



**Midnight Mass**  
*The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ*  
**December 24, 2020 · 10:00 pm**

**Order of Service**

**Prelude**

Noël no 6 in D minor

Louis Claude D'Aquin (1694-1772)

The Holy Boy

John Ireland (1879-1962)

**Hymn** [*Sung by the choir. Viewers from home are invited to join in singing. Those attending the service in-person are asked to refrain from singing.*]

O Come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Born the King of Angels:  
*O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
'Glory to God  
In the highest'.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning  
Jesu to thee be glory given!  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing!

Words: 18th Century Latin; Translated by F. Oakeley and others  
Tune: *Adeste Fideles*; Harmony: The English Hymnal  
Arranged by David Willcocks

**Opening Acclamation**

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



*Celebrant* 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 eleison**

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*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.  
*All* **Christ, have mercy.**  
*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

### **Collect of the Nativity**

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Lesson**

Isaiah 9:2-7

*Reader* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.



Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.  
*All*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** [*Sung by the choir. Viewers from home are invited to join in singing. Those attending the service in-person are asked to refrain from singing.*]

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.

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.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848) translated John Freeman Young (1820-1885)  
Music: Franz Gruber (1787-1863), harmonised Carl Reinecke (1824-1910)

## **The Gospel**

Luke 2:1-20

*Priest*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*All*        **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 Saviour, 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.

*Priest*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All*         **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Sermon

The Rev. Marek Zabriskie

## Nicene Creed

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**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.**

## Prayers of the People

*Leader*     Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;



*People*     **That we all may be one.**

*Leader*     Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;  
*People*     **That thy Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader*     We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People*     **That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader*     We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People*     **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader*     Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;  
*People*     **That our works may find favor in thy sight.**

*Leader*     Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People*     **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader*     Give to the departed eternal rest, especially those in whose memory the  
Christmas flowers have been given;  
*People*     **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader*     We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People*     **May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader*     Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence.*

*Celebrant* O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity  
of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled  
himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with  
thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*All*             **And with thy spirit.**



## Greeting & Notices

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*Let us with gladness present the alms and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.*

## Offertory Anthem *[Sung by the choir]*

Sing this night, for a boy is born in Bethlehem,  
Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies;  
Bring your gifts, come and worship at this cradle,  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!  
*See his star shining bright  
In the sky this Christmas Night!  
Follow me joyfully;  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!*

Angels bright, come from heaven's highest glory,  
Bear the news with its message of good cheer:  
"Sing, rejoice, for a King is come to save us,  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!"

See, he lies in his mother's tender keeping;  
Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep.  
Shepherds poor, come to worship and adore him,  
Offer their humble gifts before the son of Mary.

Let us all pay our homage at the manger,  
Sing his praise on this joyful Christmas Night;  
Christ is come, bringing promise of salvation;  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

Star Carol, Words and Music by John Rutter (b. 1945)

## The Great Thanksgiving

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.



*All*           **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*   Lift up your hearts.

*All*           **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant*   Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*       **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant*   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 and Benedictus** [*sung by the choir*]

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,*

*Dominus Deus Sabaoth.*

*Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Benedictus qui venit*

*in nomine Domini.*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Music: *A Short Unison Mass* Jonathan Vaughn (b.1981)

### **Prayer of Consecration**

*Celebrant*   All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

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

*All*

**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 Bread. A period of silence is kept.*



*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The Celebrant alone receives the Sacrament, while the choir sings the Agnus Dei.*

*Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.*

*Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.*

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

*Music: A Short Unison Mass Jonathan Vaughn (b.1981)*

*All* **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.** *[St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787]*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **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.**



*Celebrant* May Christ who by his Incarnation, gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Hymn** [*Sung by the choir. Viewers from home are invited to join in singing. Those attending the service in-person are asked to refrain from singing.*]

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 the angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.  
*Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King.*

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen 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: C. Wesley and others  
Music: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)  
Final Verse arranged by David Willcocks

## **Dismissal**

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Following the dismissal, the ministers depart.*

## **Voluntary**

Final (Symphony no 6 in G minor)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

*This evening's mass setting was written for the men and teen boys of the Christ Church Choirs by Jonathan Vaughn, Associate Director of Music, and receives its first performance at this service. It is based on the Gregorian Chant Introit for Christmas Day Puer natus est nobis.*

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### **Serving Today**

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<i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</i>	The Rev. Marek Zabriskie
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Shancia Jarrett
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<i>Choir</i>	Men & Teen Boys
<i>Director of Music</i>	Jamie Hitel
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<i>Lector</i>	Dorothy Belshaw
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**The Christmas decorations are given to the glory of God:**

*by Dr. & Mrs. Darrick E. Antell, in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. E. James Antell and Dr. Stanley Sobottka;*

*by Peter, Beth, Emma, and Steele Barhydt, in loving memory of Robert & Muriel and Ceia Webb, Judge Robert & Grace Williamson, and Dirck Barhydt;*

*In loving memory of Anne Savage Barnum, by her family;*

*by Lucy & John Barrett, in loving memory of the families of Frances & Otey McClellan and Nancy & C. Redington Barrett;*

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*in loving memory of John Broderick, by his wife, Judy Broderick;*

*in loving memory of Vernon Howland Brown, veteran of WWII, 14th Armored Division, by Annette Brown and family;*

*by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence S. DeVan and family, in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. W. Todd DeVan and Mr. & Mrs. David S. LeVan;*

*by Sherry & George Dey, in memory of loved ones;*

*by the Edwards family, in loving memory of Charles & Lisa Edwards, Carlos & Winston Edwards, Agnes Kay, Bill Bowen, "Betty" Bowen, Mel & Peg Larson, Mel Larson, Jr., Aveneth D'Aquila, Robin*

*Meadows, Robert Fahey and Francis Ambrogio;*

*by Daphne Finney, in memory of loved ones;*

*by Mandy Fry, in loving memory of her parents, Jack & Betty Cluett, and her brother, Ernest H. Cluett II;*

*in loving memory of James & Barrington Fuchs, by their family.*

*in loving memory of Lucy Hawley, by her sisters, Susan Hawley Kelly, Robin Hawley Wood and Courtney Hawley Newell;*

*by the Hotchkiss family, in loving memory of Joseph W. Hotchkiss, Eugenia W. Hotchkiss and Noah W. Hotchkiss;*

*by Deborah Huffard, in loving memory of her husband, Phillip Huffard, her son, Wick Huffard, and her parents, Martha & Frank Battin;*

*by the William Hughes family, in memory of Ryland E.D. Chase and Helen Schley Hughes;*

*by Michael Kovner & Jean Doyen de Montaignou, in loving memory of Kathleen Dorothea Lane Kovner and Kathleen "Kay" Barbara Kovner;*

*in loving memory of Gloria Lange, by her daughter, Caryn Cluett Gregg and family;*

*in loving memory of Gloria Noel Lange, by her son, David Cluett, and her granddaughter, Skylar Cluett;*



*by the Lockhart and Djuranovic families, in loving memory of Grace Strahan Zoephel, Karl H. Zoephel, Grace Dagmar Strahan and Joseph C.J. Strahan;*

*by Carmen McClain, in loving memory of her beloved husband, Donald R. McClain;*

*by Wynn McDaniel, in loving memory of her parents, Elizabeth R. and James R. McDaniel;*

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*in loving memory of Philip Wahmann Ness Jr., by his grandchildren, Alix, James and George;*

*by Dr. & Mrs. John Nicholson, in loving memory of Lee & Linn Grim, Diana & John P. Nicholson, Sr;*

*in loving memory of Anthony R. Potter, by his family;*

*by Barbara Robinson, in loving memory her husband, John R. Robinson, her daughter, Abigail Robinson Bowers and her husband, Thomas Bowers;*

*in loving memory of Dr. Robert Schwimmer & Bette Schwimmer, by their children and family;*

*by Scott and Lynne Smith and family, with grateful hearts for all those who have gone before us and on whose shoulders we stand, thanks be to God;*

*by Susan and Lawrence Sterne, "Blessed is the Season!"*

*by Pat Swasey, Loring and Sharon Swasey, and Courtenay & Peter Crawford, in loving memory of Emily Crocker Swasey;*

*in honor of John Tabner and in memory of Lee Tabner and Carol Craven, by Kate, Michael, Samantha, Nick and Walker;*

*in loving memory of Anne Thomson, by her husband, Jere, and their children, Kate, Alice and Peter;*

*by Wendy Thorenz, in loving memory of Anita, Alfred and Al Thorenz;*

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*by Beverly & John Watling, in memory of loved ones;*

*by Lizora, Clay, Logan and Cliff Yonce, in loving memory of Samuel McClay Yonce.*