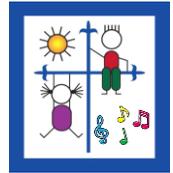




CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BLOOMFIELD & GLEN RIDGE



ADVENT FESTIVAL
OF
LESSONS & CAROLS

DECEMBER 18, 2016



Growing in faith ~ Serving our neighbors ~ Creating community

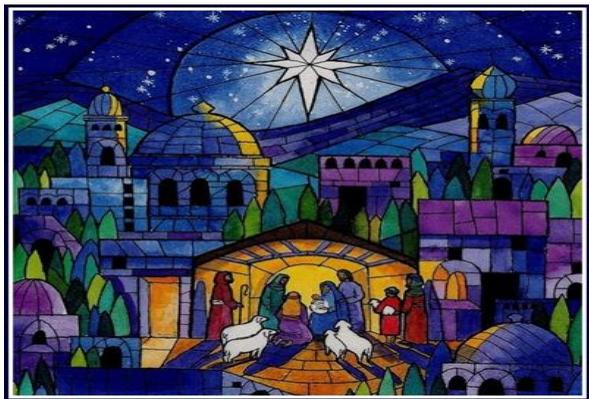
WELCOME!

This is a service that is a beloved part of our Anglican tradition. There are Advent Lessons & Carols, and Christmas Lessons & Carols, but both have as their focus the lessons themselves, enveloped in beautiful choral music and hymns. The lessons trace the journey of our relationship with God through human history, and the music allows us to open our hearts to the experience of that relationship in our lives. We are thankful for your presence here tonight, as this is a journey we all take together, and your presence enhances the experience for us all.

Should you need them, restrooms are located by going out the door located next to St. Mary's Chapel (which is on the right), and following the hallway through the doors.

All are handicap accessible.

If you have any questions at all, our ushers will be happy to help you.



CHRISTMAS AT CHRIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE

5PM: FAMILY SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

10PM: CHORAL EUCHARIST WITH ADULT CHOIR

CHRISTMAS DAY

3PM: INFORMAL HOLY EUCHARIST

AN ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS



INTROIT *Matin Responory* “I Look from Afar” G.P. da Palestrina (1525-1594) *adapt.*

I look from afar:

and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another,

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

I look from afar:

and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

Please stand, as able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 56 (1982 Hymnal Words: Latin Music: Veni, veni Emmanuel)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

A BIDDING PRAYER *(Book of Occasional Services, p. 31, adapt.)*

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against God until the glorious redemption brought to us by the holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and our towns of Bloomfield & Glen Ridge.

SILENCE

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

SILENCE

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

SILENCE

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to God, in the words which Christ himself has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated for the readings and choir anthems and stands, as able, for the hymns.

A child reads

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 1:24-31

God creates man and woman to live in obedience in the Garden of Eden.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in God's image,
in the image of God they were created;
male and female God created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

People Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Conditor alme siderum (Chant 7th Cent.)

Latin

*Conditor alme siderum
aeterna lux credentium
Christe redemptor omnium
exaudi preces supplicum*

*Vergente mundi vespere
uti sponsus de thalamo
egressus honestissima
Virginis matris clausula.*

*Te, deprecamur agie,
venture iudex saeculi,
conserva nos in tempore
hostis a telo perfidi.*

English

*Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
Jesus, Redeemer, save us all,
and bear Thy servants when they call.*

*Thou camest, the Bridegroom of the Bride,
as drew the world to evening tide,
proceeding from a virgin shrine,
the spotless Victim all divine.*

*O Thou whose coming is with dread,
to judge and doom the quick and dead,
preserve us, while we dwell below,
from every insult of the foe.*

An educator reads

THE SECOND LESSON

GENESIS 3:1-23 adapt.

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to them, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' They said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to them, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when they saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, they took of its fruit and ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and woman hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked?

Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?’ They said, ‘The serpent tricked us, and we ate.’

The LORD God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.’ To the woman he said, ‘I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children.’... And to the man he said, ‘...cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.’ The woman was named Eve, because she was the mother of all who live. And the LORD God made garments of skins for the man and for the woman, and clothed them. Then the LORD God said, ‘See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever’— therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Adam Lay Ybounden *Boris Ord (1897-1961)*

*Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long,
And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkës finden,
Written in their book.*

*Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never Our Lady
A-been beav’ne queen.*

*Blessed be the time
That apple taken was.
Therefore we moun singen
Deo gratias!*

A chorister reads

THE THIRD LESSON

ISAIAH 40:1-11

God's people are comforted

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able.

HYMN 67 (*Hymnal 1982* Words: J.G. Olearius Music: Psalm 42)

Comfort, comfort ye my people



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

A postal worker reads

THE FOURTH LESSON

BARUCH 4:36-5:9

The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand.

Look towards the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Besançon Carol Music: Trad. French Arr. M. Archer (b.1952)

*People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.*

*Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.*

*Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.*

*Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

*Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
Guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way.*

A community leader reads

THE FIFTH LESSON

MICAH 5:2-4

The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

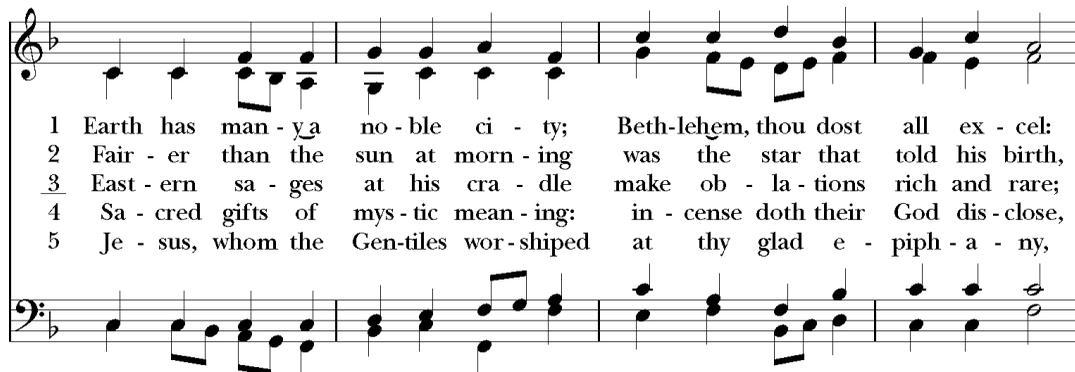
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as able.

HYMN 127 (Hymnal 1982 Words: M.A.C. Prudentius Music: Stuttgart)

Earth has many a noble city



1 Earth has man - ya no - ble ci - ty; Beth-lehem, thou dost all ex - cel:
2 Fair - er than the sun at morn - ing was the star that told his birth,
3 East - ern sa - ges at his cra - dle make ob - la - tions rich and rare;
4 Sa - cred gifts of mys - tic mean - ing: in - cense doth their God dis - close,
5 Je - sus, whom the Gen - tiles wor - shiped at thy glad e - piph - a - ny,



1 out of thee the Lord from hea - ven came to rule his Is - ra - el.
2 to the world its God an - nounc - ing seen in flesh - ly form on earth.
3 see them give, in deep de - vo - tion, gold and frank - in - cense and myrrh.
4 gold the King of kings pro - claim - eth, myrrh his sep - ul - cher fore - shows.
5 un - to thee, with God the Fa - ther and the Spi - rit, glo - ry be.

An actor reads

THE SIXTH LESSON

ISAIAH 11:1-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM*Bethlehem Down Music: Peter Warlock (1894-1930) Words: Bruce Blunt*

*When he is King we will give him the King's gifts,
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
"Beautiful robes," said the young girl to Joseph,
Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.*

*When he is King they will clothe him in grave-sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary,
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.*

*Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.*

*Here he has peace and a short while for dreaming,
Close-buddled oxen to keep him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.*

*An artist reads***THE SEVENTH LESSON****ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18***God will be among us; we are summoned to rejoice and sing.*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *O Magnum Mysterium* Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

Latin

*O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,
jacentem in praesepio!
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera
meruerunt portare
Dominum Christum.
Alleluia.*

English

*O great mystery,
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord,
lying in a manger!
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear
Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!*

A Warden of the church reads

THE EIGHTH LESSON

ISAIAH 65:17-25

God promises a new heaven and a new earth.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as able.

HYMN 59 (*Hymnal 1982 Words: Latin ca. 6th Cent. Music: Merton*)

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Descant

2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,
1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing; "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.
1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for-given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

A member of the church Vestry reads

THE NINTH LESSON

LUKE 1:26-38

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

The Angel Gabriel Trad. Basque, arr. Pettman

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden, Mary, most highly favored lady," Gloria!

"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee, thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said, "my soul shall laud and magnify His holy Name." Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk around the world shall ever say, "Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

THE COLLECT

Officiant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray together.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE ADVENT BLESSING *(Book of Occasional Services, p. 22, adapt.)*

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN 57 (*Hymnal 1982* Words: C. Wesley Music: Helmsley)

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

*The clergy and choir will recess during the Recessional.
Please wait until the postlude has concluded before leaving for the Parish Hall.*

RECESSIONAL *Hodie, from A Ceremony of Carols* Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

<i>Hodie Christus natus est</i>	<i>Today is Christ born;</i>
<i>hodie Salvator apparuit:</i>	<i>today the Savior has appeared;</i>
<i>hodie in terra canunt Angeli,</i>	<i>today the Angels on earth sing,</i>
<i>laetantur Archangeli:</i>	<i>the Archangels rejoice;</i>
<i>hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:</i>	<i>today the righteous rejoice, saying:</i>
<i>Gloria in excelsis Deo, alleluja</i>	<i>Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!</i>

THE POSTLUDE

*We thank you for
joining us this
evening, and we invite
you to a festive
reception
in our
Parish Hall.*

*There will be
plenty of
food, sweets,
drink, and laughter
to share.*



PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE THIS EVENING

THE CHOIR OF CHRIST CHURCH

Director of Music: Mr. William Davies

SOPRANOS:

Ms. Linda Heard

Ms. Pam Jones

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Ms. Iona Hutchinson

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Ms. Amy Reynolds

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Mr. Lambert Gibson

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Mr. Ben Reynolds

Mr. Mark Richardson

Mr. Jeffrey Stanfill*

BASSES:

Mr. Joseph Durham*

Mr. Christopher Dwyer

Mr. Richard Lamb

Mr. Bradley Ritschel

Mr. Dan Wing

**Section Leaders*

LECTORS

In order of appearance

Miss. Nadine Salaash

Child in our Sunday School

Ms. Kelly McAllister

An Elementary School Teacher & Parent

Ms. Denise Massey-Williams

Chorister & Vestry

Mr. Emmanuel Wakhata

Postal Worker & Former Vestry Member

Ms. Betsy Ginsburg

President of the Board of Education, Glen Ridge

Ms. Yvette Lucas

Local Artist & Youth Group Leader

Ms. Danielle Treuberg

Actor, Parishioner, & Nursery School Parent

Mr. Bill Seeman

Warden

Ms. Danita Locks

Member of the Vestry

OFFICIANT

The Rev. Diana L. Wilcox

Rector

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Holy Eucharist Rite II

8:00 am (spoken service) - St. Mary's Chapel

Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music

10:30 am – Main Church

Last Chance Mass

6:00pm – St. Mary's Chapel



WEDNESDAY

Healing Eucharist & Bible Study

12:00pm – in the Church

Labyrinth Walk & Service

7:00pm – in the Church

THE LEADERSHIP OF CHRIST CHURCH

Wardens: David Drislane and William Seeman

Clerk of the Vestry: Rick Fox **Treasurer:** Dan Wing

The Vestry

Class of 2017

Danita Locks
Bob Plass
David Brinkerhoff

Class of 2018

Lambert Gibson
Denise Massey-Williams
Benjamin Reynolds

Class of 2019

Joseph Durham
Rick Fox
Kevin Treuberg

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