

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
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EPISCOPAL

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Christmas Eve

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Welcome to All Saints!

We are a spiritually centered, open-minded community and welcoming of others. Wherever you are in your life's journey, we invite you to consider All Saints for spiritual support and challenge.

There are several ways to experience God, to serve Christ and to explore the depths of the spiritual. We encourage you to join us in prayer, service to others, mutual support, and for fellowship.

There is a lot going on in our community and the yellow church leaflet in front of you highlights the key aspects of our activities. Please speak to our clergy or parishioners to learn more about our various events and opportunities.

Dignified worship in this beautiful sacred space has been the foundation of our life as a community since its foundation in 1872. You are welcome to participate in the ways you feel most comfortable. All are invited to experience the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ by joining us at the altar.

If this is your first visit to All Saints or if you'd like to learn more about us, please fill in the Welcome Card found in the pews.

Blessings and Welcome!

After the service, all are invited to the coffee hour
in the back of the church.

Part of our worship is call and response. Please feel free to speak up loud and clearly in those moments of the liturgy that call for congregational response.

Prayer Requests

To request prayers, please see an usher at the entrance or contact Viviana at the Church office during the week: (212) 758-0447; email: info@allsaintsnyc.org.

Notes about Service Text:

BCP refers to the # in the Book of Common Prayer (the red book in the pews)

Hymnal refers to the hymn # from the Hymnal (the blue book in the pews); hymns and canticles whose number starts with "S" are in the beginning of the Hymnal

Bold italic text is for the parts of the service recite by all, such as ***Amen***.



All Saints is an Accessible Church.

For assistance, please ring the doorbell or ask for our Verger Calvin (in a black robe).

CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2024

7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND CAROLS

All are invited to join in as we celebrate this holy night with song!

Choir	Stella Splendens from <i>Llibre Vermell de Montserrat</i>	(14 th Century)
Hymn	# 112 In the bleak midwinter	Cranham
Choir	Make we joy all in this fest	15 th Century English, arr. Jim Hopkins (b.1989)
Hymn	# 104 A stable lamp is lighted	Andújar
Hymn	# 105 God rest you merry gentlemen	God rest you merry
Choir	Ding dong! Merrily on high	Arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)
Hymn	# 99 Go tell it on the mountain	Go tell it on the Mountain
Hymn	# 90 It came upon the midnight clear	Noel
Organ	Toccatà in E Major (Part 1)	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

7:30 pm

FESTIVAL EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY

Service begins on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Sentences of Nativity

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace. Alleluia.
People: *In the Name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia.*

Processional Hymn # 102 Once in Royal David's City (vs.1-3) *Irby*

Litany of Nativity

Celebrant: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, Alleluia,
People: *And we beheld his glory. Alleluia*
Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.
People: *Amen.*

Processional Hymn # 102 Once in Royal David's City (vs. 4-6) *Irby*

Opening Acclamation*Celebrant:**People:***BCP 355**

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

*And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GloriaFrom Missa *O magnum mysterium*

Tomás Luis de Victoria

(c. 1548-1611)

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good-will towards men. We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee. We give thanks to thee for thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the father almighty. O lord the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, O lord God, Lamb of God, son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord, thou only Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.

*People:**Amen.***THE LESSONS**

Congregation is invited to sit for the lessons.

First reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

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: The word of the Lord.*People: Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 96

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.

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.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King!
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

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.

He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth.

Second reading: Titus 2:11-14

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: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel**Luke 2:1-20**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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!” 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

Celebant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Chris Dreisbach

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Matthew our Bishop, and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We ask for continued healing for Julie, Florence Arwade, Becky Slater, Gloria, Aaron Lazar, Neal, Ted, Frances, Brandon and his family.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.

We pray in memory of Richard Murphy, Maurice, Matthew J. Creo, and Mary N. Bassiouni

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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 (*A simple nod to fellow worshippers is suggested.*)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: ***And also with you.***

Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT



Please consider an offering to All Saints at this time. Donate via Zelle: donate@allsaintsnyc.org or with a credit/debit card by scanning the QR code.

Offertory Anthem

Puer natus est

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

A child is born for us and a son is given to us, and the government shall be on his shoulder. And his name shall be called the angel of the great council.

Isaiah 9; Latin Introit for the Mass of Christmas Day

Offertory Hymn:

78 O little town of Bethlehem

Forest Green

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also 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 God thanks and praise.*

Priest continues with Eucharistic Prayer

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

Sanctus

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The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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. *AMEN.*

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

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.

Fraction Anthem

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Communion Anthem

O magnum mysterium

T.L. de Victoria (c.1548-1611)

O great mystery and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord lying in a manger! O blessed is the Virgin, whose womb was worthy to bear Jesus Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

Latin responsory for the Fourth Lesson at Matins of Christmas Day

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: *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 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

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your hearts with the light of his holiness.

People: *Amen.*

Celebrant: May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

People: *Amen.*

Celebrant: May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, grant you his peace and favor.

People: *Amen.*

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

111 Silent night, holy night
87 Hark the Herald Angels sing

Stille Nacht
Mendelssohn

Dismissal

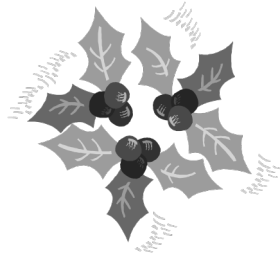
Celebrant: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

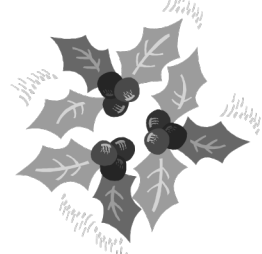
Postlude

Toccata in E Major (part 2)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



Christmas Day Dec. 25th
The Nativity of Our Lord
10:30am Christmas Day Eucharist



Serving Today

The Rev. Dr. Chris Dreisbach, Interim Priest

James Hopkins, Music Director

Robin Rule, 1st Reader

Rebecca Dreisbach, 2nd Reader

Choir: Alyssa Weathersby (Soprano), Sian Ricketts (Alto),

Ben Matus (Tenor), Kevin Mann (Bass)

*The Christmas flowers and greens throughout the
Church are offered in loving memory of*

Mary Stuart Auman

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