

ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL PARISH
2220 Cedar Street, Berkeley California



Christmas Eve
December 24, 2020 ~ 9:00 pm (Livestream)
CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

WELCOME

If you are a visitor, we are grateful that you have joined us and hope that you find space here to come close to God. We welcome all who seek the Holy, no matter your background. At All Souls Episcopal Parish, we pray, study, celebrate, and serve together, striving to live as the body of Christ in the world. [Click here](#) to find out more information about who we are and also ask any questions you may have. We'd love to connect with you about how to make this church your home.

Also, a note that those of us participating in the livestream at the church are observing the physical distance and mask-wearing guidelines required by our diocese. These practices have been created in consultation with local public health officials. Given the nature of this pandemic, these practices may be changing from week to week as the situation develops.

Prelude *In dulci jubilo*

Johann Michael Bach (1648–1694)

The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

Plainsong, Mode 5

Today, the twenty-fifth day of December,
unknown ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth
and then formed man and woman in his own image;
several thousand years after the flood,
when God made the rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant;
twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah;
thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt;
eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the Judges;
one thousand years from the anointing of David as king;
in the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel;
in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;
the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome;
the forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus;
the whole world being at peace,
Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father,
desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming,
being conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and nine months having passed since his conception,
was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary.
Today is the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

Hymn 102, *Once in royal David's city (verses 1–2, 4, 6)*

IRBY

A soprano sings:

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

Members of the Choir sing:

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

All sing:

4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly, when on earth he__ grew,
6 Not in that poor, low - ly__ sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing__ round,
he was tempt - ed, scorned, re - ject - ed, tears and smiles like us__ he__ knew.
we shall see him, but__ in__ hea - ven; where his saints his throne sur - round:
Thus he feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all__ our__ glad - ness.
Christ, re - vealed to faith - ful eye,__ set at God's right hand on__ high__

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People You come to your people and set them free.
Presider Let us pray.

All Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise, Hymn 96, *Angels we have heard on high (verses 1, 3, and 4)*

GLORIA

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;
and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.
Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.
Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

A Collect of Christmas

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with 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.**

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah — 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.

after the Lesson:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 81, *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*

ES IST EIN ROS

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath sprung! Of Jes - se's
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind, with Ma - ry

lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung. It came, a blos - som bright,
we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind. To show God's love a - right,

a - mid the cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
she bore to us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.

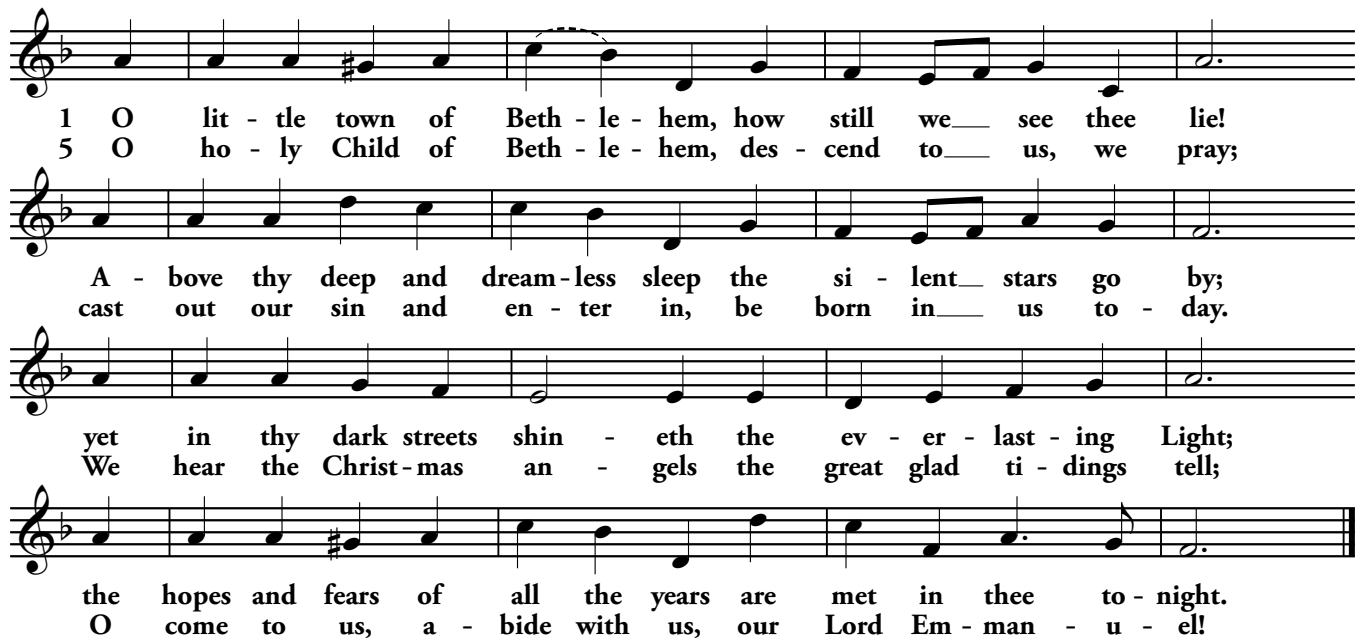
A Reading from the Letter to Titus — Titus 2:11–14

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.

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1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, des - cend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke — Luke 2:1–20

Gospeller 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: 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 angel 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 a 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.

after the Gospel:

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Phil Brochard, *Rector*

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

**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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Asst. Min. Let us pray to Jesus our Savior.

Intercessor Christ, born in a stable, give courage to all who are homeless, and strengthen us to serve our neighbors with love and humility.

Jesus, Savior,

All **hear our prayer.**

Christ, for whom the angels sang, give the song of your reign to all who weep and suffer from sickness and fear this night, and help us to offer them your healing and peace.

Jesus, Savior,

hear our prayer.

Christ, worshiped by the shepherds, give peace on earth to all who are oppressed, and move us to work for the freedom of all people.

Jesus, Savior,

hear our prayer.

Christ, before whom the wise men knelt, give humility and wisdom to all who govern, and guide us to live together in justice and love.

Jesus, Savior,

hear our prayer.

Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger, give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you.

Jesus, Savior,

hear our prayer.

Presider Jesus, Savior, child of Mary, you know us and love us, you share our lives and hear our prayer.

Glory to you for ever. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please take a moment in prayer to extend Christ's peace to the people in your life.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Presider 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. —Luke 14:10^b–11

Please consider giving to support the work of All Souls in our community and in the wider world via the links on our website or via a check to the office.

At the Offertory, *Christ Is Born*

Mark A. Miller

The addition of this piece to our choral music library was funded by a member of our parish community who wishes to remain anonymous.


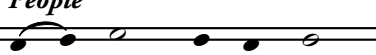
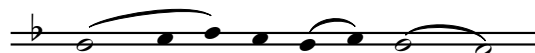

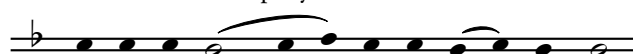
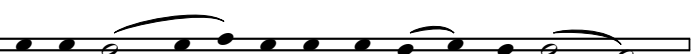
Alleluia, Christ is born.

Love came down at Christmas-time, love all lovely, love divine,
love was born at Christmas-time; star and angels gave the sign. Alleluia, Christ is born.

Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine,
love to God and neighbor; love for plea and gift and sign. Alleluia, Christ is born.

—Christina Rossetti (1830–1894), alt.

The Great Thanksgiving (*The Eucharistic Prayer is written by The Reverend Alissa Newton.*)

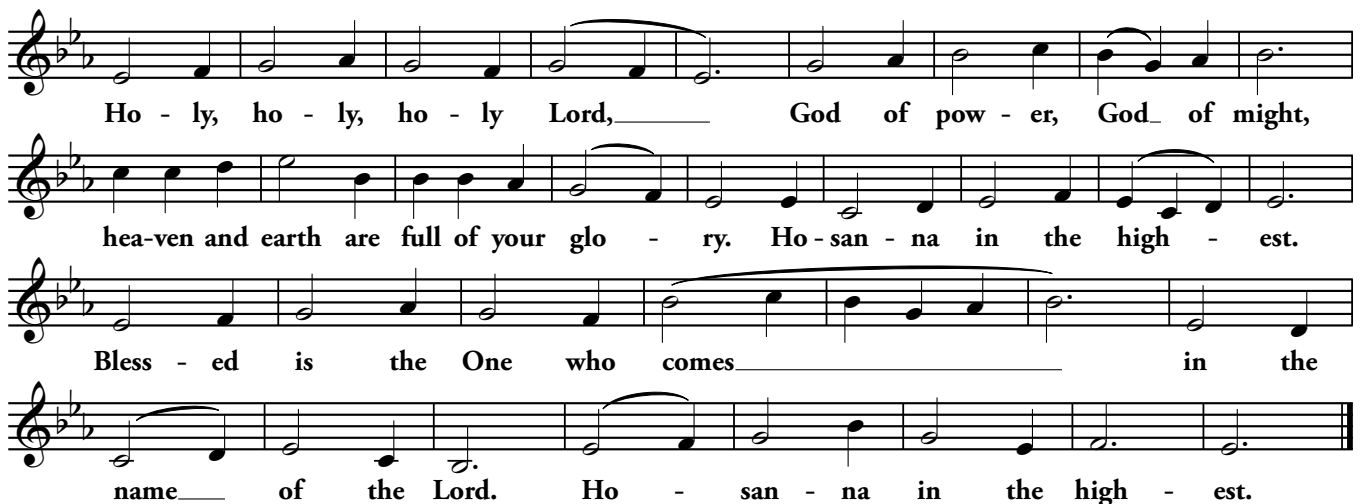
<i>Presider</i>	<i>People</i>
	
	
	
	

Presider Loving and powerful God, we praise you, we bless you, and we adore you; we rejoice to give thanks. You revealed your love for us in the newborn Christ Child, your only Son; He was made flesh through your Holy Spirit, Who first moved over the waters of creation, and still moves over the chaos of our lives.

We see in the newborn Jesus your love incarnate; through that love, we become your children, new and tender, yet full of hope for what is to come. Holy One, when your Christ was born all the heavens burst into song, and all creation cried out in joy. And so we join the mountains, winds, and water falls, with angels and stars, sheep and shepherds, and all your children as we sing:

Sanctus & Benedictus

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, adapt. Jamie Apgar (b. 1986)



We behold you with wonder, Creator of all who became a child among us. You walk alongside your people with love and forgive us with freedom. When we wander far from you, you are like a mother whose patience for her children knows no limit; you are like a child whose trust is freely extended to all. You lived as one of us, and stayed with us through all your life, even dying on a cross. Through Jesus the child and Jesus the man, You brought us into the fullness of your life, and gave us back our full humanity.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you: this cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that he did for us: his incarnation as a child, his death on the cross, his resurrection and ascension, and longing for Christ's coming in glory, we offer you these gifts your earth has nourished and human hands have made. We acclaim you, O Christ:

All **Being born, you gave us life,
Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you saved us.
Christ Jesus, arrive among us!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, children of your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of Life and Father of Mercy, may we receive you as little children. Bless us with new life as your people, give us the strength and solace of your love, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Mary, the God-bearer, and all your people into your joyful kingdom.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Ho - ly Spi - rit,
we worship you our God and Cre - a - tor: Bles-sed are you now and for ev - er.

All
A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844–1908)

Presider : As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Cantor
 Our Fa - ther in heaven,

Hal - lowed be your Name. Your king - dom come. Your will be done on earth as in heav'n.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those who

sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de - li - ver us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

After the Presider breaks the bread for us to share, a moment of prayerful silence is kept. We then sing:

How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bles - sings of God's heav'n.
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Since the celebration of Resurrection on that first Sunday, Christians have been remembering Christ's presence in bread and wine. We will be keeping this practice week by week with different members of All Souls receiving for the community.

For centuries the Church has also come to trust in the presence of Christ with us even when we cannot partake in the bread and wine, what is often known as spiritual communion. As the bread and wine are being shared at the altar at All Souls, we invite you to pray this prayer and ask Christ to be present with you.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Since I cannot receive you this day in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I ask you to be present spiritually in my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Adapted from *A Prayer Book for the Armed Services* 2008, page 147

Music at Communion, *Nativity Carol*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Born in a stable so bare, born so long ago,
 born 'neath light of star, he who loved us so.

*Far away, silent he lay, born today, your homage pay,
 Christ is born for aye, born on Christmas Day.*

Cradled by mother so fair, tender her lullaby;
 Over her son so dear angel hosts fill the sky. *Far away...*

Wise men from distant far land, shepherds from starry hills,
 Worship this babe so rare; hearts with his warmth he fills. *Far away...*

Love in that stable was born into our hearts to flow;
 Innocent dreaming babe, make me thy love to know. *Far away...*

Please dim lights and light a candle for the singing of the hymn.

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light

round you vir - gin mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace;

sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 Christ the Sa - vior is born, Christ the Sa - vior is born.
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

The Presider adds a concluding prayer:

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Christmas Blessing

May almighty God, who sent their Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of their holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent their angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you their peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 87, *Hark! the herald angels sing*

MENDELSSOHN; Descant: David Willcocks (1919–2015)

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing — glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; — Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, — born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, — God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, — off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, — born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, — join the tri - umph of the skies; —
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; — hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty. —
 Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings, — light and life to all he brings, —

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, — our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the — heav'n - born Prince of Peace!

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry — to the new - born King!

Dismissal

Asst. Min. Go forth into the world, giving glory to the newborn King!
People Thanks be to God!

Postlude

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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COMPOSER OF THE WEEK

Mark A. Miller believes passionately that music can change the world. He also believes in Cornell West's quote that 'Justice is what love looks like in public.' His dream is that the music he composes, performs, teaches and leads will inspire and empower people to create the beloved community.

Mark serves as Assistant Professor of Church Music at Drew Theological School and is a Lecturer in the Practice of Sacred Music at Yale University. He also is the Minister of Music of Christ Church in Summit, New Jersey.

Since 1999 Mark has led music for United Methodists and others around the country, including directing music for the 2008 General Conference. His choral anthems are best sellers for Abingdon Press and Choristers Guild and his hymns are published in "Worship & Song", "Sing! Prayer and Praise", "Zion Still Sings", "Amazing Abundance", "The Faith We Sing", and others.

Mark received his Bachelor of Arts in Music from Yale University and his Master of Music in Organ Performance from Juilliard. Mark is a lifelong United Methodist. He is the grandson, son, brother, uncle, and cousin to United Methodist clergy. As a lay delegate to the 2000 and 2004 and 2012 General Conferences, Mark was a witness to Christ's mission of breaking down the dividing walls of hostility and fear in the United Methodist Church.

Source: <http://www.markamillermusic.com/about/>

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Presiding & Preaching The Rev. Phil Brochard
Assisting The Rev. Dani Gabriel
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Sarita Cannon, *soprano*
Deirdre Nurre, *alto*
Ed Hofmann, *Angel Band leader*