

St. John's Episcopal Church
The Nativity of our Lord ✠ Christmas Eve
Holy Eucharist: Rite Two ✠ December 24, 2021

Celebrant: Rev. Thomas Manney

Lector: Kathy Wagester Music Director: Kitty Underwood

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.**

Introit: *Here Comes the Light* Joseph Graham

Processional Hymn: *O Come All Ye Faithful*
Hymn 83

Opening Sentence BCP 355
Collect for Purity BCP 355

The Gloria Hymn S-280

The Collect of the Day:

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 Lessons

The First Lesson: Isaiah 62:6-12 Insert

Psalms: 97 Insert

The Second Lesson: Titus 3:4-7 Insert

Sequence Hymn: *O Little Town Of Bethlehem* Hymn 78

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:(1-7)8-20 Insert

Sermon: Rev. Thomas Manney

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Prayers of the People - Form I BCP 383

Confession of Sin BCP 360

The Peace BCP 360

Announcements and Prayers

Offertory Anthem: *Child of God* Frombach/Davis

Doxology: (verse 3) Hymn 380

**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**

V. All things come of thee, O Lord.

R. **And of thine own have we given thee.** (1 Chr. 29:14)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B: *Lift up your hearts* H S-120 BCP 367

Sanctus Hymn S-129

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread *Fraction Anthem* Hymn S-154

Christ our Passover BCP 364

Agnus Dei (sung)

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

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



Ministration of Communion – All are welcome at God's table.

Communion: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* Hymn 89

Post Communion Hymn *Silent Night* Hymn 111

Post Communion Prayer BCP 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *Hark! the herald angels sing* Hymn 87

The Dismissal – *Response: Thanks be to God.* BCP 366

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Legend: **BCP:** *The Book of Common Prayer* (red book). **Hymn:** *The Hymnal 1982* (blue book). **Praise:** *Praise* (green spiral bound). **LEVAS:** *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (red & black).

Liturgical Note: **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** is an English Christmas carol that first appeared in 1739 in the collection *Hymns and Sacred Poems*. The carol, based on Luke 2:14, tells of an angelic chorus singing praises to God. As it is known in the modern era, it features lyrical contributions from Charles Wesley and George Whitefield, two of the founding ministers of Methodism, with music adapted from *Vaterland, in deinen Gauen* by Felix Mendelssohn.

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Christmas II, All Years

Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted
sentinels;
all day and all night
they shall never be silent.
You who remind the LORD,
take no rest,
and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.
The LORD has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:
I will not again give your grain
to be food for your enemies,
and foreigners shall not drink the wine
for which you have labored;
but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the LORD,
and those who gather it shall drink it
in my holy courts.
Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.
The LORD has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:
Say to daughter Zion,
"See, your salvation comes;

his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him."
They shall be called, "The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the LORD";
and you shall be called, "Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken."

Psalm 97

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of
his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of
the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah
rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For you are the LORD,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are
truehearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20

[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 2021
Prayer List: Family, Friends, and Members
December 24th, 2021

Tara Aldea-Friend of John & Yvonne Malinich-Recovering from brain Surgery
 Kyle Bishop - grandson of Dave Bishop - for healing
 Bruce Bronson-friend of Wes Wagester, for successful chemotherapy
 Kathleen and Richard Buszek – Recovering from a car accident.
 Marion Collum-Stage 1 Breast Cancer
 Mary Cameron-for greater mobility and diminished pain.
 Diane Cantu-Friend of Myron & Sherry Petrie; Surgery & Good recovery.
 Ray Cisco-recovering from pneumonia & recurrence of foot issues
 Connie-Friend of Linda Neros-for continued good health
 Robin Daugherty-Prayers for healing
 Jonah Debusk-Heart murmur
 Danny DeLiso-Friend of Dianne Bishop: Recovering from Brain Tumor
 Blake Ellen-from Wes Wagester; infant with cardiac problems
 Melissa Fettig - (Eleana's daughter), her lifetime partner Robert, and their daughter Harper - for peace.
 Shirley Forcall-Friend of Connie Jones as she recovers from a stroke
 Georgeann-Friend of Richard & Kathleen Buszek-For healing following surgery for ovarian cancer.
 Cathleen Gallagher-Friend of Roxanne Todd-Covid
 Judy Gray - for successful treatment of skin cancer.
 Mary Halfpenny - dear friend of the Miller's - cancer.
 Jane Harlow-Cancer
 Lois Hutchcraft-Cousin of Dianne Bishop-Broken Leg
 Karl Hoskey-Friend of Margaret Smith-In the hospital with Stomach issues.
 Rick Kerner-Friend of Wes- Recovering from Stroke
 Chris Landis-Nephew John& Yvonne Malinich-for healing
 Jamie and Wilma Martin-Roxanne Todd's sister and nephew-Covid
 Kevin McNeil-friend of Corinne Fry-Foot surgery
 Aiden Morris- Friend of Russ & Kitty-Successful Surgery to replace cranial bone with metal plate
 Kathy Navarro - sister of Eleana Fettig - for peace & healing.

Oxford Community-The tragic loss of 4 students and wounding of 7 Others. Pray for an end of gun violence.
 Helen Reebe-Kitty Underwood's step-mother;
 Cardiomyopathy
 Cindy Shimp-Becky Foster's sister-in-law-Healing of Cancer
 Kathy Shipp-for healing from cancer. Sherry Boyden's sister
 Margaret Smith-Low blood pressure
 Kari Stark - stepsister of Kitty Underwood - Comfort for MS.
 Sally Thiede-Friend of Sherry Boyden-for strength & healing
 Chris Velvero - nephew of the Millers - cancer is in remission.
 James Walker-PTSD from 2 tours in Iraq
 Melanie White-Liver transplant
 Bob Wolak-friend of Dianna Bishop-recovering from a Broken neck
 Michaela Wolford-friends of the Wagester family as she recovers from an accident
 For Educators and Students during Covid.

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

Those in Service to our country: Dylan Anderson, John Hodgeman, John McNary, Jacquelyn Folcarelli, Michael Folcarelli, Jared Turnipseed, their families, and all military chaplains.

Offerings for Dec. 19th-\$1588.40 including \$50 for Bazaar & Raffle, \$60 for Flowers, \$668.40 for Shed and \$350 for Flowers.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for:

The Diocesan Staff of Eastern & Western Michigan
 Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan-Coriwn Stoppel, Priest Associate

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer-The Diocese of Ilesa-The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)



Flowers

Ina Dockham-In Memory of loved ones

Mark & Sherry Wagner-
 In memory Of
 Donna Lou Haynes & John Wagner

