



THE NATIVITY
OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

DECEMBER 24, 2020

4:00 PM

Welcome to St. Michael's

Thank you for joining us on this untraditional and unconventional Christmas. We are grateful for the ways technology has helped us stay connected to one another. Earlier this year when the global pandemic forced us to live, learn, and love beyond our walls, we made tremendous investments in your faith journey. We invested in new technology, created new small group opportunities, and began reimagining the ways God was calling us to explore, grow, and deepen our faith. We've leaned into innovative ways to support you and we look forward to a spirit filled journey in 2021. If you are new to St. Michael's or are looking for a new spiritual home, all are welcome! To learn more about St. Michael's Episcopal Church, visit www.stmikeschurch.com or contact the Reverend Matt Holcombe, matt@stmikeschurch.com. Merry Christmas from St. Michael's!

The Rev. Matt Holcombe, Rector
The Rev. Judi Sato, Associate Rector
The Rev. Gary Darress, Deacon
Robert Carefoot, Director of Music & Organist
Linda Page, Music Coordinator

Vocalists: Lily DiSilverio and Elena Zareck
Instrumentalists:
Rod Sato, Linda Page, Sam DeVoe,
Elena Zarecky, MaryDee Weigel
*A special thank you to all our choir members

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

The First Nowell Hymn 109, O little town of Bethlehem Hymn 79, Hark the herald angels sing 87

Welcome

The Reverend Matt Holcombe

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Opening Hymn 83, O come all ye faithful

Sung by St. Michael's Virtual Choir

1. O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him,
born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

2. God from God,
Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only-begotten Son of the Father; ***[Refrain]***

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest; ***[Refrain]***

4. See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;
[Refrain]

5. Child, for us sinners
poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee, with love and awe;
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
[Refrain]

6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
[Refrain]

Opening Acclamation

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

Celebrant: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;
People: **And we behold his glory.**

The Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.
O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Crèche

Celebrant: Eternal Father, you sent your only Son to take our human nature upon him; Bless, we pray, this crèche, that it may be a sign of his humble birth; and grant that we who joyfully behold his appearing may be strengthened to greet him when he comes again in glory; even the same Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Virtual Christmas Pageant

Performed by the children & youth of St. Michael's

Sermon

The Reverend Matt Holcombe

Christmas Sermon Show-and-tell

Music Meditation

Hymn 101, Away in a manger
Ben, Ella, Gavin Wandfluh

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay;
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care;
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

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.

Christmas Prayers of the People

Reader: O God, we give thanks for the angels' message of joy for all people.
People: **Make us messengers of your love and peace.**

Reader: We pray that, like Mary, we may have faith to answer yes to your call to ministry.
People: **Make us servants of your grace.**

Reader: We pray for those who are alone or lonely and
 those who grieve an empty cradle or chair at the table.
People: **May they be comforted by the presence of Christ in their lives.**

Reader: We pray for those who are poor, hungry, homeless, sick, and suffering.
People: **Make us generous innkeepers who spare all we have with them.**

Reader: We pray that you will guide us to Jesus to whom we may offer our gifts.
People: **Help us to seek and worship only you.**

Reader: We join the chorus of heavenly angels rejoicing in the birth of our Savior.
People: **Glory to God in heaven and peace to all on earth. Amen.**

The Peace

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

Announcements

Offertory To make a special Christmas offering, text: **GIVE** to 719-223-3446, select “One-time Gift.”
Thank you for your generous contributions that support our spiritual home.

Offertory Anthem

What child is this?
Sung by Lily DiSilverio, Accompanied by Laura DiSilverio

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary. **(Refrain)**

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading. **(Refrain)**
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him. **(Refrain)**

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 367

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

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

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

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

The Officiant proceeds ...

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you ...

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: Saying together

**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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation;... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving... Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

**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

*Communion is received at this time. If you picked up Communion in advance, please consume your Christmas Communion at this time. If you already received Christmas Communion, please give thanks to God for all the blessings in your life.
On December 23 you may pick up Communion between 3:00 – 7:00 PM in the parking lot of St. Michael's.
On December 24 you may pick up Communion between 3:00 – 9:00 PM. Please wear a mask and remain in your car.*

At this time we invite you to light a candle in your home and join us as we sing together on this holy night. While singing we invite you to take a picture of your candle while watching the service and share with family and friends or email to support@stmikeschurch.com

Hymn 111, Silent night, holy night

Rod Sato, Lily DiSilverio, Elana Zarecky

1. 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.
2. Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
3. 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.

Post Communion Prayer

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

May the babe of Bethlehem bring you peace.
May the child of Nazareth bring you joy.
May the man of Galilee bring you strength.
May the Christ of Calvary bring you courage.
May the risen Jesus bring you hope.
May the ascended Christ bring you a foretaste of his heavenly glory.
And may the Blessing of + God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit
be with you and live in you, forever and ever. **Amen +**

Final Hymn 100, Joy to the world

Sung by the Children of St. Michael's

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing.

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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