for all the Earth,
Jesus, Light of the world,
from every nation we come to celebrate your birth.

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria in excelsis
Gloria, Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

For unto us a child is born- to us a Son is given!
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, the Prince of Peace!

Jesus, Light of the world,	Gloria, Gloria,
hope and salvation for all the Earth,	Gloria in excelsis.
Jesus, Light of the world,	Gloria, Gloria
from every nation we come to celebrate your birth.	Gloria in excelsis
	Deo

Jesus, Light of the world, we come to celebrate your birth.

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

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

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

BIRTHDAY PRAYER (“For a Birthday,” BCP p. 830)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s), as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER (“Anniversary of a Marriage,” Book of Occasional Services p. 164)

Grant, O God, in your compassion, that these two people, having taken each other in marriage, and affirming again the covenant which they have made, may grow in forgiveness, loyalty, and love; and come at last to the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY OF A BAPTISM (“For those about...to renew their Baptismal Covenant,” BCP p. 819)

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Spirit through the teaching of your Son Jesus Christ: Make the hearts and minds of your servants ready to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that they may be filled with the strength of his presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

ANTHEM

He Shall Feed His Flock
(from Messiah)

Georg Friederich Handel
1685-1759

Victoria Searles, soprano soloist
Dina Pannabecker Evans, organist

OFFERTORY HYMN (380 v3) *Praise God from whom all blessings* Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 367)

The People remain standing.

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.

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 367)

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

SANCTUS (S 128)

Holy, holy, holy Lord

William Mathias

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 368)

The People stand or kneel.

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

EPICLESIS (BCP p. 369)

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. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

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

People and Celebrant

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (S 172) *Blessed are those who are called* **Martens**
Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb,
Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him, all you peoples.

INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *Amen.*

COMMUNION HYMN (54) *Savior of the nations, come* **Nun komm,**
der Heiden Heiland

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

The Priest blesses the people, saying

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

CLOSING HYMN (56) *O come, O come, Emmanuel* **Veni, veni, Emmanuel**

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel*

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