# All Saints' Episcopal Church

1Christmas

The Liturgy of the Word

10:00 a.m. • Sunday, December 27, 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

"Still, Still, Still"

Jessica Stinson, violin

Erica Pirtle, *flute* 

Chorale Prelude on "In dulci jubilo"

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

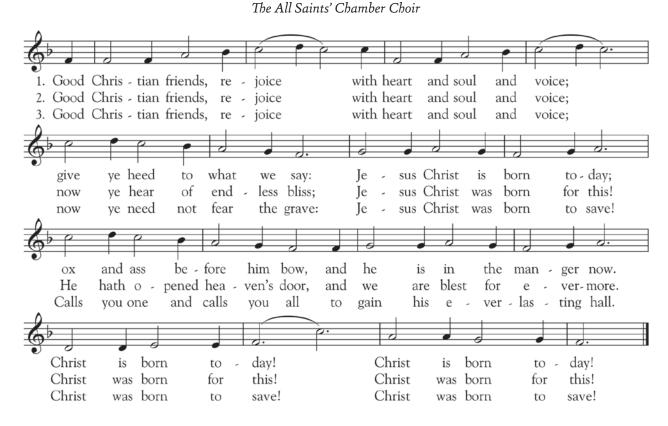
Cain-Oscar Bergeron, flute

trad. Austrian carol arr. Daniel Burton

Dr. Kirk M. Rich, organ

In dulci jubilo

Introit | "Good Christian friends, rejoice"





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#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Opening Sentences |

Officiant	Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People	And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### 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** | 148: 1–7, 10–13

Reader People	Alleluia! Praise God from the heavens; sing praise in the heights.
Reader	Praise God, all you angels;
People	sing praise, all the heavenly host.
Reader	Praise God, sun and moon;
People	sing praise, all you shining stars.
<i>Reader</i>	Praise God, heaven of heavens
<b>People</b>	and you waters above the heavens.
Reader	Let them praise the Name of God,
People	by whose command they were created.
Reader	God made them stand fast for ever and ever,
People	and gave them a law which shall not pass away.
Reader	Praise God from the earth,
People	you sea-monsters and all deeps;
Reader	Wild beasts and all cattle,
People	creeping things and winged birds;

Reader	Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
People	leaders and all rulers of the world;
Reader	Let them praise your Name, O God,
People	for your Name only is exalted; your splendor is over earth and heaven.

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.

### The First Lesson | Isaiah 60:1–6

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Arise, shine; for your light has come,	Then you shall see and be radiant;
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.	your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
For darkness shall cover the earth,	because the abundance of the sea shall
and thick darkness the peoples;	be brought to you,
but the Lord will arise upon you,	the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
and his glory will appear over you.	A multitude of camels shall cover you,
Nations shall come to your light,	the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.	all those from Sheba shall come.
Lift up your eyes and look around;	They shall bring gold and frankincense,
they all gather together, they come to you;	and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.
your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.	

The Second Lesson | Galatians 3:23–25; 4:4–7

Reader

People

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.

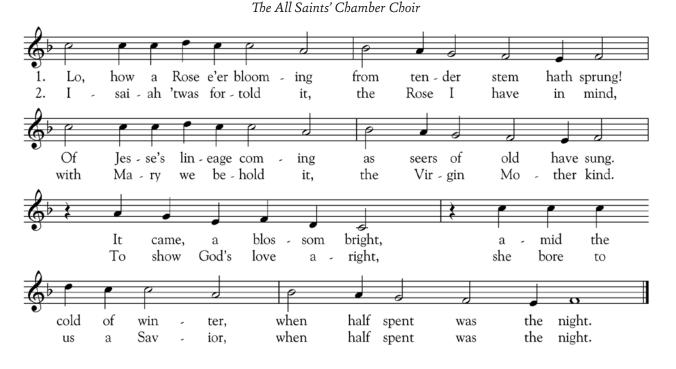
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the

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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. "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming"



#### The Gospel | Luke 2:22-40

*Reader* A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation

People Thanks be to God.

to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

## The Lord's Prayer

Intercessor People	The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Intercessor Le	et 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 |

Steve Hines

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. Lord in your mercy,
People	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. Lord in your mercy,
People	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. Lord in your mercy,
People	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 Anglican Church in Central America. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Christopher's at the Crossroads in Perry. In the All Saints' cycle of prayer, we pray, O God, whose Son Jesus enjoins his disciples to let the little ones come unto him, we give thanks for those who make your love incarnate in the lives of children. This day we most especially ask your blessing on those who teach and nurture our Little Saints and those who make their families welcome. Bless them in their life and in their labor. Lord in your mercy,
People	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**.

IntercessorLet us bless the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

#### Sermon |

A period of silent prayer follows the sermon.

## Musical Meditation

"Silent night, holy night"

- Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.
- Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

The Rev. Natosha Reid Rice

Stille Nacht

 Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

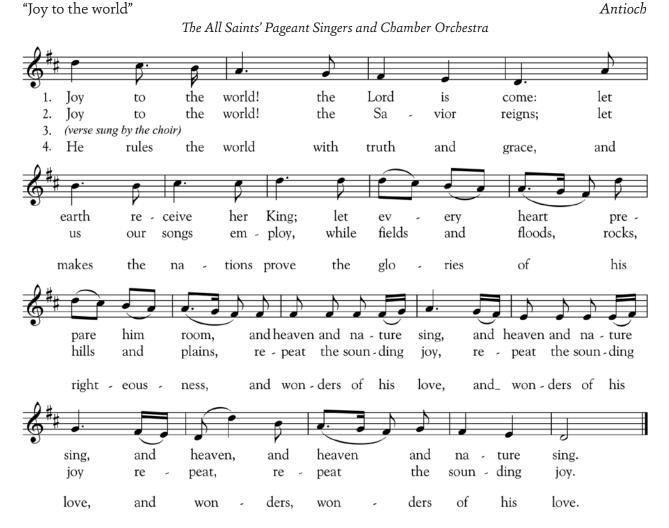
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- **Blessing** | Christ the son of God, born of Mary, fill you with grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and forever more. Amen.
- **Dismissal** | Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

## Closing Hymn | 100

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# 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 worship@allsaintsatlanta.org.

# Music for Sunday, December 27, 2020

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In Our Prayers

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church in Central America.

In our diocese, we pray for St. Christopher's at the Crossroads in Perry.

In our parish cycle of prayers, we pray for All Saints' Little Saints ministry.

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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# Birthdays this Week

#### Sun | Dec 27

Elena Brisendine Sarah Drechsel Lewis Jones Chris Knox John R. Seydel Natalie Williams

# Mon | Dec 28

Travis Bryenton Tim Dodson Scott Hayes Camille Rice

## Tues Dec 29

James Gibson Caroline Hornberger Christy Pottle Ryan Turner Stephanie White

#### Wed | Dec 30

Trippe Davis Jim Kelley Wade McKenzie Bob Persons Jenny Russ Robin Saunders Clayton Skinner Paul Thim Bob Woodward Martie Zakas

#### Thur Dec 31

Olivia Brantley Stephen Putnam

## Fri | Jan 1

Todd Campbell Chip Conrad, Jr. Dana McKenzie Bosho Sale Jeana Salminen Joel Smith Drew Ulsh, Jr. Thomas Wingfield

#### Sat | Jan 2

Joe Cronk, III Mary Helen Miller Brooke Reeve, III Daniel Starr Laura Trott



# A Prayer for the New Year

Almighty and eternal God, whose years never fail and whose mercies are new each returning day: let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives, warming our hearts and giving light to our minds; that we may pass the coming year in joyful obedience and firm faith; through him who is the beginning and the end, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

Times and Season, Common Worship, Church of England, adapted

Bring gifts of canned goods and non-perishables to our Epiphany drive-through event and help the Atlanta Food Bank restock after helping families during the holidays. We are blessed to have what we have and blessed to give to those that do not have during this time.

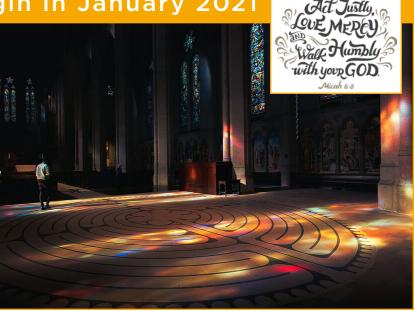
# Epiphany Drive-Through and Canned Goods Collection

Sunday, January 10, 1:30–3:00 p.m., Lower Parking Deck For more information, contact Kathy Roberts at kroberts@allsaintsatlanta.org.



# Sacred Ground will Begin in January 2021

Join an All Saints' dialogue circle and be among the over 1200 dialogue circles nationwide using this 10-session curriculum from the national Episcopal Church. Entitled "Sacred Ground: A Film-Based Dialogue Series on Race and Faith," the curriculum consists of videos, articles, discussion, and two core books, *Jesus and the Disinberited* by Howard Thurman and *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving. Join fellow parishioners committed to six months to learn, listen, and share stories in a brave space. Send an e-mail to: **sacredground@allsaintsatlanta.org**.



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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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