



St. Paul's  
Syracuse

The Downtown  
Episcopal Church



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DECEMBER 24, 2021  
9:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE



# Music of the Season

<i>Adagio</i> (Sonata in G Minor)	Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach (1714-1788)
Rondeau on <i>Il est né, le divin enfant</i>	arr. Mark A. Radice (b. 1951)
“The Apple Tree”	arr. David Ashley White (b. 1944)
Meditation on <i>Es ist ein Ros’ and Divinum Mysterium</i>	arr. Evelyn R. Larter (b. 1953)
“Christ Hath a Garden”	arr. Gerald Near (b. 1942)
<i>Pastorale</i>	Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)
Meditation on <i>Divinum Mysterium</i>	arr. Charles Callahan (b. 1951)
A Setting of <i>Greensleves</i>	arr. Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*The people are invited to stand*

**HYMN • 83, “O come, all ye faithful”**

*Adestes Fidelis*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**CANTICLE:** Hymn 96, “Angels we have heard on high” (v.1)

*Gloria*

**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.**

### 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.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

LESSON • Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

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.

Lector

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

**Thanks be to God**

PSALM • 96

*Cantate Domino*

Mode V

*The Refrain is first sung by the Choir and repeated by All, and then as indicated.*

**Refrain**



To - day is born our Sa - vior, Christ the Lord.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth. Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. **Refrain**

Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods. **Refrain**

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. Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth. **Refrain**

**EPISTLE • Titus 2:11-14**

*Lector* A reading from the Letter to Titus

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.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people are invited to stand*

**GRADUAL HYMN • 91, "Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light"**

*Ermuntre dich*

*Please remain standing*

**HOLY GOSPEL • Luke 2:1-20**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*Celebrant*            The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.  
*People*                **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Philip Major

*A brief silence follows the sermon.*

*The people are invited to stand*

**NICENE CREED**

*The word "creed" comes from the Latin credo, translated here as "we believe." Credo is not simply belief in accurate propositions, but more deeply a sense of relationship or trust—an alternate translation might be "we give our heart," "we trust," "we rely upon." Developed in the fourth century as a means of unifying a divided church, the Nicene Creed has been used by Christians in worship for almost two*

*thousand years, and connects us to our ancient ancestors in the Communion of Saints. The Creed is used in worship not because it comprises a list of doctrinal statements one must affirm in order to be considered a Christian, but rather as a song of praise and confidence in the Holy Trinity: God in three persons who creates, redeems and sanctifies a holy people.*

*All*

**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.**

*Please remain standing.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem. We pray for strength and healing for those who mourn, and we remember those who have died, *especially n.*

*The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.*

Blessed be the Lord; **the God of Israel has come to set us free.**

Put on the robe of righteousness that comes from God. We pray that our families, our community and our nation would share in the work of promoting economic and social justice. We pray for an end to the exploitation of God's people for the enrichment of others.

*The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.*

Blessed be the Lord; **the God of Israel has come to set us free.**

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east. We pray for vision and wisdom for all people, that we would see the gift of this planet and care for it as God's creation.

*The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.*

Blessed be the Lord; **the God of Israel has come to set us free.**

See your children gathered from west and east. We pray for children everywhere, and especially for good education for all girls and boys. We pray for those in any need or trouble, especially *n.*

*The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.*

Blessed be the Lord; **the God of Israel has come to set us free.**

God has ordered that the hills be made low and the valleys filled up, so that Israel may walk safely. We pray for those in positions of leadership and authority, in our nation and in the church. May they exercise wisdom in bringing order and justice to our communities.

*The people add their own prayers, silently or aloud.*

Blessed be the Lord; **the God of Israel has come to set us free.**

God will lead Israel with joy, with mercy and righteousness. We give thanks for God's word and presence beside us in this journey. We give thanks for the many blessings of our lives.

*The people add their own thanksgivings, silently or aloud.*

Blessed be the Lord; **the God of Israel has come to set us free.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.*

All                      **Amen.**

*The people are invited to stand*

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*                **And also with you.**

# LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## **OFFERTORY**

*At the Offertory, we return thanks for God's blessings in our lives and invite you to place your contribution in the offering plate in the main aisle or give by texting 73256 entering **stpaulsyr** (all lower case) and the amount you want to give.*

*Please be seated.*

## AN ANTHEM: "Star Carol"

John Rutter (b.1945)

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 his cradle, 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 his star shining bright In the sky this Christmas Night! Follow me joyfully; 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. *See his star shining bright In the sky this Christmas Night! Follow me joyfully; Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!* Let us all pay our homage at the manger, Sing in praise on this joyful Christmas Night; Christ is come, bringing promise of salvation; 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!*

*The people are invited to stand as the offering is brought forward*

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharist Prayer B

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

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

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

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth . . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS: Hymnal S-130 From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

*The letter 'S' before a music selection indicates it will be found in the front section of the hymnal, known as the Service Music.*

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*All* Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to say,

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The breaking of the bread may be seen as the culminating activity of our worship. It is the ritual action symbolizing the activity whereby God emptied Godself of divine power for purpose of reconciling Godself with us. We have no words to accurately describe this divine activity, thus a period of 10-15 seconds of silence is kept following the breaking of the bread and before the singing of the Fraction Anthem.*

## **FRACTION ANTHEM: Hymn S-164**

Franz Schubert

*The people are invited to be seated.*

*You are invited to remove or lower your face mask and consume the consecrated bread immediately after you receive it. If you choose to receive the wine, please remove your mask and drink directly from the cup. We are not dipping the bread into the wine at this time. Our understanding is that the sacrament of communion is complete if the bread or wine is received; it is not necessary to receive both.*

*During the distribution of communion, Prayers for Healing and Wholeness may be offered at the Peace Altar.*

At the Communion:

*Myn liking* – R.R. Terry

*In dulci jubilo* – arr. Ian Higginson

*Of thy Father's heart begotten* – arr. David Willcocks

Hymn after Communion 111, “Silent Night”

*Stille Nacht*

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.

*The People are invited to stand.*

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Officiant*

Let us pray.

*All*                    **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

**HYMN** • 87, “Hark! the herald angels sing”

*Mendelssohn*

### **DISMISSAL**

*People:*            **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**VOLUNTARY** • *In dulci jubilo*, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach

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*Prayers of the People were written by St. Paul's prayer leaders.*

# Christmas Flower Memorials

*No Longer By Our Side, But Forever In Our Hearts*



## The Following Memorials Are Given To The Glory of God And In Loving Memory Of

### **John Pizzi**

Given by St. Paul's Parish

### **Flora & Gordon Major**

given by Ellie Major and The Rev. Philip Major

### **Nancy Bentley Ridings**

Given by her husband and their children and grandchildren

### **Sybil & DeAlton Ridings, and Harold & Catharine Bentley**

given by their Children & Grandchildren

### **My husband, Michael F. Fallon III and my father John F. Hollenbeck**

Given by Lynn Fallon

### **Charles Goetz**

Given by Ellie Major

### **Nancy Bronder**

Given by The Rev. Philip Major

### **The Rev. Harold Avery and parents**

Given by Mrs. Jeanne Avery

### **Elizabeth Turner, Nellie Mae Lambright, Nellie Spottswood Wright, Margaret Cockburn Parsons**

given by Nancy & Harry Lambright

### **Ted & Marie Webb, Charles & Sylvia Barthelmew, Diane Webb and Loved Ones**

given by David Webb

### **Robert & Jeanne Crossman, Laurie Crossman, and Russell Bell**

Given by Barbara Bell

### **In Thanksgiving**

**For my family and friends**

Given by Debbie Bogan



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