

The Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Day



Grace Episcopal Church
Millbrook, NY

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10 A.M.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Opening Acclamation/Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

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

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 98

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.

The Second Reading

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

People: Thanks be to God

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

John 1:1-14

In 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.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, 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

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

BCP 360

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus:

BCP 367

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Communion ~ *The consecrated Host will be distributed through visitation; if you would like to receive Holy communion during the Christmas season contact the office to arrange for Fr. Matt to visit~*

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

[A note on abbreviations: BCP refers to the red Book of Common Prayer; H refers to the blue 1982 Hymnal.]



*I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people;
To you is born in the City of David a Savior,
who is the Messiah, the Lord.*



*Celebrant – The Rt. Rev. Dr. Matthew Calkins
Co-Celebrant – The Rev. Cannon James Elliott Lindsley*



OUR 2020 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

Gladys Archambault in loving memory of Gladys & Alfred Johnson.

Jim and Mary Louise Ball in loving memory of Lewis Ball, Sally Ball, John D. Eller, Aurelia Eller, Mark Cathey, Fred Ball, and in thanksgiving for Gus Ball, Sally Ball, Chico, Grimaldi, Smurf.

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Margaret & Cooper Kasin in loving memory of Lynn Kasin.

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Jon Wicker & Cathy Shanks in loving memory of their parents and in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.

In thanksgiving for the Grace Church community and the warm support given in the pandemic.



Merry Christmas