

*Christmas Day*  
*2018*

*Celebration of Holy Eucharist*

*10:00 a.m.*

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church as we celebrate the birth of our Savior and the incarnation of God into our lives and the world. Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, know that you are welcome here. We believe God is actively present in our world, and we seek to know and serve God through joyful worship, education, service, and fellowship. If you are searching for a church community and would like more information about St. Peter's, please fill out the Visitor's Register in the entry hall, and we will be in touch with you. May the blessing of God's peace be with you during this Christmas season.*

*Continuing a tradition of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, the Christmas Offering has been designated to support the mission of four local ministries. Please use the Christmas Offering envelopes in the pews if you wish to support these ministries in our community:*

- ***Beyond Housing** aims to develop all the areas that make up a thriving community—education, housing, health, employment readiness and access, and economic development for families in need in the St. Louis area.*
- ***Episcopal City Mission** provides support, hope, and healing to children in detention through chaplains at the St. Louis City and County Detention Centers and Justice Centers, as well as at Missouri Hills (DYS).*
- ***The Haven of Grace** ministers to young, homeless mothers and their children, serving nearly 100 families each year.*
- ***Bravely** offers two years of housing, support, and education at no cost to women who have survived the perils of life on the street—abuse, prostitution, trafficking and addiction.*

*The Reverend Luke Jernagan,  
Rector*

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*The Service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.*

Prelude: In dulci jubilo

Johann Michael Bach (1648–1694)

### THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 83: “O come, all ye faithful” (*omit st. 4-5*)

Adeste Fideles, *stand*

Opening Sentences

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

*People:* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

*Priest:* 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.

Hymn of Praise (*Hymn 96, st. 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.*

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.*

The Collect of the Day

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*Reader:* A Reading from The Book of the prophet Isaiah. (9: 2-7) *sit*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 96

- 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 splendor of his sanctuary!**
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 **Ascribe to the Lord the honor 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.

*All:*           **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.**

Hymn 107: “Good Christian friends, rejoice”

In dulci jubilo, *stand*

*Priest:*       The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (2: 1-20)

*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.

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Reverend Kelly Carlson

*sit*

The Nicene Creed

p. 358, *stand*

Prayers of the People

*Lector:* My sisters and brothers in the peace of God, all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days are but small tokens of the gift that shines forth in God’s word made flesh. From grateful hearts let us intercede for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

*kneel*

That the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds’ field might be realized on every field of war and on every street of violence, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* That the child born to us might find in our hearts warm welcome by our openness to the needs of the homeless and the hungry, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* That in this time of gift-giving we might become more responsive to the abandoned, the despairing, and the mourning, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* That the rejoicing of this day might be a bond leading us to true communion of life and worship, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* That the joy and consolation of the Wonderful Counselor might enliven all who are struck down by disease and illness, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* That the blessing of God's love might be known by all those in whose honor the flowers and greens are given, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* That the blessed hope we celebrate today might be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith, especially those in whose memory the flowers and greens are given, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest:* God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet by the utterance of your word in our flesh. May our words of praise and petition be strong echoes of your Christmas word, so that all might come to the peace you promise in Jesus, who is Lord and God today and forever. **Amen.**

Exchanging the Peace *stand*

Announcements *sit*

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.*

*If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.*

At the Offertory: Berceuse-Paraphrase (1992) George Baker (b. 1951)

At the Presentation, Hymn 100: "Joy to the world" (*st. 1 & 4*) Antioch, *stand*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King: let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing.	He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love.
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The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B p. 367

Sanctus and Benedictus (*Hymnal S 129*) p. 367  
*kneel*

The Lord's Prayer p. 364

Breaking of the Bread p. 364

Administration of the Sacrament

*sit*

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Blessing

*Priest:* 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 heart with the light of his holiness.

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.

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

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.**

Hymn 99: "Go tell it on the mountain"

Go Tell It on the Mountain, *stand*

The Dismissal

*Priest:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

Voluntary: In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

**FLOWERS AND GREENS**

are given to the Glory of God, by:

William Aitken, in loving memory of his parents and grandparents and Patricia A. Aitken.

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In honor of Acolytes, Lectors and Ushers serving St. Peter's,  
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Katharine Amberg Smith, G. Alexander Smith and Janet Amberg Volkman,  
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The Jernagan Family, in honor of St. Peter's Church.