# ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL PARISH

2220 Cedar Street, Berkeley California



# Christmas Eve December 24th, 2022 ~ 10:30 pm MIDNIGHT MASS: THE FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS

#### 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; we'd love to connect with you about how to make this church your home. Check out the Announcements sheet at the back of this bulletin and use the QR code for more ways to connect.

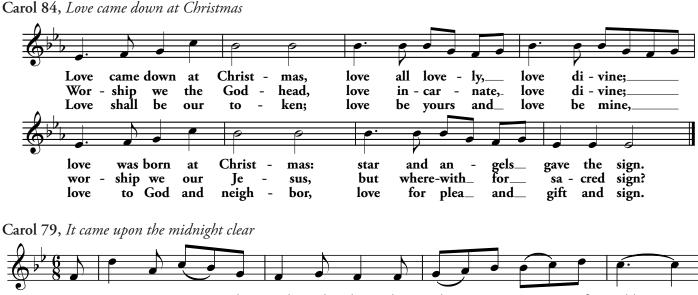
Before the service we'll be singing a series of Christmas carols. The service begins with the Proclamation of the Birth of Christ.

Prelude, Church Sonata III in C

W.A. Mozart

Carol 109, The first Nowell (1 & 2)







sing.

O hush the noise and cease your strife, and hear the an - gels

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Choir, Sleeps Judea Fair

Hugh MacKinnon

Sleeps Judea fair, Bides the Christ Child there.

Shepherds, haste ye! flocks forsaking, Swift your way to Him be taking.

Babe of Israel's prayer. Babe of Israel's prayer.

Christ from God is come, Choosing earthly home.

Royal pomp and splendor, never, But with love, which naught can sever.

Comes the Holy One. Christ from God is come.

Lowly bend the knee, Thou from sin set free.

Let the Christ Child, meekly smiling, Infant wise, all woe beguiling.

Grant His grace to thee. Grant His grace to thee.

Carol 105, God rest you merry, gentlemen (1, 2 & 4)



#### The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

Today, the twenty-fifth day of December, unknown ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth and then formed humankind in God's 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 nine-ty-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.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Presider Alleluia. To us a child is born.

Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Presider Let us pray.

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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 (1,2,3)



#### A Collect of Christmas

Presider May God be with you.

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.** 

All sit for the reading of Scripture.

### A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah — Isaiah 9:2–7

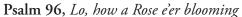
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their 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:

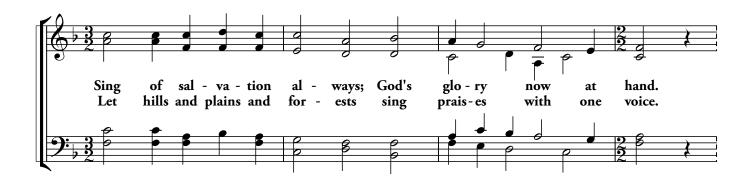
*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

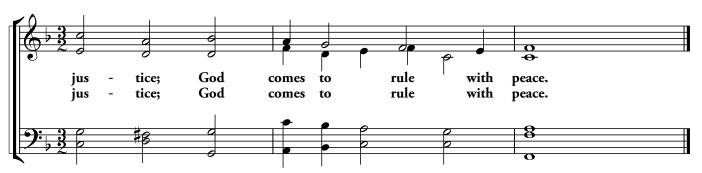
Please remain seated.











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.

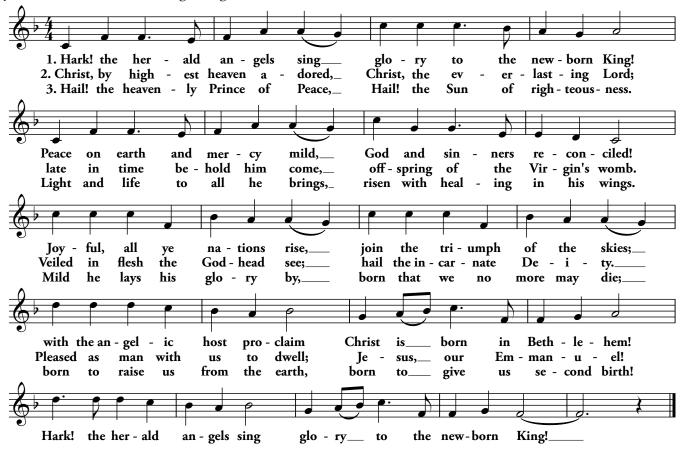
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People Thanks be to God.

When the music begins, all stand as they're able and face the Gospeller for the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ.

Hymn 87, Hark! The herald angels sing



The Holy Gospel — 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 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:

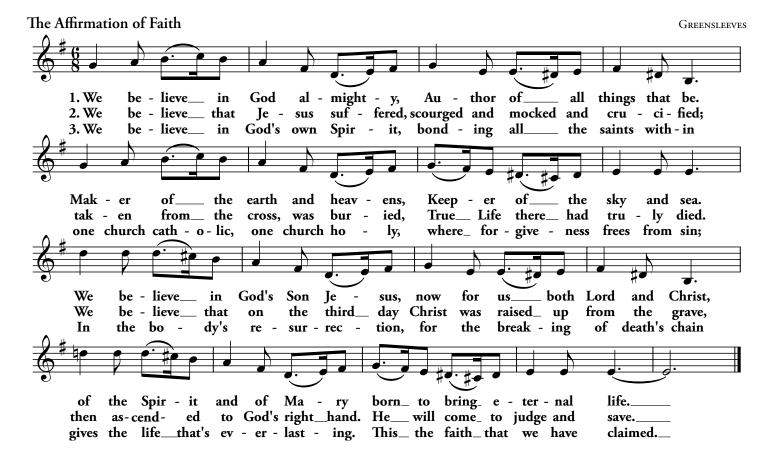
Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

#### The Sermon

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

All stand as they're able for the Creed, begun by the Assisting Minister.



#### 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. (Silence)

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. We pray especially for John; Michael Marsman; Rubuen; Leslie Chin; John; Dana Kizer; David Neal; Marie Hunkler; Alice Powers; Robin Figas; Cody Mitchell; Mardie Becker; Mario; Fatima Mendoza-Fregoso and her family; Carrie Smith; the Steele-Levine family; Dave and the residents of the Grayson RV encampment; Tommy Mierzwinski; Rani Cochran; Vikram Boutelle; Mele Pauu; Joseph Pummill; Theresa Nagle; Sallie Werson; Mara Alexander; and for the Kyakameena nursing home staff and residents;

(Silence)

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. (Silence)

Jesus, Savior,

#### hear our prayer.

Christ, before whom the magi knelt, give humility and wisdom to all who govern, and guide us to live together in justice and love. (Silence) Jesus, Savior,

#### hear our prayer.

Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger, give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you. We pray especially for Betty Svensson, A.P. Mathew, and Margaret O'Malley. (Silence)

Jesus, Savior,

hear our prayer.

Presider

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

Glory to you for ever. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please exchange a sign of Christ's peace with your neighbors.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

An offering is collected during the anthem in support of the work of All Souls Parish in our community and in the wider world.

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<sup>b</sup>–11

## At the Offertory, Of a Rose

Text: 15th c., Music: John Rutter

Of a Rose, a love Rose, Of a Rose is all my song.

Hearken to me, both old and young, How this Rose began to spring;

A fairer rose to mine liking In all this world ne know I none.

Five branches of that rose there been, The which be both fair and sheen;

The rose is called Mary, heaven's queen. Out of her bosom a blossom sprang.

The first branch was of great honor: That blest Marie should bear the flow'r;

There came an angel from heaven's tower To break the devil's bond.

The second branch was great of might, That sprang upon Christmas night;

The star shone over Bethlem bright, That man should see it both day and night.

The third branch did spring and spread; Three kings then the branch gan led

Unto Our Lady in her child-bed; Into Bethlem that branch sprang right.

The fourth branch it sprang to hell, The devil's power for to fell:

That no soul therein should dwell, The branch so blessedfully sprang.

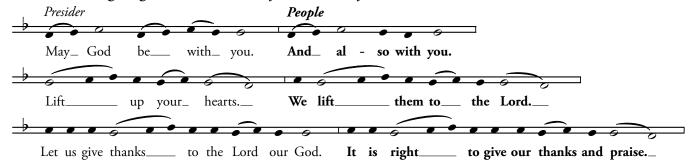
The fifth branch it was so sweet, It sprang to heav'n, both crop and root,

Therein to dwell and be our \*bote: [salvation] So blessedly it sprang.

Pray we to her with great honor, She that bare the blessed flow'r,

To be our help and our succor, And shield us from the fiendes bond.

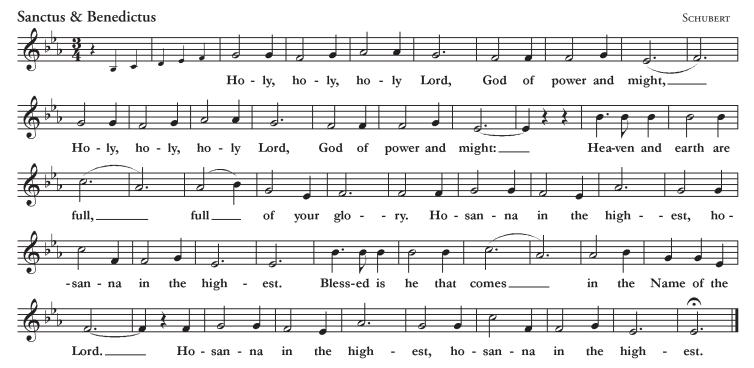
#### The Great Thanksgiving (The Eucharistic Prayer is written by The Reverend Alissa Newton.)



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:



Presider

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.

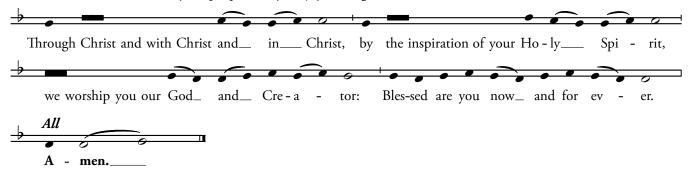
Rising, you saved us.

Christ Jesus, arrive among us!

Presider

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.

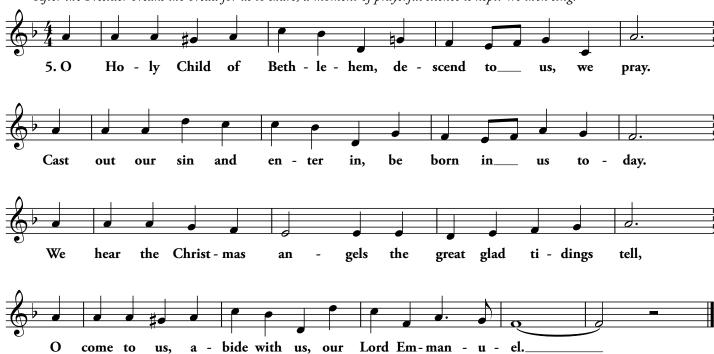
Giver of Life and Father of Mercy, may we receive you as little children. Bless us with new life as your people, give us the strength and solace of your love, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Mary, the Godbearer, and all your people into your joyful kingdom.





The Fraction, O little town of Bethlehem, (v. 3 or 5)

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



#### THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Based on diocesan, state, and federal guidelines, we will be sharing Eucharist together. Please follow the usher's invitation to receive the bread and wine or grape juice at the center of the Nave. Have your cup ready to receive the Blood of Christ. If you would like a blessing instead of the Eucharist, please cross your arms over your chest.

#### Music at Communion

#### Carol, Before the Marvel of this Night (sung by the Choir)

Text: Jaroslav Vajda, Music: Carl Schalk

Before the marvel of this night, adoring, fold your wings and bow,
Then tear the sky apart with light, and with your news the world endow.
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace, that fear and death and sorrow cease:
Sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace!
Awake the sleeping world with song, this is the day the Lord has made.
Assemble here, celestial throng, in royal splendor come arrayed.
Give earth a glimpse of heav'nly bliss, a teasing taste of what they miss:
Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss!
The love that we have always known, our constant joy and endless light,
Now to the loveless world be shown, now break upon its deathly night.
Into one song compress the love that rules our universe above:
Sing love, sing love, sing God is love, sing God is love!



As you return from communion, please light your candle and pass the light on to those around you. As you are able, please kneel for the following hymn.

## Hymn 111, Silent night

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Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright 'Round you virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia; Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

All remain kneeling, and 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

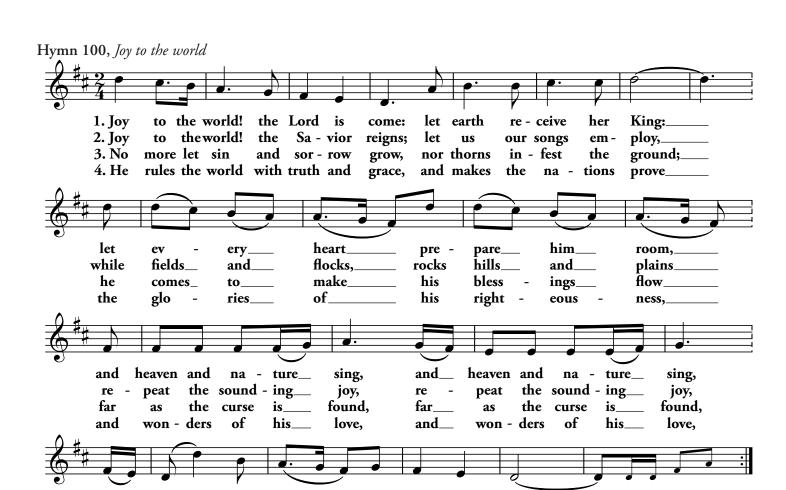
May almighty God, who sent their Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of their holiness. **Amen.** 

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**.

All stand as they're able and extinguish candles as the organ begins and the lights come on.



#### Dismissal

Asst. Min. Go forth into the world, giving glory to the newborn King!

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Postlude Church Sonata IV in C

W.A. Mozart

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