

St. John's Episcopal Church
A Parish of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan
The Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Eve
December 24, 2020
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Presider: Rev. Tom Manney
Lector/Eucharistic Minister: Neil Hargrave
Music Director: Kitty Underwood

The Word of God

Station at a Christmas Creche

Presider: The glory of the Lord has been revealed.

People: And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

Lighting of the Christ Candle Insert

Introit "Rejoice, Rejoice Emmanuel" by Jay Althouse Choir
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Opening Hymn "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Hymnal H-87

Opening Sentence Book of Common Prayer 355

The Gloria (sung) BCP 356

The Collect of the Day BCP 212

The Lessons

Isaiah 9:2-7 Insert

Psalm 96 Insert or BCP 725

Titus 2:11-14 Insert

Sequence Hymn "While Shepherds Watched their Flocks" Hymnal H-94

The Holy Gospel Luke 2:1-14, (15-20) Insert

Sermon Rev. Tom

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Prayers of the People Form I BCP 383

The Peace BCP 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn "All is Well" Choir

Words/music by Michael W Smith and Wayne Kirkpatrick

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Doxology (sung)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

Sanctus Hymnal HS-129

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364
Christ our Passover...

"Agnus Dei" (sung)

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us (Repeat)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us, grant us peace.



*Ministration of Communion –
Wherever you are in your journey of
faith, you are welcome at God's table.*

Communion Hymn "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" Hymnal H-81

Post Communion Prayer BCP 366

Post Communion Hymn Hymnal H-111

The Blessing

Closing Hymn "Joy to the World" Hymnal H-100

The Dismissal – *The Peoples' Response: Thanks be to God.*

FYI – BCP Book of Common Prayer (red book). H – Hymnal 1982 (blue book). HS – service music (first section) Hymnal 1982 (blue) P – Praise (green spiral bound). LEVAS – Lift Every Voice and Sing (red & black).

Biblical Notes: Christmas, or Christ’s Mass, is a festival commemorating the Incarnation of the Word of God in the birth of Jesus Christ. In the BCP it is also called **The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**. Christmas was first celebrated in Rome in the year 336. The date, Dec. 25, has no historical foundation. The Christmas season lasts twelve days (hence the song), from Christmas Day until Jan. 5, the day before the Epiphany

Flower Donations

Ina Dockham-In Loving Memory of Mom, Dad, Linda & Ed
John & Yvonne Malinich -in Loving Memory of Loved Ones
Wes & Kathy Wagester-In Memory of Our Loved Ones

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Curate Tom Manney’s Office Hours

Office Hours: Tuesday & Friday - 10:00 - Noon

You may drop in or call (810)338-6332 to make an appointment.

Home Visitations: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month – afternoons

Christmas Eve

On the eve of our Christmas celebration, Jesus’ birthday, we light all the candles of the Advent wreath.

First, we light the candle for **HOPE** because Jesus is our hope.

Second, we light the candle for **PEACE** because Jesus is our hope and peace.

Third, we light the candle for **JOY** because Jesus brings joy.

Fourth, we light the candle for **LOVE** because Jesus is love.

Finally, we light the center candle. This is the Christ candle. Jesus is born. Jesus has come. Jesus is our salvation.

Let us pray together:

Great God of love and light, we thank you now for the light of that special star over two thousand years ago that guided humble shepherds and learned wise men to the holy babe. Lead us now, by the light of your love, that we also may follow you to new life in him. In celebration of the birthday of our King and our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray,

Amen

Christmas I, All Years

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.

Psalm 96

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.
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.

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.

Luke 2:1-14(15-20)

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.]

December 2020

Prayer List: Family, Friends, and Members

12/27/2020

Derek & Maria Ames-Caretakers for Evelyn Sunich-Covid 19
Nancy Bade-Friend of Margaret Smith-Successful knee surgery
Dianne Bishop-Prayers for a good diagnosis and for healing
Kyle Bishop - grandson of Dave Bishop - for healing
Isaac-7-year-old grandson of a friend of the Buszek Family, for a
Critical brain injury.
Kathleen and Richard Buszek - for healing and care giving.
Joe Childers-Friend of the Malinich's, For healing.
Connie-Friend of Linda Neros-for continued good health
Robin Daugherty-Prayers for healing
Jonah Debusk-Heart murmur
Danny DeLisa-Friend of Dianne Bishop: Recovering from Brain Tumor
Bob & Sharon Deriemaecker-for comfort over the loss of their son
Jace
Dzingle Family-Friends of Sherry Wagner-House fire
C. Fay-Recovering from Brain Surgery
Blake Ellen-from Wes Wagester; infant with cardiac problems
Melissa Fettig - (Eleana's daughter), her lifetime partner
Robert, and their daughter Harper - for peace.
Steve & Karen Globowski-Friends of Margaret Smith-Strength and
comfort as they deal with Steve's Dementia.
Sally Granger - for healing and relief from pain.
Judy Gray - for successful treatment of skin cancer.
Mary Halfpenny - dear friend of the Miller's - cancer.
Jane Harlow-For healing
Leann Hessel-friend of Mary Cameron; Breast Cancer
Bob Hollis-Friend of Sherry Wagner-Healing from diabetic infection
Herman Houser-Friend of Dianne Bishop: Stomach Cancer
Beth Huffman-Friend of Kitty Underwood; Brain Tumor
Joe Janiga-friend of Wes Wagester, Entering Marine Boot Camp
Rick Kerner-Friend of Wes- Recovering from Stroke
Chris Landis-Nephew John & Yvonne Malinich-for healing
Justus Lengemann-Friend of Rev Tom-recovery from open heart
surgery
Gary Malhado - brother of Sue Thornton - for healing, strength,
and peace.
Kathy Navarro - sister of Eleana Fettig - for peace & healing.
Rev. Ann Norton-for healing and strength
Jerry Parka-Friend of Corinne Fry-Pancreatic Cancer
Sarah Parks-Rector, Grace Lapeer-fighting cancer
Ronnie Rappuhn-Friend of John & Yvonne for healing
Austin Reed-friend of Connie Ogg, recovery from surgery &
staph infection
Anne Shenck-Friend of Corrine-for healing
Julia Shenck-Friend of Corrine Fry for healing

Cindy Shimp-Becky Foster's sister-in-law-Healing of Cancer
Kathy Shipp-for healing from cancer. Sherry Boyden's sister
Kari Stark - stepsister of Kitty Underwood - Comfort for MS.
Elizabeth Colavincenzo Swan-Priest in Davison; Comfort over her loss.
Rev. Nancy Steele-For healings from Skin Cancer
Sally Thiede-Friend of Sherry Boyden-for strength & healing
Sue Thornton - for peace.
Kitty Underwood-for healing and strength
Chris Ververo - nephew of the Millers - cancer is in remission.
Wes Wagester- For healing.
Mark Wagner-Successful Surgery
James Walker-PTSD from 2 tours in Iraq
Carl "Pete" Weidner - friend of Wagester's - for healing.
Melanie White-Liver transplant
Michaela Wolford-friends of the Wagester
family as she recovers from an accident
Tim Wright - Continued healing

Our home parishioners: Eleana Fettig and Harvey Taylor, Donna Lou
Haynes, Evelyn Sunich, Helen Thiemkey,

Those in Service to our country: Dylan Anderson, Devin Black, John
Hodgeman, John McNary, Glenn Miller, Jennifer Tedlie, John Eric Watson,
Kyle Goodman, Ray Nairn, Jacquelyn Focarelli, Michael Focarelli, Jared
Turnipseed, their families, Dr. Derrick Willsey, and all military chaplains.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Diocesan Staff of Eastern and Western
Michigan,

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Ezo (South Sudan) and Faisalabad
(Pakistan.)

Offerings for 12/20/2020: \$25,335.00 including \$25,000 the roof repair fund

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday and Friday-Office open 10:00-2:00 on Tuesday only

Wednesdays, 4pm-Bible Study

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. - AA in the parish hall

Sunday, Dec. 27th- Lessons and carols

*Lesser Feasts & Fasts, Dec. 20th, St. Katherina von Bora, Church
reformer, 1552*