

# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



**CHRISTMAS EVE 2013**

**MUSIC** (*with hymns as announced*)

**10:45 P.M.**

**HOLY EUCHARIST**

**11:00 P.M.**

*The Christ Child is carried to the Manger at which point the following is said*

Priest The glory of the Lord has been revealed:  
All **And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.**

Let us pray.

O God our Creator, to restore our fallen race you spoke the effectual word, and the Eternal Word became flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that as he humbled himself to be clothed with our humanity, so we may be found worthy, in him, to be clothed with his divinity; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Priest* Let us go forth in peace. *All* **In the Name of Christ. Amen.**

***O come, all ye faithful***

***Hymnal 83***

## **HOLY EUCHARIST**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

BCP 355

Collect for Purity

Glory to God in the highest

Hymnal S 280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



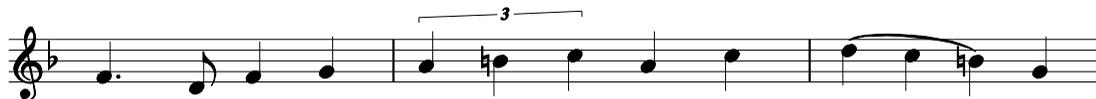
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

O GOD, you have caused this holy night to shine with the 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.**

A Reading from Isaiah.

52.7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains  
 are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
 who brings good news,  
 who announces salvation,  
 who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."  
 Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
 together they sing for joy;  
 for in plain sight they see  
 the return of the LORD to Zion.  
 Break forth together into singing,  
 you ruins of Jerusalem;  
 for the LORD has comforted his people,  
 he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
 The LORD has bared his holy arm  
 before the eyes of all the nations;  
 and all the ends of the earth shall see  
 the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

1

Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.

2

With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.

3

The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6

Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.

7

With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9

Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

10

In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

A Reading from Hebrews.

1.1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Of the Father's love begotten*

*Hymnal 82*

**I**N THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. *[By custom some genuflect or bow at reference to the incarnation.]* **AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND LIVED AMONG US,** *[Rising here.]* and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven: *[Some may genuflect or bow at reference to incarnation]*  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man. *[Rising here]***

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*The appointed leader continues with these prayers of the people*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Francis of Rome, Bartholomew of Constantinople, Justin of Canterbury, Katherine our primate, Holly own bishop, for Chuck, Mikel, and Kay, the clergy of our partner churches in Chatham, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Barack our President, Bob our Governor, Terry our Governor Elect, Roy our Mayor, and for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this town of Chatham for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, for the lonely and the grieving, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, for the hungry and the homeless, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who seek God or a deeper knowledge of God and for those who are struggling with or who have lost their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Dorothy and Boppa of this parish, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph her most chaste spouse, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

*Silence. Then the Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

Announcements and Offertory Sentence

### ***Choir Anthem***

***Angels we have heard on high*** (The People Stand)

***Hymnal 96***

*The alms basins are brought forward during the hymn.*



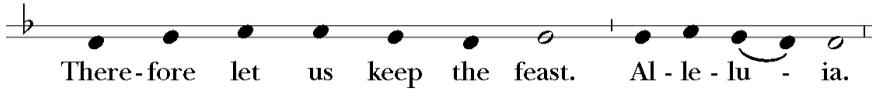
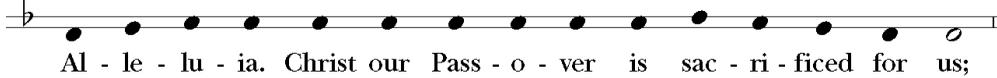
The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread *A period of silence is kept.*

**Hymnal S 151**

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



*This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.*

The Invitation

***It came upon the midnight clear***

***Hymnal 90***

***Hark! the heard angels sing***

***Hymnal 87***

*If not already done, candles are distributed to the congregation.*

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The dismissal is then given to which the people respond* **Thanks be to God**

*People near the aisle receive light from the torchbearers and offer it to others around them.*

***Joy to the world***

***Hymnal 100***

*The following hymn is sung in candlelight.*

***Silent night, holy night***

***Hymnal 111***

**WE WILL COLLECT THESE REUSABLE CANDLE HOLDERS AS YOU LEAVE. THANK YOU.**

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**WE WELCOME YOU in the Name of Jesus Christ! We invite you to participate fully in service: regardless of age or denomination, you are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's Table. We wish you a most blessed Christmas and happy New Year.**

**We will have Christmas Lessons & Carols this coming Sunday at 11 A.M.**

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***Come worship with us on Sundays @ 11 A.M.***