## ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL PARISH

2220 Cedar Street, Berkeley California



# Christmas Day December 25th, 2022 ~ 10 am SUNG EUCHARIST

No matter who you are or where you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

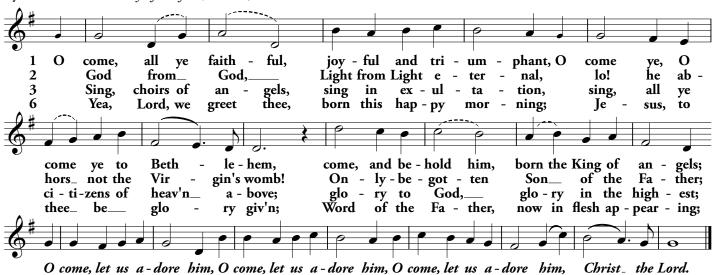
#### WELCOME

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.

#### Welcome

When the bell sounds to end the silence, all stand as they are able.

Hymn 83, O come all ye faithful (1,2,3,6)



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Presider Alleluia. To us a child is born.

People Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

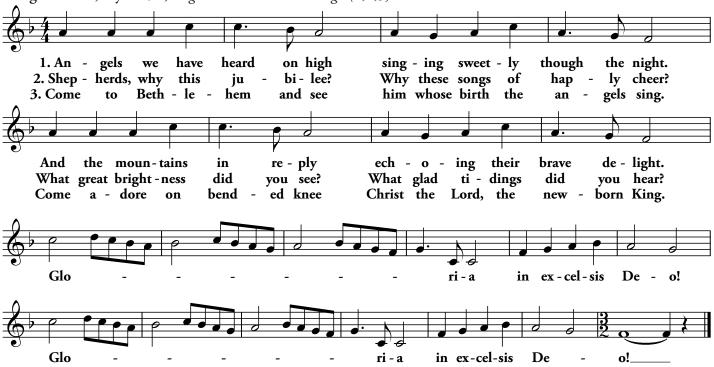
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God,

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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.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

All sit for the reading of Scripture.

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

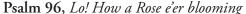
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their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

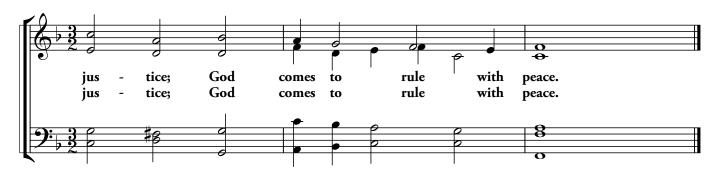
Please remain seated for the following hymn.











#### 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.

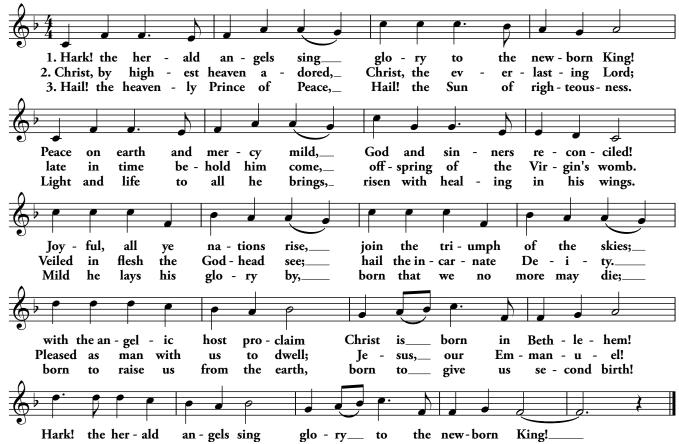
after the Lesson:

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

#### 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:

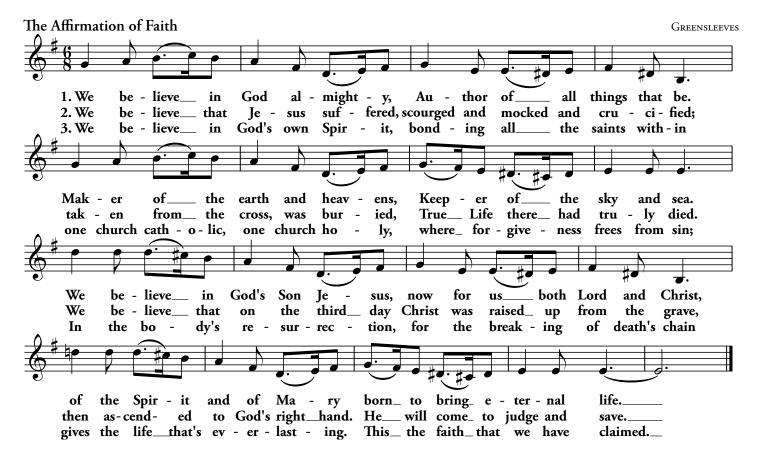
Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Michael Lemaire, Assisting Priest



#### 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.

#### The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

All stand as they're able to take a moment in prayer to extend Christ's peace to the people in their life.

#### 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, A Child is Born

Thad Jones

Now, out of the night, new as the dawn, into the light

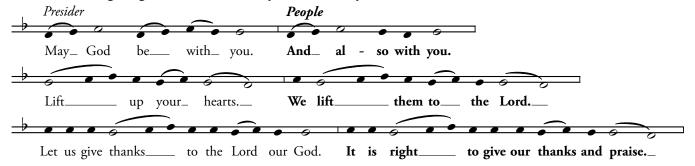
This child, innocent child, soft as a fawn, this child is born

One small heart, one pair of eyes, one work of art

Here in my arms, here he lies, trusting and warm, blessed this morn:

A child is born!

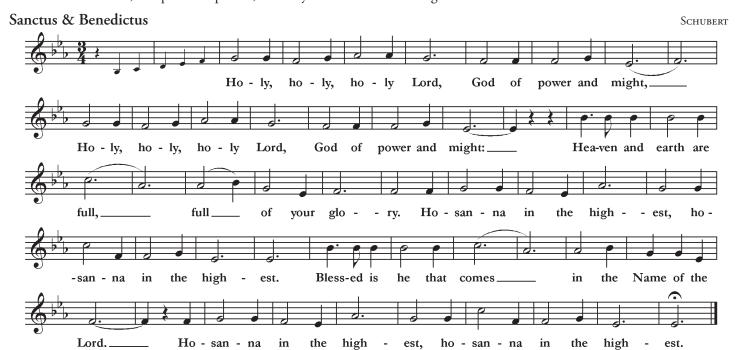
The Great Thanksgiving (The Eucharistic Prayer is written by The Reverend Alissa Newton.)



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.

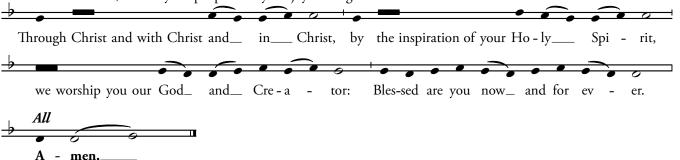
Rising, you saved us.

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.

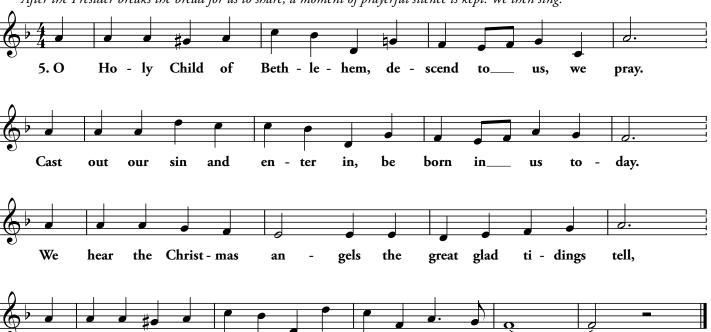




The Fraction, Hymn 79, O holy Child of Bethlehem (v. 5)

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

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THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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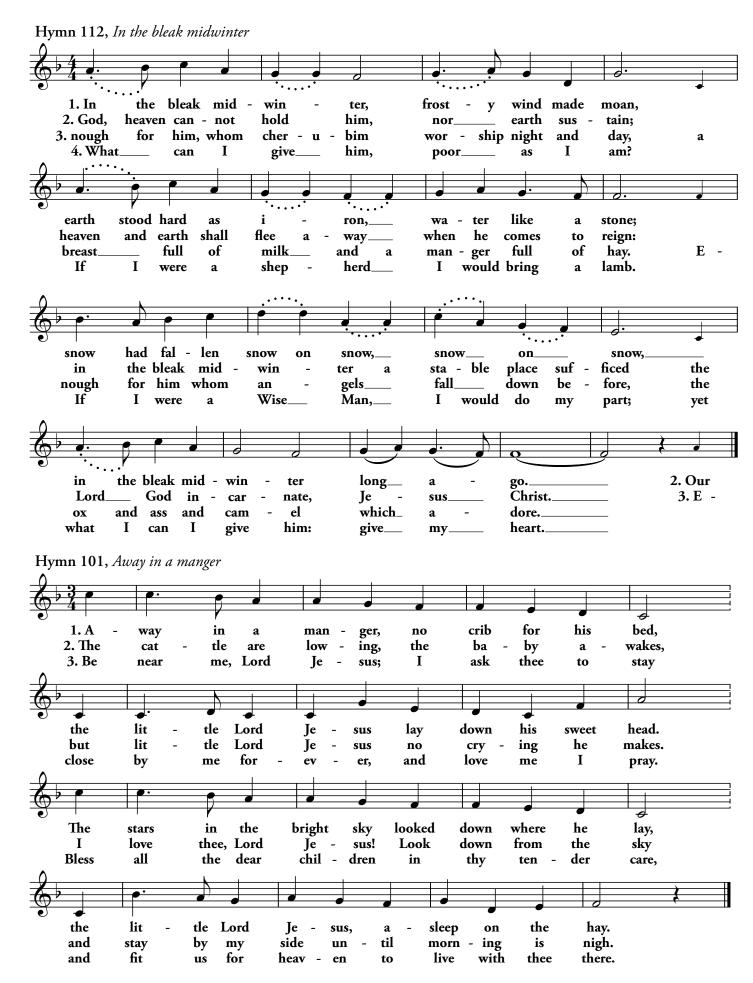
Based on diocesan, state, and federal guidelines, we will be sharing Eucharist together. Please follow the usher's invitation to receive the bread and wine or grape juice at the center of the Nave. Have your cup ready to receive the Blood of Christ. If you would like a blessing instead of the Eucharist,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

Music at Communion

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come to

us,



#### Post-Communion Prayer

All stand as they're able.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God,

All 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.

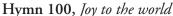
#### The Christmas Blessing

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

May God, who sent her 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.** 





#### The Dismissal

Officiant Go forth into the world, giving glory to the newborn King!

People Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude

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## THE PARISH NEWS

all you need to know this week at All Souls Episcopal Parish in Berkeley



## **Welcome to All Souls**

Whether it's your first time here or you've been coming for decades, we're very glad you're here, truly. This sheet is meant to provide you with all the information you might need to know about the activities going on around the All Souls community. As every week seems to present new possibilities and new challenges, we hope that all that is listed below can be for you opportunities to connect deeply with God, each other, and within.

#### **Youth Group**

"Sunday mornings between the 9 & 11:15 services all youth (grades 6-12) are invited downstairs to Maggie's office for donuts and to hang out. Youth group meets regularly at 7p in the Courtyard on Sunday evenings. Email Maggie for more information, maggie@allsoulsparish.org.

## Justice & Peace

- Food Bank collection is active. Just bring nonperishable food on Sundays and use the baskets in the Narthex for drop off. We're also in need of drivers to deliver the food. If interested, please contact Cathy Goshorn.
- Open Door Dinner Every second Sunday of the month, we serve a jambalaya meal to anyone who is hungry. If you are looking for a meal that day, please come by (we package the food to go) between 2-4p. If you would like to help prepare the meal, please contact Don Gates (don.a.gates@gmail.com) or Pat Jones (jpatricej@gmail.com).

#### Children & Families

Sunday school for kids of all ages, happens ton Sundays at 10:10. Pre-K-3rd Grade meet downstairs in the Godly Play classroom, and 4/5th grade meet upstairs! All classes start first in the courtyard. Email Maggie for more info.

#### **Parish Offices**

Our parish offices are closed this week, December 26-December 31st. If you have a pastoral emergency this week, please contact our parish offices.

#### **Adult Formation**

Classes meet, 10:10a on Sundays

- Bible Study, meets weekly in the Chapel and on Zoom
- Join us in January for two classes:
  - o Contending with Evil and Suffering, meets in the Parish Hall and on Zoom, and taught by Dr. Scott MacDougall. This three-session course will struggle with the realities of evil and suffering in a world made by a good and loving Creator who declares it to be "very good." How can we reconcile all of this? We'll look at some of the ways Christians have tried to do so over time and consider our own views of these questions, as well.
  - o Seasons of Faith in Solitude, meets in the Common Room (no Zoom option), and taught by The Rev. Dr. Peggy Patterson. Are you ready to enter the Season of Epiphany exploring an unexpected blessing—the blessing of Solitude as we enter the third year of the Pandemic? In this new year, this Season of Epiphany, how can we cultivate an inner spiritual life with God? How can we live into our own baptism as Jesus did, experience God's guiding light as the Wise Ones did? And experience our own Epiphany—opening our hearts to God's deep presence within us?



### PARTICIPATING TODAY

Presiding The Rev. Phil Brochard
Preaching The Rev. Michael Lemaire
Assisting Lector Sharon Chipman
Intercessor Alisa Hofmann

Acolyte Jonah Brochard, Ben Brochard

Sound Scott Garriott
Camera Charlie Myers

Musician Dent Davidson, organist, pianist

Justin Smith, trumpet

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