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The Nativity of Our Lord

Online via Zoom

Thursday, December 24th at
7:00 pm

We are delighted that you are worshipping with us this evening.

*May those of you who sorrow, find comfort; the weary, rest; the troubled, peace;
the stranger, friends; the unhappy, joy;
and may all find God's presence in the sacred space between us.*

The Nativity of Our Lord

All standing, the Presider says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen. Steve Gaddes

The Presider says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** (Steve Gaddes)

Song of Praise *Sing to God* arr. Carol McClure

*Sing to God, your voices raise,
Shout to God your hymns of praise.
Let all creation sing aloud its praise to the Lord. Amen.*

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.** Steve Gaddes

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and for ever. **Amen.** (Steve Gaddes)

First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7 Scott Fraser

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the

harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Steve Gaddes

Psalm 96

Scott Fraser

Nancy Fraser

The psalm is read responsively breaking at the asterisk.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
 sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
 proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
 and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
 he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
 but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
 Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
 ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
 bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
 let the whole earth tremble before him.

- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
 let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
 before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

Second Reading Titus 2:11-14

Lisa Clay

A Reading from Paul's letter to Titus.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Steve Gaddes

Hymn *Away in a Manger*

Hymnal 101



1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 * 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,
 the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

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Third Reading Luke 2:1-14

Priest A Reading from the Gospel of Luke.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made

known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Priest Here ends the Reading.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Steve Gaddes

Homily

The Rev. Johanna Marcure

Anthem *Still, still, still*

Trinity Singers

Still, still, still,

One can hear the falling snow.

For all is hushed,

The world is sleeping,

Holy Star its vigil keeping.

Still, still, still,

One can hear the falling snow.

Sleep, sleep, sleep,

'Tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.

The night is peaceful all around you,

Close your eyes,

Let sleep surround you.

Sleep, sleep, sleep,

'Tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.

Dream, dream, dream,

Of the joyous day to come.

While guardian angels without number,

Watch you as you sweetly slumber.

Dream, dream, dream,

Of the joyous day to come.

Nicene Creed

All who are able are invited to stand.

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

Lynette Cunningham

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

**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.**

Pam Borden

**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.

Cindy Chatell

Prayers of the People

John Morgan

Bob Liptrot

With the angels of heaven we proclaim your glory, O God. As the radiance of your presence lights up the heavens, we pray for enlightenment for your church on behalf of the whole world.

Pause.

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. **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 our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our President and our President Elect, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this village, 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 the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, 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, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For your faithfulness and love to us through the saints of every time and place especially those in whose names gifts have been given to help to feed the hungry through our feeding ministry, 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.**

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

The Presider concludes with the following Collect

Grant that, through our prayers, our lives may radiate the presence of Christ to all who dwell on earth, for Christ is our Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Steve Gaddes

Hymn *Silent Night*

Hymnal 111

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

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At the Presentation the Presider says

All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee.** Steve Gaddes

The Presider then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Presider

Our Father, who art in heaven, Bob Liptrot
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, Gail Harrison
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Presider says

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** (Steve Gaddes)

Blessing

God of all ages, in the birth of Christ your boundless love for your people shattered the power of darkness. Be born in us with that same love and light, that our song may blend with all the choirs of heaven and earth to the glory of your holy name. And the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.** (Steve Gaddes)

Hymn *Joy to the World*

Hymnal 100

The musical score for 'Joy to the World' is presented in a standard format with a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are arranged in four parts, with the first part starting on a higher pitch than the others. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass line.

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

- 1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
- 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
- 3 far as the curse is found, far
- 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace. Christ is with you.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Steve Gaddes

*Heartfelt gratitude for Pat Cichy and Roger Cichy,
and all of our Trinity Singers
for their dedication and faith-faithed generosity
in sharing their gifts for the glory of God.*

*Thank you to our Sunday School Coordinator
Mary Jane Smith and all those who participated in
this year's Christmas Pageant offering
Good News of Great Joy!*

*We are grateful for Bob Bouthillier, Bethanne Colvin, Steve Gaddes, John Morgan, Rabbi
Joe, Susan Newkirk, Jill Shurtleff, and Rick Shurtleff for their collaborative efforts in
greening our worship space for Christmastide.*

*We offer our Joy and Thanksgiving for all of God's blessings,
you all among them!*



Merry Christmas

Ministers	<i>All the People</i>
Rector	The Rev. Johanna Marcure
Parish Administrator	Michelle Mach
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Choir Director	Roger Cichy
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Trinity Church Mission Statement

At Trinity, our goal is to make the teachings of God
available to the community
through a house of worship;
to spread the good news of Jesus Christ
by our actions and our words;
to care for those in need;
and to provide fellowship amongst the parish family