



St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

The Rev. Leanne Beaumont

December 24, 2025,
Noon and 5:30 pm

*For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us...*

Isaiah 9:6 NRSV



Prelude(5:30pm): Angels we have heard on High

St. Mary's Bell Choir

Gloria

The placing of Baby Jesus in the crèche.
Lighting of the Christ Candle—St. Mary's Youth

Prayer

(The People stand)

Processional Hymn: Joy to the World, the Lord is come (Hymn 100)

Antioch

*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.*

*Joy to the world! the Savior reigns, let us our songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

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

Carol of Praise: Angels we have heard on high (Hymn 96, v. 1,3)

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.*

*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.*

The 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. Amen.

The Lesson—Isaiah 62:6-12

Lector: A reading from the Book of prophet Isaiah.

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 you 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.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97:1-6— *The psalm will be spoken responsively by half verse.*

1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice; *

let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *

righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him *

and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; *

the earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, *

at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *

and all the peoples see his glory.

The Epistle—Titus 2:11-14

Lector: A reading from the book of 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All Stand

Sequence Hymn: Away in a manger (Hymn 101, v. 1-3)

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed.

Cradle Song

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.

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.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay.

Close by me forever, and love me I pray.

Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,

And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-7

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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!"

The Gospel of our Savior.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Leanne Beaumont

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

Book of Common Prayer, pg 358

**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

Kneel as you are able.

Celebrant

Father, in this holy night your Son was born among us, and Christians all over the world sang for joy; renew your Church and open our hearts that Christ may find in us a dwelling place prepared for himself.

Silence

Adapted from the Saint Augustine's Prayer Book

Intercessor

In this holy night, the angels sang of “Peace on earth and good will among men.” We pray for the leaders of this country and all in authority, that they may work for peace and promote the well-being of all.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In this holy night, the shepherds found the Christ Child lying in a manger, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and Joseph; bless our homes and families, and all those we love.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The darkness of this night is scattered with the light of Christ's presence; bring comfort to all who are ill, who suffer, who grieve, who are alone, especially those on our prayer list. Bring your Light to the inmates, officers and their families of Jackson County Corrections, Marianna, FL.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers now and for this parish family as we seek a priest. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within our holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Confession of Sin

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 360

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

All are invited to come forward to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive is invited to kneel at the rail, cross their arms over their chest to receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to you or someone in the pews, please notify the ushers.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem: O Holy Night

Christian Klauss, viola

Cantique de Noel

Stand as the gifts are being brought forward.

Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we ay without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Land of Rest, American Folk Tune

The people stand or kneel.

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 for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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 Mary and 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. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,
Celebrant and People

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ the Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Hymn: Take, O take me as I am

John L. Bell

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (sung 3 times)**

Celebrant

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Music at Communion: What child is this? (Hymn 115)

Greensleeves

O Little Town of Bethlehem (Hymn 79, vs. 1-3)

St. Louis

Post communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with the spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Blessing

Service of Light

The lights are dimmed as the Ushers begin to light the congregations candles.

Mother Leanne will light the first candle from the Christ Candle.

The person with the burning candle will hold their candle straight up and the person with the unlit candle will light theirs from the lit candle—holding their candle straight up for the next person in the pew, and so on until the entire congregation has a burning candle.

All Stand

Candlelight Carol: Silent Night (Hymn 111, v.1,2,3)

Stille Nacht

**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.**

**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!
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 Dismissal

Celebrant

As Mary was the bearer of the Word made flesh, may you go in peace and carry the good news of Christ to all the world.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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The Christmas Poinsettias are given to the Glory of Almighty God,
Rejoicing in the Gift of His Son.

In Loving Memory of:

Dorothy and Andrew Hotmer, and Elsie Garcia Hotmer,
and Betty and Gus Hotmer, from Julie Hotmer-Drao

Jerry Rogers, from Paula Rogers

The Barnes and Reese family members. All who have died, from The Reece's

Charles Williamson, from Mary Beth Williamson and the Sturtevants

Sue Sturtevant and Hilton Hannah, from Laraine and Chuck Sturtevant

Jim Miller, from Arlene Green and David Manassa

Janette Gray Cusack and the parents of Mike Cusack,
from Janette and Mike Cusack

Joyce Riddle, from the Riddle and Lorenzi families

Rob and Hazel Drummond, and Sam and Gena Bailey,
from Margie and Lindy Bailey

Wayne Hamilton, from Linda Hamilton

Richard Cole, from Ann Cole

Bob Gillis, from Jean Gillis

With Thanksgiving and in Honor of:

The Marriage of Makai G. to Jake J., from Karen Plemmons

Mary Rogers, from Paula Rogers

Jimmie and Fifi, and Charles and Gretchen,
and Father Thomas Loringan, from The Reese's

Carol Lorenzi, from the Riddle and Lorenzi families

Our Mother's, Cora and Sara, from Dave and Joanne Chaney



Christmas Sing-a-long

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (Hymn 89)

Carol

The First Noel (Hymn 109)

English Carol

O Come, all ye faithful (Hymn 83)

Adeste fidelis

Ding Dong Merrily on High

Branle De L'Official

*1 Ding dong, merrily on high!
In heav'n the bells are ringing;
ding dong, verily the sky
is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!*

*2 E'en so here below, below,
let steeple bells be swungen,
And io, io, io,
by priest and people sungen.
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!*

*3 Pray ye dutifully prime
your matin chime, ye ringers;
may ye beautifully rhyme
your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!*

The Rev. Leanne Beaumont, Priest

Heather Lindsay, Sr. Warden, Vestry

Musicians: Jean Gillis, Mark Starr,
Jim Beaumont

Organist/Choir Director: Sam Klauss

Choir: Alice Grillo, Heather Lindsay, Jean Gillis,
Mary Starr,
Mark Starr, Rudman Stevens, Susan Bilbo, Jack Bilbo

Bell Choir Director: Jean Gillis

Bell Choir: Angel Zandikarimi, Caroline Thompson,
Alice Grillo,
Mimi Hamilton, Mary Starr, Norgee Thompson, Jane
Wilcox, Mark Starr

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Prayer Requests

Family

Barbara Johnson
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Chuck & Laraine Sturtevant
Dotty Johnson
Glennada Artinger
Gina Braswell
Henry Green
Jim Miller
Jack Bilbo
Jessica Morawski
Jim Longshore
Jesse & Jennifer Reeves
Janette Grey-Cusack
Robert Lenzo
Sam Klauss
Scott DeLoatch
Sylvia Stern
Vicki Blackmon
Wanda Wadsworth
Waylon
Wayne Keen

Military

Bradley James
Cade Campbell
Gabriel Bustillo
Caleb Parks
Christopher Vance
Edward Estrada
Fischer Morgan Lay
Gage
Kevin Murphy
Lena Ryan
Leo
Lou Andrade
Joshua Krause
Nick Rinaire
Phillip Holmes
Taylor Emerson
Tyler Hart
Tom Ryan

Our Friends

Kelley & Pam Eddings
Mary Raisler
Travis Preece
Rachel Kaiser
Rhonda Watson
Thomas Atwell