

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Christmas Eve

Officiant Rev. Chris McCann

Dec 24, 2021

Celebrant: Unto us a child is born
People: Unto us a Son is given
Celebrant: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
People: Who has blessed us with spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ

On this Christmas Eve we turn our hearts to the coming of God in human flesh, Jesus Christ. Tonight, we gather to celebrate the glory of the light of the world that dispels the dark and lightens everyone,...and tonight we remember the shepherds and the star, and we recall the ancient name of Jesus, Daystar and we pray that in our hearts he may appear this night to blaze up within us. We light this candle and pray that its light may become a beacon to draw us to the truth that in the manger we discover that strength is manifest in weakness, that God puts down the might from their seat and exalts the humble and meek.

The Christ candle is lit, and then the celebrant says,....

Celebrant: *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;*
People: *those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.*

Opening Hymn *O come all Ye Faithful* Hymn #83

During the singing of our opening carol, you are invited to bring forward the figures of the manger and flowers to place in the Crèche.

Celebrant: Let us pray

Creche Collect

Most merciful and loving God, you have made this night holy by the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, and by the child-bearing of the

Blessed Virgin Mary: Grant that we your people may enter with joy into the celebration of this night, and may also rejoice for ever as your adopted sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*"

THE WORD OF GOD

(Please sit for the readings)

First Reading *Isaiah 9:2–7*
Psalm *96*
Second Reading *Titus 2:11–14*

“During the singing of the gradual hymn the acolyte will assist the congregation in lighting candles to be held during the reading of the gospel. The candles may be extinguished following the reading of the gospel”

Gradual Hymn

Away in a Manger Hymn # 101
vs. 1-2 before gospel reading and v. 3 following gospel reading

The Holy Gospel Luke 2:1–14, (15–20)

Sermon Rev. Chris McCann

Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

Prayers of the People

The response to “O Lord in your mercy,” will be “Hear our prayer”

Parish Intercession/Prayer List:

- Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop, Arthur and William assisting bishops;
 - For the whole world for which Jesus offered himself as a saving source of our reconciliation with God: for all who strive for peace with justice in God's creation.
- For our civic life; for leaders in government, for all who work for the common good
- For the mission of the church, and especially for the ministry of Reconciliation and especially for clergy and congregations as we

gather together to wait upon the Lord's and his appearing
 For the missionaries in Haiti
 In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the Southeast Mission Area.
 St. James' Church, Boardman
 St. Stephen's Church, East Liverpool, The Rev. William Pugliese,
 Long term Supply
 Holy Trinity Church, Lisbon
 St. Luke's Church, Niles
 St. Paul's Church, Steubenville, The Rev. Steven McKeown, Interim
 Supply
 • For all who have asked our prayers: Joan, Dave and Suzanne,
 Ginny, Grace, Greg, Stellie, Jeannette, Anna, Donald, Marie, Doug,
 Carolyn, Jaime, Katie, Rae ...for all who are distressed and
 discouraged because of illness,...and all those we name either
 silently or aloud
 • For the Faithful Departed:

Confession BCP p. 360

The Peace

Offertory Hymn *Hark! The herald angels sing* Hymn #87

*(The congregation may be seated for the singing of the hymn,
 then stand for the prayer over the gifts.)*

Prayer Over The Gifts

Celebrant: *Blessed are you Lord God of Israel forever and ever.
 All that is in the heaven and in the earth is yours.*
People: *All things come from you O Lord, and of your own
 have we given you. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p.367

Lord's Prayer BCP p.364

Communion Hymn *Silent Night* Hymn #111

Prayer after Communion BCP p. 366

Closing Hymn *The snow lay on the ground* Hymn # 110

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God. Amen*

Today's Readings	Christmas Eve
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First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

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. The Word of the Lord.

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

Second Reading

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. *The Word of the Lord.*

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1–14, (15–20)

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. The Gospel of the Lord

Worship on Christmas Day **Holy Communion at 10 am**

Best Wishes
for a
Merry Christmas



Plants & Greens given In Loving Memory of:

Roberta & Richard Seamen	Doug & Carolyn Dolan
Don & Wilma Dolan	
My Father - John L Gregory	John Gregory II
Audrey Klopovic	Carolyn Schue
Departed members of the	Kim Brennan & Dennis
Brennan & Pilawa Families	Pilawa
Lyman & Mary Lamb	
Earl Kulgoske	
Our parents	Marty & Sue Mullet
Jane & Al Smith	Joe & Sue Sciangula
Georgette Adrian	Jaime
Curt Schultze	Sara Schultze
Genevieve & Bob Barnum,	George Barnum
Joseph & Betty Koelliker	
Frances & John Bohl	
George & Irene Betzer	
Leo & Mara, Al, Judy	Jean Spangler
Jim Smith, Malcom,	Gail Smith
Edith & Alan Auld	
Martin & Thelma Videtic	Greg Videtic
Martin & Mary Videtic	
Tom & Betty Dyer	

Given in Thanksgiving:

Blessings received

Our Family
Mary Cathy Blitz
Emily Witosky's Birthday

By:

Kim Brennan & Dennis
Pilawa
Andy & Debby Blackley
Marilyn Pickett
Kate & Gary Witosky