

CHRISTMAS EVE
FAMILY CANDLELIGHT MASS



ASCENSION EPISCOPAL PARISH

PORTLAND, OREGON

DECEMBER 24, 2017, 5:00 P.M.

Welcome to Ascension Episcopal Parish. We are thankful that you have joined us for our Christmas Eve Family Mass.

Before you enter the sanctuary, please take a candle for the Candlelight Carol which we will sing after the Eucharist. As you wait for the service to begin, we invite you to quietly meditate and prepare for worship during the organ prelude.

During this service, the congregation is invited to sing many of the carols. You may find these carols in *The Hymnal 1982*, found in the pew racks. Several carols are special arrangements, in which case, you may sing from the text in the bulletin.

You may follow along with the liturgy of the Eucharist in the Book of Common Prayer (indicated in the bulletin as BCP), or in the Mass Book (MB). Both are found in the pew racks.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Prelude

Noël sur les flutes

Louis-Claude Daquin

The Ringing of the Bell

The congregation stands.

Carol

“Once in Royal David’s City”
Ella Kathryn Craig, soprano soloist

Irby

SOLO

*Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.*

CONGREGATION & CHOIR

*He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.*

*And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above,
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.*

*Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven, set at God’s right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.*

The Collect

Most merciful and loving God, you have made this day holy by the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, and by the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Grant that we your people may enter with joy into the celebration of this day, and may also rejoice forever as your adopted sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The people **are seated** for the Procession of the Children, the Lessons & the Carols.*

The Procession of the Children with Figures of the Crèche

Quand le sauver Jesu Christ, ou bon Joseph écoutez moi Jean-François Dandrieu

THE LESSONS

I. The Beginning - Luke 1: 26-27

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

Carol # 115

“What Child is This”

Greensleeves

II. The Angel and Mary - Luke 1: 28-33, 38

The angel came to Mary and said, “Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaiden of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Carol # 82

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Divinum mysterium

III. Joseph - Matthew 1: 20-24

An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. And all this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel” (which means, God with us).

Carol # 56

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Veni Emmanuel

Verses 1, 6, 7 & 8

IV. Bethlehem - Luke 2: 3

All went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

Carol # 78

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Forest Green

V. Joseph and Mary in the Stable - Luke 2: 6-15

While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Carol #101

“Away in a Manger”

Cradle Song

The people stand.

VI. The Gospel Lesson - The Nativity of our Lord - Luke 2:8-20

And in that region there were shepherds out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths 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, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

CAROL # 109

"The First Nowell"

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Verses 1, 2 & 6

Homily

Fr. Phillip Craig

The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Carol # 90

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Noel

Celebrant: *All things come of thee, O Lord.*

People: *And of thine own have we given Thee.*

Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP p. 340, MB p. 29

The Lord’s Prayer

Communion of the Faithful

All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion. Others are welcome to come to the rail for a blessing, crossing your arms to indicate your preference.

Distribution

Vous qui desirez sans fin

Jean-François Dandrieu

Candlelight Carol

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

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.*

You are welcome to join us for cookies in the parlor following the service.

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PLEASE JOIN US TOMORROW FOR
CHRISTMAS DAY MASS WITH CAROLS
DECEMBER 25, 2017, 10 A.M.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT ASCENSION
8:00 A.M. SAID MASS
10:00 A.M. SUNG MASS WITH HYMNS