

All Saints' Episcopal Church

Christmas Day

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

10:00 a.m. + Friday, December 25, 2020

Welcome to worship at All Saints'.

We invite you to write prayer requests in the Facebook comments, we welcome you to sing and pray the liturgy with us, and we look forward to gathering in person, when it is safe to do so. May God's love bless us all.



The Word of God

Prelude Music |

Le sommeil de l'enfant Jésus op. 3

Jessica Stinson, *violin*

Julie Koenig, *harp*

Henri Büsser (1872–1973)

Dr. Kirk M. Rich, *organ*

Do not be afraid; for see –
I am bringing you good news
of great joy for all the people



1. O come, all ye faithful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3. Sing choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye, to Beth - le - hem;
 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove.
 Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given;

come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels:
 on - ly be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O
 come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements |

Opening Sentences |

Officiant Behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people;
People for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Confession and Absolution |

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalm |

Reader Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm | 98

Reader Sing a new song to God,
People who has done marvelous things.

Reader With your right hand, O God, and your holy arm,
People you have won for yourself the victory.

Reader You have made known your victory;
People your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.

Reader You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
People and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Reader Shout with joy to God, all you lands;
People lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Reader Sing to God with the harp,
People with the harp and the voice of song.

Reader With trumpets and the sound of the horn,
People shout with joy before God who reigns in majesty.

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

Reader Let the rivers clap their hands,
People and let the hills ring out with joy before God, who will come to judge the earth.

Reader God shall judge the world in righteousness
People and the peoples with equity.

Reader and People

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen.

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

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.

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 purifica-
tion 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.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,
“You are my Son; today I have begotten you”?

Or again,
“I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into
the world, he says,
“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

Reader The word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Of the angels he says,
“He makes his angels winds, and his servants
flames of fire.”

But of the Son he says,
“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and
the righteous scepter is the scepter of your
kingdom. You have loved righteousness and
hated wickedness; therefore God, your God,
has anointed you with the oil of gladness
beyond your companions.”

And,
“In the beginning, Lord, you founded the
earth, and the heavens are the work of your
hands; they will perish, but you remain; they
will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak
you will roll them up, and like clothing they
will be changed.

But you are the same, and your years will
never end.”

“In the bleak midwinter”

In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen,
Snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him,
Nor earth sustain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When he comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty —
Jesus Christ.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830–1894)

Caroline Smith Wendt, *soprano*
The All Saints' Chamber Choir

Frank Timmerman, *tenor*
Dr. Kirk M. Rich, *organ*

Harold Darke (1888–1976)

Enough for Him,
Whom cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk
And a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am? —
If I were a Shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man
I would do my part, —
Yet what I can I give Him, —
give my heart.

The Gospel | Luke 2:8–20

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

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!”

Reader The word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

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.

Intercessor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Intercessor Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
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,
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.

Prayers of the People |

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

People Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and all of the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

People Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

People Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. I ask your prayers for the All Saints' community.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Catherine's Church in Marietta. In the All Saints' cycle of prayer, we pray, O God who invites everyone to dine at your table, this day we give thanks for those who serve as Eucharistic Ministers and those who extend that ministry to those unable to be present when we worship. Bless them in their life and in their labors.

People Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. I ask your prayers for those in need of healing.

Lord in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all of your saints in your eternal kingdom. I ask your prayers for those who have died.

Lord in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect |

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Intercessor Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon |

The Rev. Sarah C. Stewart

A period of silent prayer follows the sermon.

Musical Meditation |

“O Holy Night”

Adolphe Adam (1803–1856)

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of our dear Savior’s birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appear’d and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night Divine.

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by his cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, here come the wise men from the Orient land.
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger; in all our trials born to be our friend.
He knows our need, to our weaknesses no stranger, behold your King! Before him lowly bend!
Behold your King, before him lowly bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another; his law is love and his gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break for the slave is our brother; and in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise his holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise his Name forever, his power and glory evermore proclaim.
His power and glory evermore proclaim.

Words: Placide Cappeau (1808–1877); English translation by John Sullivan Dwight (1813–1893)

Jamie Clements, *tenor*

The All Saints’ Chamber Orchestra

Blessing | May Almighty God, who sent Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart in the light of holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, grant you peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal | *Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn | 87

"Hark! the herald angels sing"

Mendelssohn

All Saints' Adult Choir and Chamber Orchestra

Justin Maxey, organ



1. Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2. Christ, by high - est hea - ven a - dored; Christ, the e - ver - las - ting Lord;
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the Go - dhead see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with man to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us se - cond birth.

Refrain



Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Voluntary |

Chorale Prelude on "In dulci jubilo" BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Dr. Kirk M. Rich, organ



Worship Notes

The Worship Committee and staff welcome your feedback; please email
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In Our Prayers

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

In our diocese, we pray for St. Catherine's Church in Marietta.

In our parish cycle of prayers, we pray for All Saints' Eucharistic Ministers.

Thanksgiving and Memorials

The sanctuary candle and altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Announcements

We want you to have the Most Up-to-Date Information

Things are changing quickly during this pandemic. For the most current announcements on upcoming events, service opportunities, and worship services, please visit

allsaintsatlanta.org/sunday-announcements.

Please continue to monitor our website for the latest news and answers to frequently asked questions regarding our COVID-19 policies and protocols:

allsaintsatlanta.org/covid-19.



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SUNDAYS

10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

12:05 p.m. Noonday Prayer

THURSDAYS

8:00 p.m. Compline Prayer

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