

THE NATIVITY *of* OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:
CHRISTMAS EVE



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

5:00 PM

CHURCH *of the*
INCARNATION

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Eve

*Please silence all mobile phones and electronic devices.
Your cooperation helps keep our worship prayerful and reverent.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

In Dulci Jubilo

Johann Christian Bach (1735–1782)

Quand Jésus Naquit à Noël

Claude Bénigne Balbastre (1724–1799)

Première Suite, I. Nativité

Jean-Jacques Grunenwald (1911–1982)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

INTROIT

Dominus dixit ad me

THE LORD hath said unto me Thou art my Son, This day have I begotten thee. *Ps.* Why do the heathen so furiously rage together: and why do the people imagine a vain thing?

HYMN 83, STANZAS 1–3

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;

2 God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created: *Refrain*

Refrain

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

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

Words: John Francis Wade (1711–1786)

Music: *Adeste fideles*, melody att. John Francis Wade

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ✠ Alleluia. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

People And we beheld his glory, full of grace and truth. Alleluia.

The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity

ALmighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Priest Glo - ry be to God on high, *People* and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee,
 we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
 thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the
 Fa - ther Al - might - - - y. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten
 Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of
 God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us. For thou on - ly art ho - ly;
 thou on - ly art the Lord; thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Ghost, art most high ✠ in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —
 A - - - - - men.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O GOD, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

All sit.

THE LESSONS

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 62:6–12

UPON your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, “See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” They shall be called, “The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord”; and you shall be called, “Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 96:1–4, 11–12

Sung by the choir to a setting by C. V. Stanford.

O SING unto the LORD a new song :
sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.

Sing unto the LORD, and praise his Name :
be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honor unto the heathen :
and his wonders unto all people.

For the LORD is great, and cannot worthily be praised :
he is more to be feared than all gods.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad :
let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it :
then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD.

WHEN the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 107

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss;
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *In dulci jubilo*, German carol, 14th cent.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they

made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rt Rev'd Gregory O. Brewer, *Interim Rector*

THE NICENE CREED *Said by all, standing*

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, ☩ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon says

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Each petition concludes

... let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude

In the communion of the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds the following

O GRACIOUS Father, who sent not thy Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved: Fulfill the good tidings of thine angel and bring great joy to all people through the nativity of him who is the Prince of Peace; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be glory in the highest, now and for ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All kneel and pray

ALmighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant alone stands and gives the Absolution.

All stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY

The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

ANTHEM

ABABE is born all of a may,
To bring salvation unto us.
To him we sing both night and day.
Veni Creator Spiritus.
[Come, Holy Ghost]

At Bethlehem, that blessed place,
The child of bliss now born he was;
And him to serve God give us grace,
O lux beata Trinitas.
[O Trinity of blessed light]

There came three kings out of the East,
To worship the King that is so free,
With gold and myrrh and frankincense,
A solis ortus cardine.
[From the rising of the sun]

The angels came down with one cry,
A fair song that night sung they
In worship of that child:
Gloria tibi Domine.
[Glory be to thee, O Lord]

A babe is born all of a may,
To bring salvation unto us.
To him we sing both night and day.
Veni Creator Spiritus. Noel!

Words: Anonymous, 15th century

Music: William Mathias (1934–1992)

HYMN 100, STANZA 1

As the gifts are presented, the People stand and sing.

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

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Hea-ven and earth are full
 — of thy glo - ry. Glo - - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. ✠ Bless - ed —
 — is he that com - eth — in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All kneel.

THE CANON OF THE EUCHARIST

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy ✠ grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People



A - men.

COMMUNION DEVOTIONS

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

People and Celebrant

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI

Men
O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have

Women
mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God that ta-kest a - way the

All
sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, grant _____ us thy peace.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who come forward in faith and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church, are warmly invited to do so on this occasion.

Communion is received in the following way: a priest places the Bread in the palm of your hand, which you then consume; to receive the Wine, hold the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips. The practice of dipping the Bread into the Wine is not permitted. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will give you a blessing.

For those with a medical need, gluten-free Bread and Wine from a dedicated gluten-free chalice is available at the Low Altar. If one is not able (e.g. because of a medical condition), or prefers not to receive either the Bread or the Wine, the Church has always taught that a person still receives all the benefits of Holy Communion when receiving in one kind.

Please feel free to consult with a member of the clergy if you have more questions.

Persons who wish to have the Holy Eucharist brought to them in their pew should notify an usher.



Members of the Intercessory Prayer Ministry are available in the rear of the church after you receive Holy Communion.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ANTHEM

WHEN he is King we will give him the Kings' gifts,
myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
"Beautiful robes," said the young girl to Joseph,
fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight
winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep and for lullaby music
songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When he is King they will clothe him in grave-sheets,
myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
he that lies now in the white arms of Mary
sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here he has peace and a short while for dreaming,
close-huddled oxen to keep him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music
songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

Words: Bruce Blunt (1899–1957)

Music: Peter Warlock (1894–1930), arr. David Hill (b. 1957)

HYMN 96

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| 1 | Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. | 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. |
| 2 | Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. | 4 | See him in a manger laid
whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while we raise our hearts in love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. |

Words: French carol

Music: *Gloria*, French carol

HYMN 101

- 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 for ever,
and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children
in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven
to live with thee there.

Words: Traditional carol

Music: *Cradle Song*, melody by William James Kirkpatrick (1838–1921)

HYMN 81

- 1 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.
- 2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it,
the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.
- 3 O Flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere;
true man, yet very God,
from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

Words: German, 15th cent., and Friedrich Layritz

Music: *Es ist ein Ros*

CONCLUDING RITES

Celebrant Let us pray.

All kneel and pray

ALmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

All remain kneeling and sing the following hymn.

HYMN III

- 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.
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!
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.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792–1848)

Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody by Franz Xaver Gruber (1787–1863)

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Celebrant alone stands and gives the blessing

MAY he, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the Divine Nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 87 *Sung by all, standing*

- 1 Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
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 a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with man to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!
- 3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Poinsettias adorning the church are given to the glory of God and...

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Stewart Taylor Lang *by Martha Lang*

My father, Lawrence A. Melsheimer and my
grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Klein G. Wilbert
and Mr. & Mrs. Samuel S. Melsheimer
by Andrew Melsheimer

Dr. Cheryl Scott *by Jeffrey Scott*

William George Klingman, Marilyn Anderson
Klingman, Guy Leslie LaChine, Ruth Hausrath
LaChine, and Steven William Klingman
by Barbara & Bruce Klingman

Our fathers, Bruce Peters and Carl Kretschmar
by Alexandra & Kevin Kretschmar

Patricia June DeWees, Helen & Richard
Aughinbaugh *by John & Debbie Aughinbaugh*

John Milton Patterson, Meredith Newman,
Meredith Hedger, & Mary K Patterson
by Jann Patterson Mackey

Our parents, Mary & Bedell Moore and
Jodie & Wendell Fields
by Connie & Greg Moore

Gilbert & Marion Dawson and loved ones
by Carolyn Dawson

My parents, Tom & Helen Mary Fraser; and sisters,
Christina Fraser and Phyllis Fraser Girard
by JBF

Our daughter, Emily Caroline Hearne
by Michael & Julie Hearne

Our parents, SK Bradshaw Jr., and Betty Doris &
Larry LaRoe *by Dianne & Mark LaRoe*

Martha Rhodes: grandmother to Caroline Mandel
and great grandmother to Franklin, Will &
Martha Alice Mandel
by Ben & Caroline Mandel

Dr. Gilbert & Karen Rogers
by Phillip & Kate Rogers

Of our parents, Gerry & Mel Thornton, and Ruth
Ann & John Crocker *by Felice & Dow Crocker*

Our niece, Emily Elizabeth Thomas (July 8, 1992 -
December 8, 2013) *by Dave & Becky Davies*

Eleanor F. Ammermann, E. Gifford Ammermann,
Eugene Morral, Allegra F. Morral, Mary Kristine
Ammerman, and Allegra Ann Ammermann
by Todd & Cathy Ammermann

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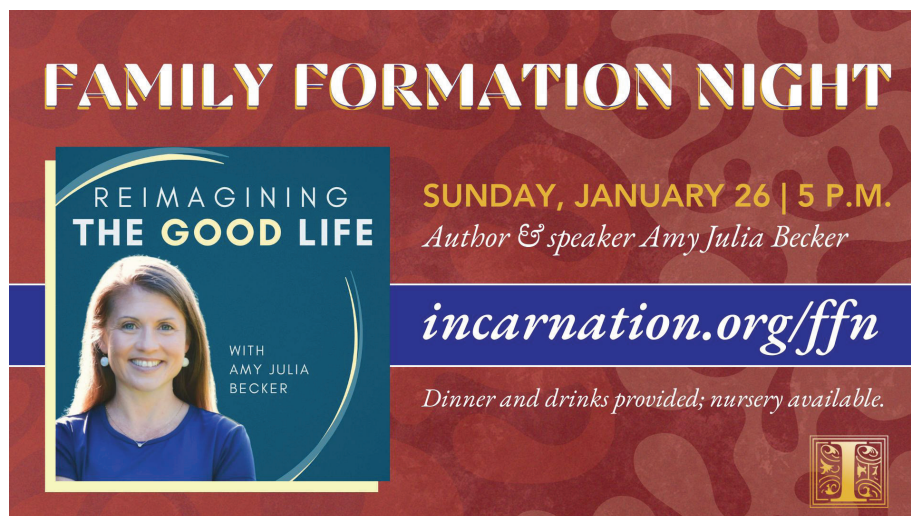
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UPCOMING SERVICE TIMES

Christmas Day: *Wednesday, December 25 at 10 a.m. (Spoken Eucharist with Hymns)*
Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus: *Wednesday, January 1 at 10 a.m. (Spoken Eucharist)*
Epiphany Mass: *Monday, January 6 at 12:15 p.m.*



BACH'S LUNCH
Johann Sebastian Bach.
January 7 | 12:15 p.m.
BWV 1028: Sonata for Gamba & Harpsichord
incarnation.org/concerts



FAMILY FORMATION NIGHT
REIMAGINING
THE GOOD LIFE
WITH
AMY JULIA
BECKER
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 | 5 P.M.
Author & speaker Amy Julia Becker
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Dinner and drinks provided; nursery available.





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sunday service times

7:30 AM	TRADITIONAL SPOKEN EUCHARIST, <i>Church</i>
9 AM	TRADITIONAL HOLY EUCHARIST, <i>Church</i> CONTEMPORARY HOLY EUCHARIST, <i>Ascension Chapel</i>
11:15 AM	TRADITIONAL HOLY EUCHARIST, <i>Church</i> CONTEMPORARY HOLY EUCHARIST, <i>Ascension Chapel</i>
5 PM	CHORAL EVENSONG, <i>Church</i>

weekday service times

8:30 AM MON–FRI	MORNING PRAYER & HOLY COMMUNION, <i>Memorial Chapel</i>
NOON WEDNESDAY	HOLY COMMUNION WITH ANOINTING FOR HEALING, <i>Memorial Chapel</i>

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