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“...they will call him
Immanuel”
—which means,
“God with us.”

Matthew 1:23

Christ Child Holy Eucharist
for Christmas Eve
December 24, 2016
3:00 PM
Merry Christmas! Welcome to worship on this holy day when we celebrate the birth of Jesus! We invite your full participation in worship – hearing children tell the Christmas story, singing hymns of praise to God, and receiving the gifts of Jesus in the Eucharist, our meal of communion. In the Episcopal Church it is our custom to invite all who have been baptized (of any age) to receive communion (you may receive both the bread and the wine). If you are not baptized, or you prefer not to receive, you are welcome to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing instead. Please let the person offering the consecrated bread know if you need a gluten free wafer, or if you desire a blessing, instead of bread. Everyone is welcome at God’s table! Please refrain from taking pictures until the designated time (at the conclusion of the pageant).

A hearing loop has been installed at St. Anne’s Church. If you have hearing loss but no hearing aids, ask an usher for a Loop Receiver with earbuds you can use during the service.
HYMN 83

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come, and behold him, born the King of angels; (Refrain) O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

2 God from God, Light from Light eternal, Lo! he abhors not the Virgin’s womb; only begotten Son of the Father; (Refrain)

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; Glory to God, glory in the highest; (Refrain)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Old Prophets: I am Isaiah a prophet of old. I prayed and listened to God, and God told me to tell the people to wait and watch for the Great Light. One day the light will come and the people will no longer walk in darkness.

I am Jeremiah another prophet of old. I prayed and listened to God, and God told me to tell the people that their Savior would come, and he would be a descendent of King David. He would be honest and trustworthy.

Narrator: The people waited and prayed for that day to come. They asked God to hear their prayers, and send the savior that God had promised.


Narrator: God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee called Nazareth to a young woman, Mary, who was engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David’s house. When the angel came to her, he said,

Angel: Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you! The Lord has greatly blessed you!

Mary: Who are you? What does God want with me?

Angel: I am an angel, sent by God. Don’t be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. Look! You will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. He will rule over Jacob’s house forever, and there will be no end to his kingdom. Will you do this great thing, Mary?

Mary: I am the Lord’s servant. I will bring Jesus into the world.

Narrator: Then the angel left her.
**Bethlehem’s Manger – Luke 2: 1-7**

**Narrator:** About the time of Jesus’ birth, the Roman Emperor, Augustus gave orders for the names of all the people to be listed in record books. So Mary and Joseph traveled from Nazareth in Galilee to Bethlehem in Judea to be listed. Long ago Bethlehem had been King David’s hometown, and Joseph went there because he was from David’s family.

Mary and Joseph traveled a long distance. It was very late when they arrived and all the inns were full. The only place for Mary and Joseph to rest was in a barn with all the animals. While they were there, Mary gave birth to her first-born son. She dressed him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger.

**The Friendly Beasts (The Children of St. Anne’s)**

Jesus our brother, kind and good  
Was humbly born in a stable rude  
The friendly beasts around Him stood,  
Jesus our brother, kind and good.

"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown,  
"I carried His mother up hill and down;  
I carried His mother to Bethlehem town."  
"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

"I," said the cow all white and red  
"I gave Him my manger for His bed;  
I gave him my hay to pillow His head."  
"I," said the cow all white and red.

"I," said the sheep with curly horn,  
"I gave Him my wool for His blanket warm;  
He wore my coat on Christmas morn."  
"I," said the sheep with curly horn.

"I," said the dove from the rafters high,  
"I cooed Him to sleep that He should not cry;  
We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I."  
"I," said the dove from the rafters high.

**The Shepherds – Luke 2: 8 – 12**

**Narrator:** That night in the fields near Bethlehem some shepherds were guarding their sheep. All at once an angel came down to them from the Lord, and the brightness of the Lord’s glory flashed around them. The shepherds were frightened.

**Angel:** Don’t be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy. This very day in King David’s hometown a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. You will know who he is, because you will find him dressed in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

**Narrator:** Suddenly many other angels came down from heaven and joined in praising God.

**Angels:** Praise God in heaven!  
Peace on earth.
Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night, and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Narrator:** After the angels had left, the shepherds said to each other,

**Shepherds:** Let’s go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has told us about.

**Narrator:** They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and they saw the baby lying in a manger. When the shepherds saw Jesus, they told his parents what the angel had said about him. Everyone listened and was surprised. But Mary kept thinking about all this and wondering what it meant.

As the shepherds returned to their sheep, they were praising God and saying wonderful things about him. Everything they had seen and heard was just as the angel had said.

**HYMN 101**  
*Away in a manger*  
*Cradle Song*

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

**The Wise Men Matthew 2: 1-12**

**Narrator:** Magi came from the east to Bethlehem. The star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. They entered the stable and saw the child with Mary his mother.

**Magi:** We’ve seen his star in the east, and we’ve come to honor him.

**Narrator:** Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**Narrator:** Jesus, son of Mary and Son of God, grew in grace and wisdom and brought the good news of God’s redeeming love for all. Jesus is the Light of the World!

**HYMN 87**  
*Hark! the herald angels sing*  
*Mendelssohn*

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!
The Friendly Beasts (The Children of St. Anne's)

Thus ev'ry beast by some good spell,
In the stable dark was glad to tell,
Of the gift he gave Emmanuel,
The gift he gave Emmanuel.

Jesus our brother, kind and good
Was humbly born in a stable rude
The friendly beasts around Him stood,
Jesus our brother, kind and good.

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The Holy Communion
Offertory
Anthem Do You Hear What I Hear -arr. Lichtmann

Celebrant: God, our loving Father, we are glad to give you thanks and praise. With Jesus we sing your praise:

People: Glory to God in the highest.

Celebrant: Because you love us, you gave us this great and beautiful world. With Jesus we sing your praise:

People: Glory to God in the highest.

Celebrant: Because you love us, you sent Jesus your Son to bring us to you and to gather us around him as the children of one family. With Jesus we sing your praise:

People: Glory to God in the highest.

Celebrant: For such great love, we thank you with the angels and saints as they praise you and say:

People: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

Let us proclaim our faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Celebrant: We bring you bread and wine and ask you to send your Holy Spirit to make these gifts the body and blood of Jesus your Son.

We are filled with wonder and praise when we see what you do for us through Jesus your Son. By him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The bread is broken. Communion is shared. The ushers will direct you to the communion station closest to you. Please let an usher know if you need communion brought to you in your pew.

Anthems

Sweet Songs of Christmas - arr. Crocker
Greensleeves - arr. Vosbein

Blessing

HYMN 100 Joy to the world Antioch

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.
2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy.

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Carol of the Bells - Ukrainian
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