

# **THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

## **THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE AT 5 PM**

**FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023**



### **WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

We are a welcoming, inclusive and affirming parish in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. We seek to meet and serve Christ in all people and to glorify God in our words and our actions.

We are delighted to share this Christmas season with you! Please know that you are always most welcome here, and we look forward to worshipping with you in the New Year.

### **ARE YOU VISITING?**

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## FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day Richard Shephard  
**The Church of the Good Shepherd Choir**

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming Bruce Neswick  
**The Church of the Good Shepherd Choir**

Away in a manger Catherine McMichael  
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Sweet Little Jesus Boy Bernie Herms, Mark Hall  
**Jared Hernandez**

A stable lamp is lighted Hymnal 104  
**Congregation & The Church of the Good Shepherd Choir**

The angel Gabriel Richard Shephard  
**The Church of the Good Shepherd Choir**

God rest you merry, gentlemen Linda R. Lamb  
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The apple tree Mark Schweizer  
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Spotless rose Ola Gjeilo  
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## FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*This service bulletin is designed for use with the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the blue Hymnal 1982, both of which are located in the pew rack in front of you.*

**Processional Hymn:** O come, all ye faithful (verses 1, 2, 3, 6)

Hymnal 83

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| 1 O come, all ye faithful,<br>joyful and triumphant,<br>O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;<br>come, and behold him,<br>born the King of angels;<br>O come, let us adore him,<br>Christ the Lord. | 3 Sing, choirs of angels,<br>sing in exultation,<br>sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;<br>glory to God,<br>glory in the highest;<br>Refrain        |
| 2 God from God,<br>Light from Light eternal,<br>lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;<br>only-begotten<br>Son of God the Father;<br>Refrain   | 6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,<br>born this happy morning;<br>Jesus, to thee be glory given;<br>Word of the Father,<br>now in flesh appearing;<br>Refrain |

### Opening Acclamation

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| Celebrant | I bring you good news of great joy.        |
| People    | <b>A Savior has been born. Alleluia!</b>   |
| Celebrant | Unto us a child is born.                   |
| People    | <b>Unto us a Son is given.</b>             |
| Celebrant | Alleluia! This is Christ the Lord.         |
| People    | <b>We worship and adore him. Alleluia!</b> |

**Song of Praise:** Angels we have heard on high

Hymnal 96

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| 1 Angels we have heard on high,<br>singing sweetly through the night,<br>and the mountains in reply<br>echoing their brave delight.<br>Gloria in excelsis Deo.        | 3 Come to Bethlehem and see<br>him whose birth the angels sing;<br>come, adore on bended knee<br>Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.<br>Gloria in excelsis Deo. |
| 2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?<br>Why these songs of happy cheer?<br>What great brightness did you see?<br>What glad tidings did you hear?<br>Gloria in excelsis Deo. | 4 See him in a manger laid<br>whom the angels praise above;<br>Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,<br>while we raise our hearts in love.<br>Gloria in excelsis Deo.    |

## 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. **Amen.**

## First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

*Lector*        A reading from 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.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## The Response: Joy to the world! The Lord is come

Hymnal 100

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| 1 | Joy to the world! the Lord is come;<br>let earth receive her King;<br>let every heart prepare him room,<br>and heaven and nature sing.            | 3 | No more let sins and sorrows grow,<br>nor thorns infest the ground;<br>he comes to make his blessings flow<br>far as the curse is found. |
| 2 | Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;<br>let us our songs employ,<br>while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,<br>repeat the sounding joy. | 4 | He rules the world with truth and grace,<br>and makes the nations prove<br>the glories of his righteousness,<br>and wonders of his love. |

## Second Lesson

Titus 2:11-14

*Lector*        A reading from the Letter of 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.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

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| <p>1 Once in royal David's city<br/>stood a lowly cattle shed,<br/>where a mother laid her baby<br/>in a manger for his bed:<br/>Mary was that mother mild,<br/>Jesus Christ, her little child.</p> <p>2 He came down to earth from heaven<br/>who is God and Lord of all,<br/>and his shelter was a stable,<br/>and his cradle was a stall;<br/>with the poor and meek and lowly,<br/>lived on earth our Savior holy.</p> | <p>3 And our eyes at last shall see him,<br/>through his own redeeming love;<br/>for that child so dear and gentle<br/>is our Lord in heav'n above;<br/>and he leads his children on<br/>to the place where he is gone.</p> <p>4 Not in that poor lowly stable,<br/>with the oxen standing by,<br/>we shall see him; but in heaven,<br/>set at God's right hand on high;<br/>there his children gather round,<br/>bright like stars, with glory crowned.</p> |
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Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

## The Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

*Gospeler* 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.

*Gospler* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor* 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.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious Lord, we pray for the Church throughout 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 throughout the world. Lord, in your love,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Let us 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. Lord, in your love,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for all those experiencing anxiety, depression or illness. Draw near to those who find this season a source of pain or grief, and to all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, especially those we remember now either silently or aloud. *Silence.* Lord, in your love,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Let us 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 your praises this holy night. Lord, in your love,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the Savior of all, wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger. Draw us, we pray, into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host, that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds, that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

The Peace

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

*People* **And also with you.**

## Welcome and Announcements

### Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Callin, Ryan and Frank Fee  
in loving memory of their mother, wife and best friend Mary Beth Fee  
and by The West Family Trust in loving memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. N. W. West and Dr. Louis Nelson West.

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## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Anthem: Mid-winter

Bob Chilcott

*In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long ago.  
Our God, heaven cannot hold him nor earth sustain: Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:  
In the bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.  
Angels and archangels may have gathered there, Cherubim and seraphim thronged air;  
But only his mother in her maiden bliss worshipped the beloved with a kiss.  
What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man I would do my part; yet what I can I give him – give my heart.*

### Offertory Hymn: What child is this, who, laid to rest (verse 3)

Hymnal 115

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings,  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

Book of Common Prayer, p. 367

*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* 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:

**Sanctus:** Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S 125

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 Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 368 in the Book of Common Prayer*

*Celebrant* ...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* AMEN.

**The Lord's Prayer**

Book of Common Prayer, p. 364

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Book of Common Prayer, p. 364

**Invitation and Communion**

**All are invited to come forward during the sharing of Holy Communion.**

**Where can I go to receive bread and wine by drinking from the common cup?** *Please come to the left side (lectern side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs in the sacristy.*

**Where can I go to receive bread and wine by intinction (having a minister dip the host in wine and place it in your hand)?** *Please come to the right side (pulpit side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs by the baptismal font.*

**Where can I go to receive only the bread?** *Please come to either location and tell the server "only bread."*

**Where can I go to receive gluten-free bread?** *Please come to either location and ask for gluten free.*

**Where can I go to receive a blessing?** *Please come to either location and cross your arms over your chest.*

**How can I ask for communion to be brought to me?** *Please ask an usher to receive by intinction in your seat.*



### Communion Hymns:

What child is this, who, laid to rest	Hymnal 115
'Twas in the moon of wintertime	Hymnal 114
Away in a manger, no crib for his bed	Hymnal 101
The first Nowell the angel did say	Hymnal 109

### Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Hymn:** Silent night, holy night Hymnal 111

*During the hymn, acolytes will assist the congregation in lighting of the candles.*

- 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.
- 2 Silent night, holy night,  
shepherds quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 3 Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

*A period of silence is kept after the hymn.*

### Blessing

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

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!*

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with man to dwell;  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
*Refrain*

3 Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Risen with healing in his wings,  
light and life to all he brings,  
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
*Refrain*

**Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Thank you to Jack Boyne, Noah Scanlon, and John Price, our brass players this evening!**

**Serving This Afternoon**

Music Director & Organist Clifford Badgley  
Ushers John Beck, John Boyne, Harold Ramsey, and Rob Stone  
Verger Caryl Fuller  
Acolytes Hunter Myers, Noah Scanlon, Callin Fee, Frankie Scanlon,  
and Ryan Fee  
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**WISHING YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES A  
BLESSED CHRISTMASTIDE!**