

Saint Timothy's Episcopal Church



Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2020

7:30 PM

Pre Service Music
Sarabande

J.S. Bach (Virtual Solo)

Eternal Source of Light Divine

(Virtual Duet)

O Holy Night

Mary Did You Know

Joyful, Joyful

O Come All Ye Faithful

(Virtual Choir)

The Opening Acclamation

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest 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.**

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading:

Isaiah 9:2-7

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.

Reader God your servants are listening

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96

Sing to God a new song;

sing to God all the whole earth.

Sing and bless God's holy Name;

proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations,

God's wonders among all peoples.

For God is great and greatly to be praised,

more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols,

but it is God who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's presence!

Oh, the power and the splendor of God's sanctuary!

Ascribe to God, you families of the peoples,

ascribe to God honor and power.

Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name;

bring offerings and come into God's courts.

Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness;

let the whole earth tremble before God.

Tell it out among the nations that God reigns!

God has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved and will judge the peoples with equity.

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.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before God, who will come,

who will come to judge the earth.

God will judge the world with righteousness

and the peoples with truth.

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

(Virtual Choir)

Second Reading:

Titus 2:11-14

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence

Angels We Have Heard On High

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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!"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence

Angels We Have Heard On High

Sermon

The Rev. Todd Bryant

The Nicene Creed

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

Priest On this holy night, let us offer our prayers to God for the church, the world, and those in need.

Reader Strengthen the Church around the world as it celebrates the birth of Christ.

People **Bless those entrusted with your Word to proclaim the power of this holy night.**

Bestow wisdom on our leaders.

May they honor the earth and its people as they are blessed by the light of this holy night.

Grant rest to those surrounded by conflict and violence.

May they live in the peace of this holy night.

Comfort those who are cold, hungry, or alone.

May they experience the hope of this holy night.

Care for all who suffer.

May they feel the comfort of this holy night.

Strengthen all families.

May they delight in the joy of this holy night.

Bless us with the gift Christ.

May we rejoice in your presence this holy night.

We give thanks for family members that we love and see no longer.

May we join with those past, present and yet to come in the chorus praising Christ on this holy night.

Priest *Closes with a collect.*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

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The Offertory

But Who May Abide

(Virtual Choir)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, God 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:

Sanctus

Marty Haugen

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord,
God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est.

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Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. We recall his death, resurrection, and ascension

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Let us pray

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for assuring us that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, God, 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.

Blessing

Silent Night

(Virtual Congregation)

Dismissal

Priest

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth to love and serve our newborn Son.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

Joy To the World

(Virtual Choir)