**Nativity Worships December 19, 2021**

**Prelude** *Arab Dance*  by Tchaikovsky

**Postlude** *March*  by Tchaikovsky

**Opening Hymn** *Come, thou long expected Jesus* Hymnal #66

**Sequence Hymn** *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord* Hymnal #437

**Offertory Hymn** *O Come, O come, Emmanuel* Hymnal #56

**Post communion Hymn** *Lo He comes* Hymnal #58

**The Collect**

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

**Old Testament Micah 5:2-5a**

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,

whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;

and he shall be the one of peace.

**The Response The Song of Mary** *Magnificat. (Luke 1:46-55)*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen*.

**The New Testament Hebrews 10:5-10**

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**The Gospel Luke 1:39-45**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

**Prayers of the People December 19, 2021 (BCP p. 359)**

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Here and after every petition the People respond Lord, have mercy.*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Marc our own Bishop, for our clergy, Kirsten, Scott, Lynn and Rebecca and all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

For those in positions of public trust especially our President Joe and our Governor Gavin, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer remembering especially the people of Haiti and those in the wake of Midwest tornadoes; for refugees, prisoners, remember especially the men of Rev. Rebecca’s Attitudinal Healing group at San Quentin, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; our congregation members: Carissa, Marge, Juliette, Dan, Donna, Jim, Duane, Norma, Steve, Nancy, Jamie, and Margaret D

And our families, friends, and neighbors; remembering especially: Katherine, Ed, John, Mary P., Les, Eric and Julie, Ronald and Emily, Polly, Sylvia, Young, Robert B, Linda, Sarah, Rachelle, Abbey, Diane B, Ed M, Janet L., Jared, Denise Gina, Bill, Miles, Laurie, and Jan W. that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

For whom and for what else shall we pray and give thanks? *Please add your prayers silently or aloud*,

We pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of [the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

*Silence*

**Announcements**

**Greening of the Church–** Join us to decorate the church and prepare for Christmas Eve after today’s service.

**Flower donations--** If you would like to make a donation to the Holiday decorations, please send $25 to the office and a note to [nativityonthehill@gmail.com](mailto:nativityonthehill@gmail.com) to be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

**Nativity’s Capital Campaign** launched last week. We are preparing two big projects—building a clergy apartment in our upper rooms and building a memorial wall and garden behind the outdoor cross and altar at the end of the parking lot. Please reach out to [nativityonthehill@gmail.com](mailto:nativityonthehill@gmail.com) or Rev. Kirsten, Kathy Schlegel or any Vestry member for more information or to make a pledge.

The Street Chaplaincy’s annual [**Memorial for Marin's Unsheltered Neighbors**](https://www.streetchaplaincy.org/events/memorial-for-marins-unsheltered-neighbors-2) will be held on zoom on December 22nd from 12-1 p.m. Rev. Kirsten will lead the service.

Join us on our Facebook livestream **December 17th–23rd (5:30–6 p.m.)**

**Evening Prayer with the O Antiphons.** Prayeach night on Facebook Livestream. The O Antiphons refer to the seven antiphons that are recited (or chanted) preceding the Magnificat during Evening Prayer.

**Open Church (2–5 p.m.)**  **Friday, December 24th.** Stop by to see the creche scenes inside and outside the church. Come in for a Christmas blessing and pray by our outside altar or by candlelight in the sanctuary. Bring your family and friends for Christmas Carol sing-along at 4 p.m.

**Candlelight Christmas Eve service** **(5 p.m.)** with special music by our Christmas Choir. In the sanctuary and livestreamed on Facebook.

**Christmas Day Holy Eucharist** at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary and on Facebook livestream.

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We will with thanksgiving receive offerings of **Nativity pledges** and plate today. You can contribute by sending a check to the church or by using the "Give" button on our website, [www.nativityonthehill.org](http://www.nativityonthehill.org).

All are welcome to participate in Holy Eucharist at today’s service. We will make one line up the center aisle to receive communion and you may then go back to your seats via the outer aisles to avoid crowding those who are waiting for communion.

All who participate in this **Holy Eucharist** virtually receive the full benefits of the sacrament by coming with the intention of being united with Christ and one another. (BCP 457).