

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

HOLY COMMUNION



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA
2025

ALL SAINTS'



CHRISTMAS EVE, 10:30 P.M.

¶ 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.

Hymn #12 *O Come All Ye Faithful* Adeste fideles

¶ The Congregation is invited to remain standing until the Collect.

Collect for Purity

ALmighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. and the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie #710

Gloria in excelsis Deo #739 Willan

***G**LORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Collect

¶ The Congregation is invited to kneel.

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ; Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ The Congregation is invited to sit for the Epistle.

THE grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

¶ The Congregation is invited to stand for the Hymn, Gospel, and Creed.

Hymn #20

Of The Father's Love Begotten

Divinum

Gospel

St. Luke 2:1-14

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to St. Luke, the second chapter,
beginning at the first verse.

Answer Glory be to thee O Lord.

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar 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, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, 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. 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, be hold, 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.

Answer Praise be to thee O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Hymn #27

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

Homily

Fr. Brown

*Holy child, blessed child, go to sleep,
Dearest child, meek and mild, slumber deep.
Sleep now as the angels from on high
Worship you with their lullaby.*

*There's a song in the air, and a star in the sky!
The mother's deep prayer, the babe's low cry.
The feeling of joy o'er the wonderful birth,
The virgin's sweet boy is Lord of earth.
The star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
The manger of Bethlehem cradles Christ the King.*

*¶ The Congregation is invited to stand for the
Presentation of Alms and through the Sanctus and Benedictus.*

Presentation Hymn #139 Old Hundredth

Sursum Corda

The musical notation is arranged in four staves, alternating between the Celebrant and the People. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant, followed by the People, then the Celebrant, and finally the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit." (Celebrant), "Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord." (People), "Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God." (Celebrant), and "It is meet and right so to do." (People).

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People
It is meet and right so to do.

Preface of Christmas

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the

Holy Ghost, was made very man, of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying...

Sanctus & Benedictus #797 Willan

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of, hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

¶ The Congregation is invited to kneel for the Canon.

Canon

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

AND we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

AND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness and mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

AND here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By

whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say...

Lord's Prayer *Said in unison.*

Agnus Dei #712 Willan

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Ecce Agnus Dei

Priest Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Answer Lord I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion *How Beautiful Are the Feet* Handel/Miller
Viola-Miriam Tellechea Cello-Joey Miller Violin-Chris Miller

¶ Any person Baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and who acknowledges the Presence of our Lord in this Holy Sacrament is welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Hymn #33 *Silent Night* Holy Night

¶ The Congregation is invited to kneel for the Postcommunion Prayer, Dismissal, and Blessing.


Postcommunion

O GOD, who hast made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true light: grant, we beseech thee; that we who have known the mysteries of his light on earth may attain unto the fruition of his joys in heaven. Who with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth God, world without end. *Amen.*

Dismissal

Priest Depart in peace.

Answer


Thanks be to God.

Blessing

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Hymn #30 *The First Noel* Noel

Postlude *Carols*

*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 Savannah Singletary
and Ram Singletary
by their family.*

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

No evening service

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 DNIC

Office Closed

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The Rt. Rev'd Frank Logue Bishop of Georgia
The Rev'd George Willcox Brown, III Rector

THE VESTRY

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

MORNING

10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion or
Morning Prayer

EVENING

5:00 p.m.

Holy Communion or
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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