



THE HOLY EUCHARIST 11:00 PM

December 24, 2024 Musical Prelude 10:30PM

Prelude Music

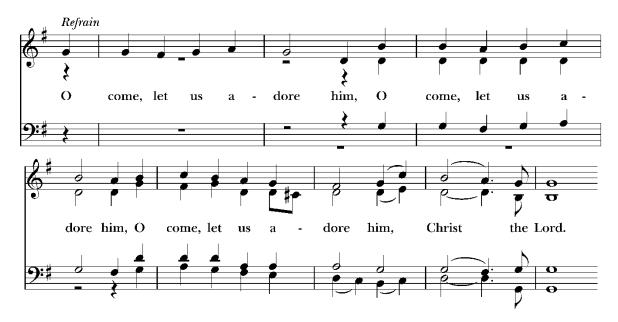
Selections offered by the Toledo Symphony String Quartet

Merwin Siu, violin Zulfiya Bashirova, violin David Dyer, viola Martha Reikow, cello

welcome

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Applegate





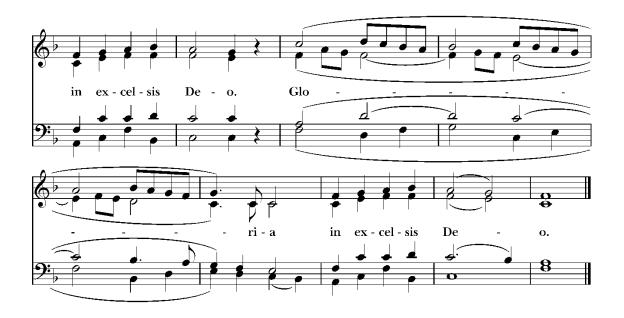
Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others. Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The *English Hymnal*, 1906.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living one.

People: You come to your people and set them free.





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 FIRST LESSON ISAIAH 9:2-4, 6-7

Reader: A reading from 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 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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.



THE SECOND LESSON TITUS 2:11-14

Reader: A reading from 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 gloryof 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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).

THE GOSPEL LUKE 2: 1-14

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: youwill 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!"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Applegate

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Selections from Christmas Concerto

Arcangelo Corelli

Toledo Symphony String Quartet Merwin Siu, violin Zulfiya Bashirova, violin David Dyer, viola Martha Reikow, cello

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 of 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 worshipped 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

Intercessor: On this holy night, Christians the world over celebrate Jesus' birth. Open

our hearts that he may be born in us today. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: On this holy night, there was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect

with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty.

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: On this holy night, Mary in the pain of labor brought your Son to birth.

Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: On this holy night, your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness.

Bring comfort to all who have experienced grief and loss, in the hope of

heaven. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: On this holy night, shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give

us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: On this holy night, the angels sang 'Peace to God's people on earth'.

Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world. Lord in

your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: On this holy night, strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby

lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love.

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: On this holy night, heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to

heaven. Keep in safety all those who have gone through death in the hope

of heaven. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: On this holy night, angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger

throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with the Blessed Mary

and all the saints. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: God of David's fragile house of hope and expectations; in the time of

empires, your world is born to those who have no place and sung to those who watch in the wild; may his birth unsettle our world with hidden glory and untold peace; through Jesus Christ, the Child of

Promise. Amen.

THE PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements & Offertory Invitation

Loose offerings (cash or checks) can be placed in the Offertory Plate when it is passed. **To give online**, use the attached QR code and choose GIVE NOW and today's date. You can also **text** the word "Give" to 419-OMG-LOVE (419-664-5683).



offertory

In the Bleak Midwinter (*The Trinity Choir*)

arr. Dan Forrest

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eucharistic Prayer B (Expansive Language Version)

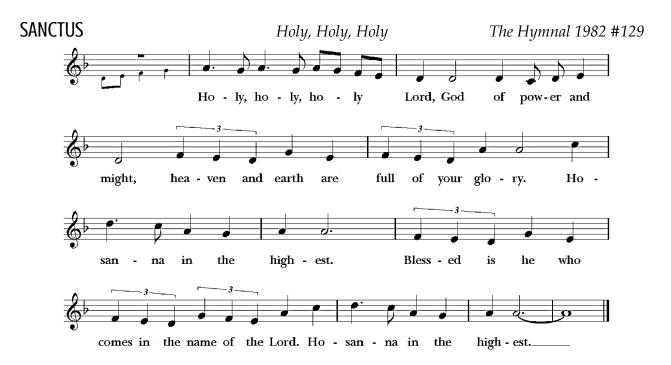
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:



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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your people; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LOTD'S Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. *Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the people of God; holy food for holy people.

invitation to communion

We welcome ALL to come forward to receive Communion as a sign of God's love in and for our lives. We offer both bread and non-alcoholic wine at the time of communion. BREAD- please extend your hands to receive a piece of bread (or ask for a gluten-free cracker) WINE- we ask that you drink from the chalice as it is offered to you. Please let an usher know if you would like the bread/wine brought to you and if you would like a gluten free option. Please be seated until you are invited to come forward to receive communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

O Holy Night

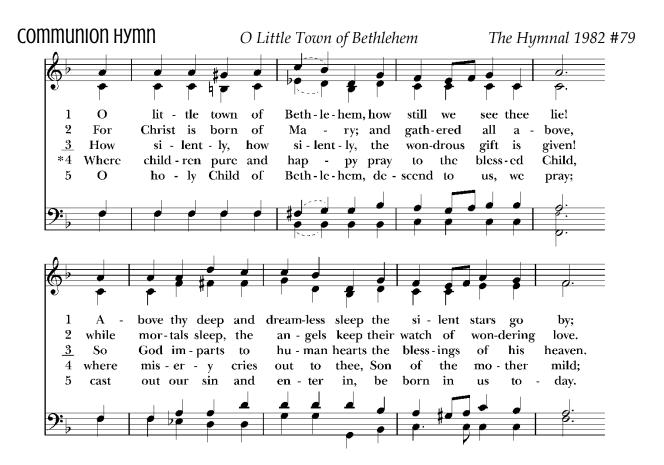
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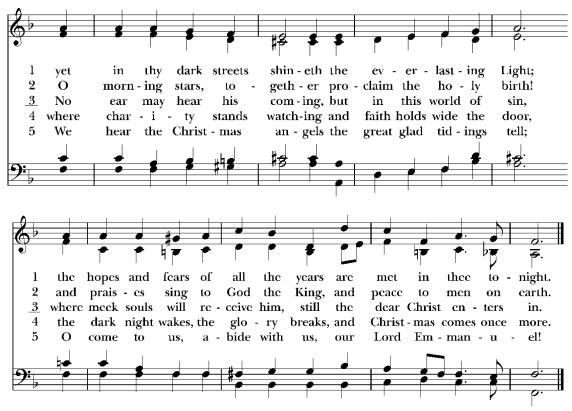
(Bradley Baker, baritone and Grace Mauk, piano)





Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Greensleeves, English melody; harm. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871.





Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893). Music: St. Louis, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908).

THE POST COMMUNION Prayer Please rise.

Eternal God, 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 Christ's 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.

Passing the light of Christ

We will share the light of Christ at this time. Once your candle has been lit, please pass the light to your neighbor.

candle lighting hymn

Silent Night, Holy Night

1982 Hymnal #111

- 1.) Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round you virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace
- 2.) 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!
- 3.) 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.

A CHristmas Blessing

adapted from Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with the flocks, then the work of Christmas begins:

- -to find the lost,
- -to heal those broken in spirit,
- -to feed the hungry,
- -to release the oppressed,
- -to rebuild the nations,
- -to bring peace among all peoples,
- -to make a little music with the heart...

And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say.

Let the work of Christmas begin!

And the blessing of God...

Sending song

Joy to the World

All rise.

1982 Hymnal #10

Please see next page.

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to serve our loving, liberating, life-giving God.

People: Thanks be to God!



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Thank you to the Trinity Family who made the sanctuary's beautification possible this Christmas!

Bradley Baker In Memory of Jack, Vernice and Raymon Baker

Irene Ballmer In Memory of John C. Ballmer, Sr.

Mark and Yvonne Dubielak In Memory of Joe Dubielak and Leon Steyer

Nancy Elzinga In Memory of Jim Brien

Gary Franklin In Memory of Kathryn and Robert V. Franklin

Father Robert Gahler In Memory of James and Henrietta Gahler;

Maude and Henry Gallagher

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Sean Patrick Hull In Memory of Fidelma and Ann Babcock

Kyle and Hugh Grefe *In Memory of Reverend Robert and Anne Grefe;*

Gene and Ginny Bishop; Rick Bishop

Lisa Irwin In Memory of Judy Irwin and Don Klotz, Jr.

John L. Johnson In Memory of Gladys Clark Johnson

Karen Johnson-Webb In Memory of Gladys Clark Johnson

Teresa KahlerIn Memory of William and Betty Kahler;

Frances C. Mathews; Judy Covrett

Meribah and Bruce Mansfield

In Memory of Ann and George Gelser;

Doris and Don Mansfield

Nancy Matlowski and Frank Ayers In Memory of those that helped us be who we are.

Jolene Miller and Donna SteppeIn Memory of Susan Lowrey,
Susan Miller and Esther Behnke

Jamie Paul In Memory of Jennifer Paul and Christopher Villaneuva

Allen Santiago and Brian Ingman In Memory of Orlando Santiago; Phyllis Ingman

Phil Skeldon In Memory of Gretchen Gotthart Skeldon, Philip Skeldon, Sr.

In Honor of Lily Skeldon

Suzanne Smitley In Memory of Keith Sparrow

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