

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

CHORAL EVENSONG AND THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA
2025

ALL SAINTS'



**CHRISTMAS EVE, 5:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 24, 2025**

¶ *Visitors are warmly welcomed to All Saints' Church. Those not familiar with our service will see that we use two books, the Book of Common Prayer, 1928, and the Hymnal. Hymn numbers are preceded by the symbol # and page numbers in The Book of Common Prayer are indicated by BCP.*

Prelude *Gesu Bambino* **Pietro A. Yon**

Christmas Concerto *Pastorale* **Archangelo Corelli**
Viola - Miriam Tellechea Cello - Joey Miller Violin - Chris Miller

¶ *When the bell rings, the congregation is invited to stand, and to remain standing through the psalm.*

Processional Hymn #236 *Once in Royal David's City* **Irby**
Verse 1 - Soli - Kami Sun
Verse 2 - Choirs
Verse 3, 4, 5, 6 - Everyone

EVENSONG

Opening Sentences

BCP p. 21

Preces and Responses

(Minister and Choir)

John Barnard

Psalm 85

BCP p. 446

¶The congregation may be seated.

The First Lesson

Zechariah 2:10-13

SING and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD. And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee. And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

¶The congregation is invited to stand.

Magnificat and Gloria Patri (St. David's Choir)

Ruth Elaine Schram

*My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God,
my savior.*

*Mighty and holy, he has exalted the lowly, filled the hungry
and scattered the proud.*

*He has remembered his servant. My soul glorifies the
Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God.*

My Savior. My soul glorifies the Lord.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

¶The congregation may be seated.

NOW the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name Jesus.

¶The congregation is invited to stand.

Nunc Dimitis and Gloria Patri (St. David's Choir)

C.V. Stanford

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy
salvation, * which thou hast prepared before the face of all
people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, * and to be
the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and
to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: * as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen.*

¶The congregation is invited to kneel.

Kyrie (Sung by the Choir) Barnard

The Lord's Prayer (St. David's Choir) McKay

Our Father in Heaven, holy is your Name; your kingdom come, your will be done, in earth and heaven the same. Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us our sin; as we forgive each other for all we've done and been. Keep us from temptation, ever in your care. Deliver us from evil, every day and everywhere. For yours is the kingdom on earth and in heaven, the power and the glory for ever.

Versicles and Responses (Minister and Choir) Barnard

Collect for The Nativity of Our Lord BCP p. 96

Collect for Peace BCP p. 31

Collect for Aid Against Perils BCP p. 31

The Grace BCP p. 34

¶The congregation may be seated.

Greeting and Announcements

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory *Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head* arr. R. D. Row

*Jesus, Jesus, rest your head,
You have got a manger bed.
All the little ones on Earth
Sleep in comfort at their birth.
Jesus, Jesus, rest your head,
You have got a manger bed.*

*Have you heard about our Jesus?
Have you heard about His fate?
How His mother went to the stable
On that Christmas Eve so late?
Winds were blowing, cows were lowing,
Stars were glowing, glowing, glowing.*

*Jesus, Jesus, rest your head,
You have got a manger bed.
All the little ones on Earth
Sleep in comfort at their birth.
Jesus, Jesus, rest your head,
You have got a manger bed.*

*Jesus, Jesus, rest your head,
You have got a manger bed.*

Presentation Hymn: *Old Hundredth* #139

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The First Lesson

Saint Luke 2:1-7

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David): To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Carol #21

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Verses 1 and 5

St. Louis

AND there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Carol #19

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Verses 1 and 4

Carol

The Third Lesson:

St. Luke 2:15-20

AND it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Carol #13

While Shepherds Watch'd Their Flocks Winchester Old
Verses 1, 2, and 6

NOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. And lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Carol #51

We Three Kings of Orient Are Three Kings of Orient
Verses 1 and 5

BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

Priest Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

Answer Who hath made heaven and earth.

Priest The Lord be with you.

Answer And with thy spirit.

Priest Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who as on this night didst cause thine only begotten Son to be born of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary for our salvation: vouchsafe, we beseech thee, so to hallow and bless this Crib, wherein are shown forth the wonders of that sacred birth; that all those who, beholding the same, shall ponder and adore the mystery of his holy incarnation, may be filled with thy heavenly benediction unto life eternal. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶The congregation is invited to kneel for the blessing.

Blessing

BCP p. 84

Carol #27

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

Postlude:

"Joy to the World"

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
in joy and thanksgiving for the Incarnation of
His Son Jesus Christ our Lord
and in memory of
Ram and Savannah Singletary
by their family.*

12th NIGHT CHRISTMAS TREE BONFIRE



SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 5, 2026 at 6:00 PM

LOCATION TBD



Celebrate the conclusion of
Christmastide with
All Saints' on the Eve of the
Epiphany.

Roast marshmallows & hotdogs
and enjoy seasonal treats.
Bring your Christmas tree
and add it to the pile!
The youth that collects
the most trees will win
Downtown Dollars!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

10:00 a.m. Christmas Meal Prep

Office closes at noon.

4:00 p.m. Knitters Guild

4:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Evensong & Pageant

10:30 p.m. Midnight Mass

Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Office Closed

10:30 a.m. Christmas Meal Packaging and Delivery

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Friday, December 26 - St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

Office Closed

Saturday, December 27 - St. John the Evangelist

Sunday, December 28 - The First Sunday after Christmas Day

The Holy Innocents

9:00 a.m. Nursery Opens

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:00 a.m. 3GIC Youth Group

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Wednesday, December 31

Office Closed

Thursday, January 1 - Circumcision of Christ

Office Closed

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Thomasville, Georgia

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The Rev'd George Willcox Brown, III Rector

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

MORNING	EVENING
10:30 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Holy Communion or	Holy Communion or
Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer

Holy Days as announced

Nursery Facilities are provided from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Sunday.

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