



**St. Michael's**  
Episcopal Church  
COLORADO SPRINGS

December 26, 2021  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
Christmas 1

## Welcome & Introduction

**Prelude**      Prelude on "The Holly and the Ivy"      Herbert Sumsion

**Opening Hymn**      "Christians, awake, salute the happy morn"      Hymn #106 v. 1-4

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.
4. In Bethlehem the happy shepherds sought  
to see the wonder God for us had wrought,  
and found, with Joseph and the blessed maid,  
her Son, the Savior, in a manger laid;  
amazed, the wondrous story they proclaim,  
the earliest heralds of the Savior's name.

## Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg 355

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

*People* **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** “Angels we have heard on high” Hymn #96 v. 3

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
**.Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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 for ever. **Amen.**

**A Reading from the First Book of Samuel (2:18-20, 26)**

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord”; and then they would return to their home...  
Now the boy Samuel continued to grow in both stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Laudate Dominum*

Praise the Lord!  
 Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
     praise him in the heights.  
 Praise him, all his angels; \*  
     praise him, all his host!  
 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
     praise him, all you shining stars.  
 Praise him, you highest heavens, \*  
     and you waters above the heavens.  
 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
     for he commanded, and they were created.  
 He established them forever and ever; \*  
     he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.  
 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
     you sea monsters and all deeps,  
 Fire and hail, snow and frost, \*  
     stormy wind fulfilling his command!  
 Mountains and all hills, \*  
     fruit trees and all cedars;  
 Wild animals and all cattle, \*  
     creeping things and flying birds!  
 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
     princes and all rulers of the earth!  
 Young men and women alike, \*  
     old and young together!  
 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
     for his Name alone is exalted;  
     his glory is above earth and heaven.  
 He has raised up a horn for his people,  
     praise for all his faithful, \*  
     for the people of Israel who are close to him.  
 Praise the Lord!

*People*      Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,  
 and will be for ever. Amen.

## A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians (3:12-17)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

***People*** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation** "Alleluia" Sussex Carol

### The Gospel

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke. (2:41-52)

***People*** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People*** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation** "Alleluia" Sussex Carol

**Sermon** The Rev. Angela Lerena

**Meditation** "Gesù Bambino"  
Sung by Amalia Dobbins

by Pietro A. Yon  
lyrics by Frederick H. Marten

We 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.

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

*Leader* Let us pray to God, who came among us in the birth of Jesus:

*Leader* Gracious God, as a star rose, and drew people from great distances to Bethlehem that they might greet the Christ-child; Draw us, your Church – that we might be the Church and People who you call us to be.

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* As Gentiles streamed to Jesus' Light, and Kings to the brightness of his rising; Draw our nation, our President, and all in authority, to His brightness.

Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* As angels sang ‘glorias’ to you and proclaimed peace on earth, and goodwill among all peoples; Bring us your peace, and protect those who strive for justice in their deployment.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* As shepherds were drawn away from their flocks by night; Draw those who do not know you yet, and continue to draw us closer to the Babe the shepherds sought.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* As Jesus was born in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn; Be especially present with those who have no place to lay their head, those who are vulnerable, those who are hungry, and those who are sick, especially Barb, Kevin, and all those we pray for during our Wednesday healing service.

*Prayers being offered at Wednesday Healing Service for: Ray, Paula, Ray, Scott, Shelby, Bob, Roger, Kelsey, Claudia, Charolette, Laura, Edwina, Debbie, Christina, Cheryl, James, Carol, Ji-bril, John, Tracy, Donald, Tristan, Kitty, Kathy, Leona, Miles, Venessa, & Austen.*

*If you would like to be added to Sunday prayers of the people or to the Wednesday healing service, please email Rev. Angela at [angela@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:angela@stmikeschurch.com) or call 719-598-3244.*

Lord, in your mercy,

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* As the Holy Family gathered together in Bethlehem, and traveled together to far off lands; Bless all families and those who are traveling. We especially pray for the birthdays in our parish; Daniel T., Gary D., John P., Gus C., Christopher G., Barbara P., Bryan C., Bridget H., Debbie S., & Terry T. We also give thanks for the anniversaries of Bonnie & David Paffett and Jocelyn & Neil Pettigrew.

Lord, in your mercy,

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* As your son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of Life Eternal; we remember especially Jo Dobbins, mother of Patrick Dobbins. Give to the departed eternal rest and let Light perpetual shine on them.

Lord, in your mercy,

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* O Lord our God, may the Light and Hope of this season, and of your Son’s Incarnation, reassure our hearts that you are among us, that you hear our prayer, and that you will be with us always, even to the end of the age. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth we pray. **Amen.**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

*Celebrant* 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 Peace**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*(You are encouraged to use your cell phone to exchange the peace via text message)*

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2. Then click on the secure link sent to you via text message to make a contribution.
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**Offertory Anthem**

“Sing We Now of Christmas”  
Sung by Amalia Dobbins

Traditional, arr. Keith Getty,  
Fionán de Barra & Ross Holmes

**Doxology, “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”**

Hymn #380, v. 3

**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.**

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

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is a right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.  
*(An appropriate Proper Preface is offered here and the service continues as follows.)*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus** *(Spoken)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."  
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* **Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.



Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 364

**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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 364

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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

## Communion Hymns:

Hymn #104

### “A stable lamp is lighted”

1. A stable lamp is lighted  
whose glow shall wake the sky;  
the stars shall bend their voices,  
and every stone shall cry.  
And every stone shall cry,  
and straw like gold shall shine;  
a barn shall harbor heaven,  
a stall become a shrine.
2. This child through David's city  
shall ride in triumph by;  
the palm shall strew its branches,  
and every stone shall cry.  
And every stone shall cry,  
though heavy, dull and dumb,  
and lie within the roadway  
to pave his kingdom come.
3. Yet he shall be forsaken,  
and yielded up to die;  
the sky shall groan and darken,  
and every stone shall cry.  
And every stone shall cry  
for stony hearts of men:  
God's blood upon the spearhead,  
God's love refused again.
4. But now, as at the ending,  
the low is lifted high;  
the stars shall bend their voices,  
and every stone shall cry.  
And every stone shall cry  
In praises of the Child  
by whose descent among us  
the worlds are reconciled.

### “The Holly and the Ivy”

1. The holly and the ivy,  
When they are both full grown,  
Of all the trees that are in the wood,  
The holly bears the crown.

#### **Refrain:**

**The rising of the sun  
And the running of the deer,  
The playing of the merry organ,  
Sweet singing in the choir.**

2. The holly bears a blossom,  
As white as the lily flower,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,  
To be our sweet Saviour.

#### **Refrain**

3. The holly bears a berry,  
As red as any blood,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
For to do us sinners good.

#### **Refrain**

4. The holly bears a prickle,  
As sharp as any thorn,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
On Christmas Day in the morn.

#### **Refrain**

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you  
 with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Final Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**      “Hark! The herald angels sing”      Hymn #87

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| <p>1. Hark! the herald angels sing<br/>             glory to the newborn King!<br/>             Peace on earth and mercy mild,<br/>             God and sinners reconciled!<br/>             Joyful, all ye nations, rise,<br/>             join the triumph of the skies;<br/>             with the angelic host proclaim<br/>             Christ is born in Bethlehem!</p> | <p>3. Mild he lays his glory by,<br/>             born that we no more may die,<br/>             born to raise us from the earth,<br/>             born to give us second birth.<br/>             Risen with healing in his wings,<br/>             light and life to all he brings,<br/>             hail, the Sun of Righteousness!<br/>             hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!</p> |
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**Refrain**

**Refrain:**

**Hark! the herald angels sing  
 glory to the newborn King!**

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
 Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
 late in time behold him come,  
 offspring of the Virgin’s womb.  
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
 hail the incarnate Deity.  
 Pleased as man with man to dwell;  
 Jesus, our Emmanuel!

**Refrain**

**Dismissal**

*Deacon*      Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
**People**      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Postlude**      “Carillon on a Ukrainian Bell Carol”      Gerald Near

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