

**ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:
CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2023
10:00 PM**

We welcome you to St. Catherine's!

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.
All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion,
and gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES BEFORE THE SERVICE.

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The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Welcome

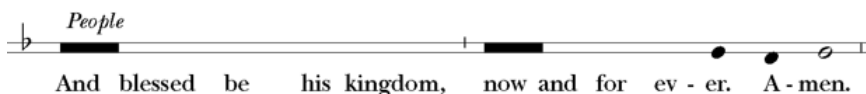
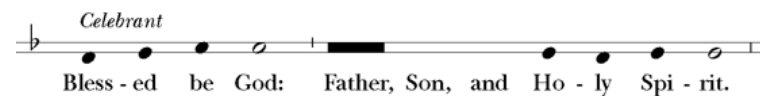
The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho

Processional Hymn

O come, all ye faithful!

Hymnal 83

Opening Acclamation



The Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

The Song of Praise

Angels we have heard on high (verses 1, 3, & 4)

Hymnal 96

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 213

The Lessons (*see insert for The First Reading, The Psalm, and The Epistle*)

The People sit for the readings. The People stand for the Gospel Acclamation and the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn

Hark the herald angels sing

Hymnal 87

The Gospel

(see Lectionary and Music Insert for The Gospel)

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho

Silence may follow.

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People (Form I)

BCP p. 383

The response is. "Lord Jesus, be born in us today."

The Peace

BCP p. 360

Announcements

Lectionary and Music Insert

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

A Reading from the Book of 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.

THE PSALM

Psalm 96

BCP p. 725

The Psalm is chanted by the Choir.

THE EPISTLE

Titus 2:11-14

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus.

For 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.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into

his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.


And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

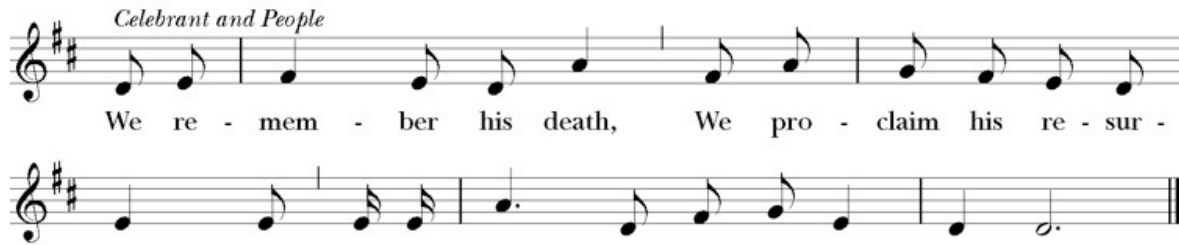
THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant



Therefore, according to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

THE GREAT AMEN



A - men. A - men. A - men.

The Offertory *Mary said yes* **Russell Schulz-Widmar**

Presentation Hymn 380 (Verse 3) *Old 100th*

All stand who are able.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B) **BCP p. 367**

Sanctus **Hymnal S-130**

The Memorial Acclamation *(see Lectionary and Music Insert)*

The Great Amen *(see Lectionary and Music Insert)*

The Lord's Prayer **BCP p. 364**

The Breaking of the Bread **BCP p. 364**

The Fraction Anthem **Hymnal S-164**

Communion Hymn *Once in royal David's city* **Hymnal 102**

The Postcommunion Prayer **BCP p. 365**

Adoration Hymn *Silent Night* **Hymnal 111**
Sung by candlelight, kneeling as able.

The Final Blessing

The Concluding Hymn *Joy to the world* **Hymnal 100**

The Dismissal **BCP p. 366**

Postlude

The Clergy, Staff, and Vestry of St. Catherine's wish you and yours a joyous Christmastide and a blessed New Year!

*We thank those listed on the insert of your program
for their donations to the flower and music fund during Christmastide.*

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR
are given to the Glory of Almighty God.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT
shines to remind us of our Lord's presence in the Sacrament.

Worship Services

Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:00 AM
Choral Eucharist Rite II 10:00 AM

Wednesday

Holy Eucharist and Service of Healing 12:10 PM

The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho, Rector

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***The mission of St. Catherine's
is to nurture each other in the knowledge and love
of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
and to share the Good News with all.***