

Welcome to St. George's Christmas Eve on-line Service

Please introduce yourself as you arrive and feel free to chat with others. Once the service starts, we will mute your microphone so everyone can hear the service.

If you would like us to pray for you or someone else by name, send us a prayer request via the chat box marked:
Prayers-Tracy

There will be welcome and a brief introduction at 7:57.

A prelude will begin the service at 8pm.





CHRISTMAS EVE AN ONLINE SERVICE

Thursday, December 24, 2020
8:00 p.m.

Vom Himmel hoch da komm' ich her -
(From heaven above to earth I come)

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Played by *Ferdinand Klinda*





ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Lighting of the Christmas Candle

Priest: We are alight with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.
Today we light the central candle.
We name this candle The Light of Christ.

***People:* We celebrate. Jesus is with us.**

The candle is lit



Let us pray:

O God, as light comes from this candle,
may the blessing of Jesus Christ
come to us and into our communities,
warming our hearts and brightening our way.
May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of this world,
and to us in this dark time,
as we wait for his coming.

All: Amen. Let us give thanks for Christ's presence in the world.

Hymn 123

Once in David's Royal City





Opening Responsories

Officiant: I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. *(Luke 2.10-11)*

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips
People: **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant: Visit us with your salvation
People: **and grace us with your sustaining Spirit.**

People: **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.

Collect for purity:

Officiant:

All

**Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.**

Collect for the Christmas Eve

Officiant: Eternal God,
this holy night is radiant
with the brilliance of your true light.
As we have known
the revelation of that light on earth,
bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**



The Readings

Psalm 96

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1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *

sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the Lord and bless his name; *

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations *

and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *

he is more to be feared than all gods.

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

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honour and power.

8 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

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

**10 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.”**

**11 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.**

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

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

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

O Holy Night



Old Testament Reading

(Read in French)

***Reader:* A Reading from the Book of 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 Counsellor, 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 onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader: Parole du Seigneur.

People: Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.

A moment of silence is observed.

HYMN 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem



A Reading from the Gospel of Luke (Luke 2.1-20)

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 Saviour, 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 favours!’ 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



A short time of silence is observed to ponder the readings and psalms.

Homily: The Rev. Karen Egan

HYMN 119

Silent Night





Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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Officiant: I believe in God,

People: the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Nativity Carol

John Rutter





The Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray. We join with other Christians throughout the world to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

Prayers for the church are offered.

Leader: We pray for the whole church in all its incarnations and for all who work and worship with us tonight. Grant, Lord, that all in the cares and concerns of our everyday lives we may never cease to glorify your name and share your love for us..

Hear us, O Lord.

***All:* And grant us peace.**

Leader: We pray for the nations of this world.

Prayers for the world are offered

Leader: We pray for those in authority may see the light of Christ in their own places and that they may, in faith and humility, seek your perfect will which will lead their people to justice, freedom and peace.

Hear us, O Lord.

***All:* And grant us peace.**

Leader: We pray for the sick and suffering, for the homeless and the hungry;
for the lonely and the lost.

We pray for those who have asked us for our prayers

*During the silence, please add your requests aloud,
or in the silence of your own hearts.*

Leader: May all who know the emptiness of this world be filled with your
abundant grace given to us this night in the baby, born in a stable.
Hear us, O Lord.

***All:* And grant us peace.**

Leader: We pray for those who are dying, and those who have entered into the nearer presence of God.

The names of those who have died are offered

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

All: And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty and eternal God,
ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people,
and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
and so we have the courage to say

People: **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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN 138
Hark the Herald Angels Sing





Blessing

Priest: Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill
and make you partakers of the divine nature;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

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



POSTLUDE:

(Choir) In dulci jubilo (BWV 368) - J.S. Bach –

Choir of King's College, Cambridge conducted by David Willcocks

(Organ) In dulci jubilo (BWV 729) - J.S. Bach –

Played by *David Willcocks*

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Announcements

- For information email or call the church office
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- Mid-week Online Worship Wednesday @12:15pm
Take a break on December 23 and December 30.
Resumes January 6th
- Next on-line Services:
Friday, December 25th, Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 27th, at 10:30 a.m.

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