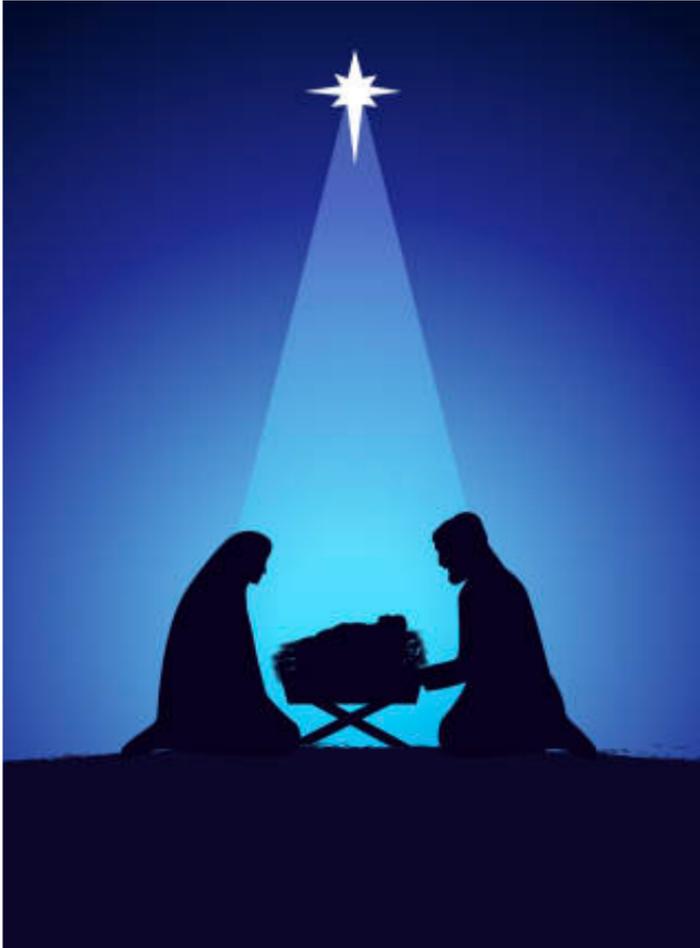


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## **NATIVITY**

*by Christina Gosserez*

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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## Saint Benedict Episcopal Church The First Sunday after Christmas

**December 26, 2021 | 8:00am (Rite I) and 10:00 am (Rite II)**

Welcome to Saint Benedict Episcopal Church, a church that feels like family! We are glad to have you worship with us today. If you are a newcomer, please complete a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate so we can extend our welcome beyond this service. Additional information about Saint Benedict's and our ministries may be found online at [www.saintbenedicts.org](http://www.saintbenedicts.org). Rite I (Sunday 8:00am) of The Holy Eucharist begins on page 323 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP); responses for this service are in **red**. Rite II (Saturday 6:00pm and Sunday 10:00am), on page 355 (BCP). Congregational responses for all services are found in **bold**. The music for the service is taken from the blue Hymnal 1982 (H-1982) and the red, green, and black hymnal Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS). We are a singing church; **we ask that you please stand at the introduction of hymns**. Prepare your hearts to celebrate in Word and Sacrament, Emmanuel, God with us.

### THE GATHERING

#### Organ Voluntaries

#### Hymn 106 (vs. 1-3, 6)

Yorkshire

1. Christians, awake, salute the happy morn  
whereon the Savior of the world was born;  
rise to adore the mystery of love,  
which hosts of angels chanted from above;  
with them the joyful tidings first begun  
of God Incarnate and the Virgin's Son.

2. Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,  
who heard the angelic herald's voice: "Behold,  
I bring good tidings of a Savior's birth  
to you and all the nations on the earth:  
this day hath God fulfilled his promised word,  
this day is born a Savior, Christ the Lord."

3. He spoke, and straightway the celestial choir  
in hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire;  
the praises of redeeming love they sang,  
and heaven's whole orb with alleluias rang;  
God's highest glory was their anthem still,  
peace on the earth, and unto men good will.

6. Then may we hope, the angelic thrones among,  
to sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song;  
he that was born upon this joyful day  
around us all his glory shall display;  
saved by his love, incessant we shall sing  
eternal praise to heaven's almighty King.

## The Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

Alleluia! Unto us a Child is born:  
**Come, let us adore Him, Alleluia!**

## The Collect for Purity

*The Celebrant prays:* 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.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

by William Matthias

Glo - ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his  
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,  
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:  
re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the  
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 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.

## At the Collect of the First Sunday after Christmas

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays:* Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### A reading from Isaiah the Prophet

*Isaiah 61:10-62:3*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm Response

*read responsively by verse*

*Psalm 147: 13-21*

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;

**14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.**

15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

**16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.**

17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

**18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?**

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

**20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**

21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

## A reading from the Letter to the Galatians

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn 87

Manheim



1. From the dawn - ing of cre - a - tion, God was pres - ent in the Word.
2. Light ap - peared in deep - est dark - ness. Night was end - ed, morn - ing dawned.
3. Hu - man eyes have seen God's glo - ry; hu - man hands have touched God's own.



And the Word was God e - ter - nal, source of all that came to be.  
And that light is ev - er burn - ing, bright - ness nev - er ov - er - come.  
In our like - ness here a - mong us, dwells the Word of God made flesh.



Je - sus is that Word e - ter - nal. Je - sus is the Word of life.  
Je - sus is that Light e - ter - nal. Je - sus is the Word of life.  
Je - sus is that Word in - carn - ate. Je - sus is the Word of life.

## At the Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2:1-20)

**+ Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

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. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

**The Nicene Creed**

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

**(PAUSE - SILENCE)**

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 Prayers of the People**

Eternal God, at Christmas your Son our Savior was born in human form. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. God, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for Christians throughout the world who are celebrating Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. God, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

On that holy night, there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. God, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

On that holy night, Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all those who are in pain or distress this night. God, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

On that holy night, shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption by word and example. God, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

On that holy night, the angels sang "Peace to God's people on earth." Strengthen those who work for peace and justice, here and in all the world. God, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

On that holy night, strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. God, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant prays: O God, you have given us a new revelation of your love in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

Please greet your neighbor according to social distancing guidelines

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**\*(8:00am Rite I): And with Thy Spirit.**

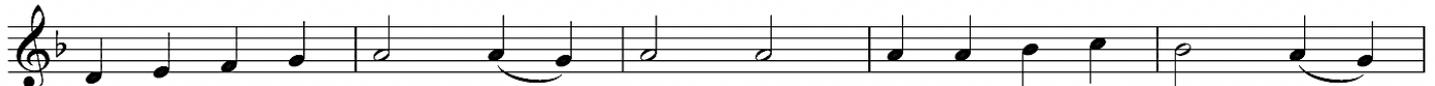
**Welcome and Announcements**

The people remain seated while an offering is received to support Saint Benedict's work of sharing God's love with the world. Please be generous - we count on your support year-round. Text "give7801" to 1-888-364-4483. You may also make a secure donation online at our website [www.Saintbenedicts.org](http://www.Saintbenedicts.org) or via the Saint Benedict's app.

**THE LORD'S TABLE**

**Offertory Hymn 324**

*Picardy*



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling  
 2. King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on earth he  
 3. Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van-guard on the  
 4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with sleep - less



stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing  
 stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the Bo - dy  
 way, as the Light of Light de - scend - eth from the realms of  
 eye, veil their fa - ces to the Pres - ence, as with cease - less



in his hand Christ our God to earth de -  
 and the Blood he will give to all the  
 end - less day, that the powers of hell may  
 voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 faith - - ful his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 va - - nish as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 lu - - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

**Presentation Hymn**

*Puer Nobis Nascitur*

To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night, to God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

The service continues with Rite I on p. 333, Rite II on p. 361 (BCP)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**\*(8:00am Rite I):**

The Lord be with you.

**And with Thy Spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

The Celebrant continues with the Preface and Sanctus:

*Deutsch Messe by F. Schubert*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,\_\_\_\_

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,\_\_\_\_

hea - ven and earth are full,\_\_\_\_ full\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord.\_\_\_\_ Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people remain standing or kneel as the Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, to which the congregation responds: **Christ Has Died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again, and sings: Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

## The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem

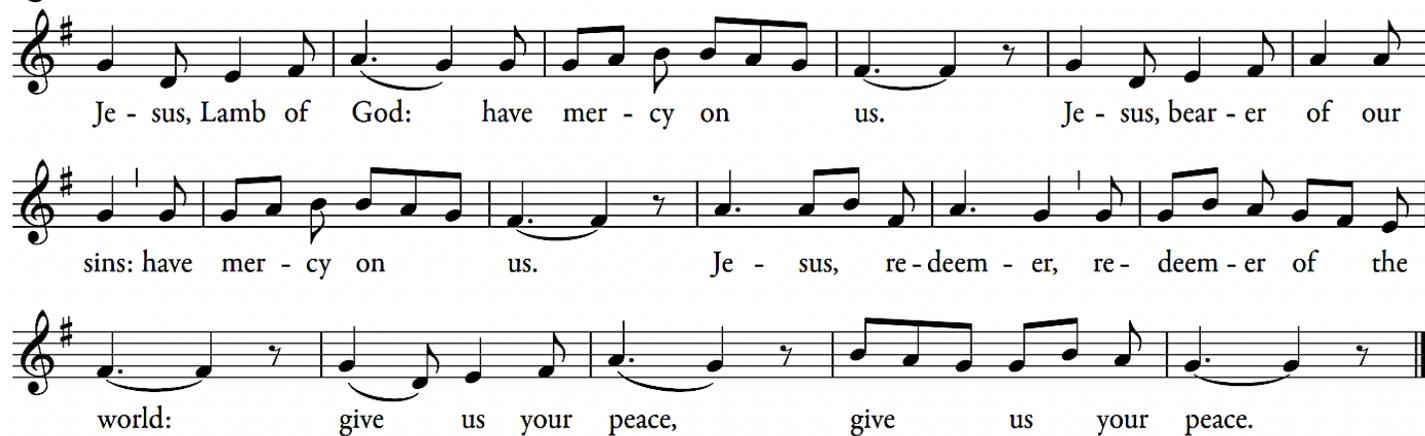
The bread is broken. Silence is kept.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## Agnus Dei

Schubert



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our  
sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the  
world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

## Invitation to Holy Communion

*The Celebrant says:* The Gifts of God for the People of God: take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Our Invitation to You**

*This is the Lord's Table, where all of God's children are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

## Organ Meditation

*Le Nativite by Olivier Messiaen*

## The Post Communion Prayer

*The Celebrant say:* Let us pray. Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE SENDING FORTH

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

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his goodness and love. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father +, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

# Hymn 96

# Go Tell It On the Mountain

## Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth
- 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

## Repeat Refrain



be - hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.  
and God sent us sa - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

## The Dismissal

Christ is born for us. Let us go forth in His name and peace. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## Organ Voluntary

*In dulci jubilo, BWV729 by J.S. Bach*



*The parish family of St. Benedict's wishes you and yours a very Blessed Christmas and Prosperous New Year! Please pray about making an end-of-the-year Christmas donation and gift to this church. We recently completed paying the mortgage on this new church building, but we are still in need of large donations for ongoing maintenance and operational expenses. While we are frugal, and very careful in our spending, our day-to-day operational costs are many. Please pray and consider making a substantial offering to help us continue doing God's work. We make this appeal in the name of Jesus, because we know that God's work is done by generous and caring persons like you. Please do not forget St. Benedict's in your Last Will and Testament. God bless you for your generosity!*



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We have a “Communion Lane” on the East Side Church Entrance.

**SATURDAY: 6:00 PM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (“Dog-friendly” Service)**

**SUNDAYS: 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 (Spanish) AM HOLY EUCHARIST**

**TUESDAY: MORNING PRAYER 8:30 AM**

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