

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

DECEMBER 24, 2020

6:00 PM TRADITIONAL SERVICE 10:00 PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH COLORADO SPRINGS

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!

Service Participants

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: Amalia Dobbins & Sarah Groh
Instrumentalist: Rod Sato, Linda Page, Sam DeVoe, Elena Zarecky, MaryDee Weigel
*A special thank you to all our choir members and audio/video editing teams!

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude & Carol Sing

Presented by Rob Carefoot, Amalia Dobbins and Sarah Groh

The First Nowell

1. The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

 They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. *(Refrain)*

A La Nanita Nana

A la nanita nana, nanita ea, nanita ea, mi Jesus tiene sueño, bendito sea, bendito sea. Fuentecita que corre clara y sonora, ruiseñor que en la selva cantando llora: calla mientras la cuna se balancea, a la nanita nana, nanita ea.

- This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay. *(Refrain)*
- Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord; that hath made Heaven and earth of nought, and with His blood our life hath bought. *(Refrain)*

(Translation)

Lullaby, lullaby, lullaby -by my Jesus is sleepy, bless him, bless him. Little spring bubbling clear and loud, nightingale singing plaintively in the forest: keep quiet while the cradle rocks to and fro, lullaby, lullaby, lullaby -by.

Away in a Manger

- 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 cradle 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 take us to heaven to live with thee there.

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

- It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.
- Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

What Child Is This?

- 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 This, this is Christ the king Whom shepherds guard and angels sing Haste, haste to bring him laud The babe, the son of Mary
- Why lies he in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding Good Christians, fear, for sinners here The silent Word is pleading Nails, spear shall pierce Him through The cross be borne for me, for you. Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

- 3. All ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow, look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing. O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!
- 4. For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.
- 3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh Come peasant king to love him; The king of kings salvation brings Let loving hearts enthrone him Raise, raise a song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby Joy, joy for Christ is born, The Babe the Son of Mary.

Introit Hymn 102, Once in Royal David's City



Welcome

The Reverend Matt Holcombe

Opening Hymn 83, O come all ye faithful

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Sung by St. Michael's Virtual Choir
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^{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.
<i>People:</i>	And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Celebrant:	The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;
<i>People:</i>	And we behold his glory.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Blessing of the Créche

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.**

Hymn 96, Angels we have heard on high





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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 9:2-17

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.

Psalm 96

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; * sing to the Lord, all the whole earth. 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. 3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples. 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods. 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the Lord who made the heavens. 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary! 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the Lord honor and power. 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts. 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him. 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity." 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein. 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

Epistle Reading

A reading from the Book of Titus 2:11-14

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.

Sequence Hymn 87, Hark! the herald angels sing



The Gospel

Deacon:The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2:1-20People:Glory to you Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. 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!" 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.

Deacon:	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
People:	Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon

Meditation

6:00 PM

10:00 PM

The Nicene Creed

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. The Reverend Matt Holcombe

Winter Snow

All is well

Book of Common Prayer Pg. 358

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.
<i>People:</i>	Make us messengers of your love and peace.
Reader: <i>People:</i>	We pray that, like Mary, we may have faith to answer yes to your call to ministry. Make us servants of your grace.
Reader: <i>People:</i>	We pray for those who are alone or lonely and those who grieve an empty cradle or chair at the table. 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.
<i>People:</i>	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.
<i>People:</i>	Help us to seek and worship only you.
Reader:	We join the chorus of heavenly angels rejoicing in the birth of our Savior.
<i>People:</i>	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

6:00 PM	Virtual Choir, "Ding Dong! Merrily on High" Music by Larry Shackley, with words by George Woodward and Larry Shackley based on Bransle de l'Officiel, from Orchésographie (1589), by Thoinot Arbeau
10:00 PM	Virtual Chancel Choir, Ancient French Carols: "Pat-a-pan" & "Noël Nouvelet" ("Bring your fife and drum" & "Sing we now of Christmas") Arr. By Ruth Elaine Schram

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.
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Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

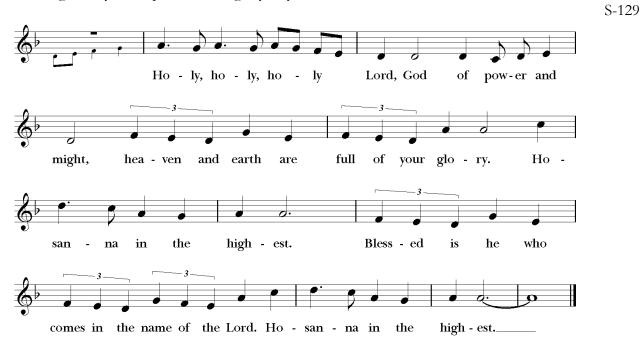
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People:	We lift them to the Lord.	

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:



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.

Fraction Anthem



Communion

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.

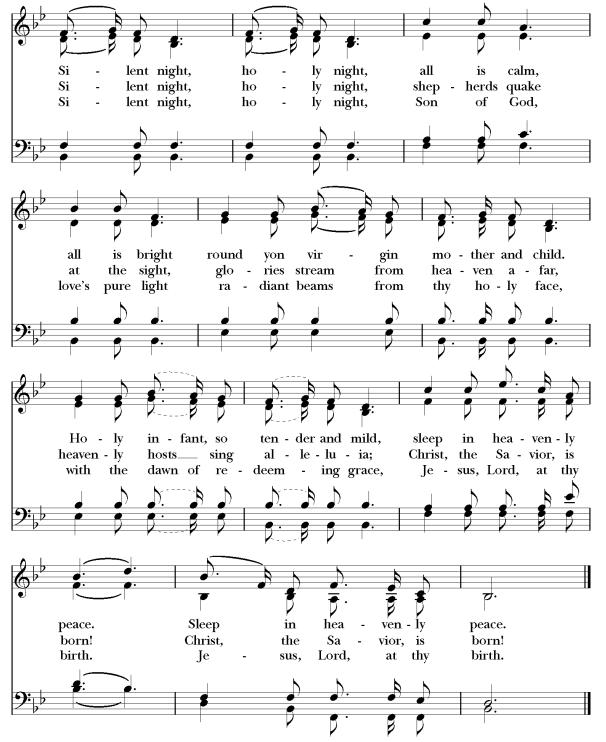
On December 23 you may pick up Communion between 3:00 – 7:00 PM in the parking lot of St. Michael's.

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

6:00 PM Rod Sato, Lily DiSilverio, Elana Zarecky 10:00 PM Amalia Dobbins, Sarah Groh



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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.

Christmas 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



Dismissal

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

Organ Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo

J. S. Bach

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Upcoming Events & Services

Sunday, December 27	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer (No Communion) / No Coffee Hour
Sunday, January 3	9:00 AM	Lessons & Carols (No Communion) / No Coffee Hour
Wednesday, January 6	5:00 PM	Epiphany Vespers
Sunday, January 10	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, 10:00 AM Coffee Hour
Sunday, January 17	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, 10:00 AM Get to know Vestry Nominees
Sunday, January 24	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, 10:00 AM Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 31	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, 10:00 AM Judi's Farewell (See you soon)

Important dates to remember:

Wednesday, February 17 Ash Wednesday Thursday, April 1 Maundy Thursday Friday, April 2 Good Friday Saturday, April 3 Easter Vigil Sunday, April 4 Easter Day

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