

# ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST:  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
DECEMBER 24, 2024  
3:00 & 10:00 PM

**We welcome you to St. Catherine's!**

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.  
All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion,  
and gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho**

**Processional Hymn**

*O come, all ye faithful! (vv. 1-3, 6)*

**Hymnal 83**

**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant*

Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

*People*

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

**The Collect for Purity**

*Prayed by the Celebrant alone, with the People joining on "Amen."*

**The Song of Praise**

*Angels we have heard on high (verses 1, 3, & 4)*

**Hymnal 96**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Prayed by the Celebrant alone, with the People joining on "Amen."*

**The Lessons** (*see insert for The First Reading, The Psalm, and The Epistle*)

*The People sit for the readings. The People stand for the Gospel Acclamation and the Gospel.*

**Sequence Hymn**

*Hark! the herald angels sing*

**Hymnal 87**

**The Gospel**

*(see Lectionary and Music Insert for The Gospel)*

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho**

*Silence may follow.*

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP p. 358**

**Prayers of the People** (*see insert for The Prayers of the People*)

**The Peace**

**BCP p. 360**

**Announcements**

# Lectionary and Music Insert

## THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

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 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*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM

### Psalm 96

BCP p. 725

*At 3:00 PM the Psalm is prayed by the Lector and the People.*

*At 10:00 PM the Psalm is chanted by the Choir.*

## THE EPISTLE

Titus 2:11-14

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to 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 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## THE GOSPEL

**Luke 2:1-14**

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, good will toward men.

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

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

All things have been clothed in grace by the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ; all the earth has been enlightened by his dawning. Trusting in His light and grace, let us pray for all people in need and for all the world saying, Lord Jesus, be born in us today.

For churches and their leaders, that united they may be faithful witnesses to your Son come among us. We remember especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; James, our Rector; and all our lay leaders. Lord Jesus,

*be born in us today.*

For the leaders of nations and communities, that they may turn from the ways of fear and violence to the ways of your wisdom and grace. We remember especially Joseph, our President; Ron our Governor; and Andy, our Mayor. Lord Jesus,

*be born in us today.*

For the poor of the earth, for victims of violence and tyranny, and all others in need, remembering especially. We pray that their suffering end and they may come to know joy. Lord Jesus,

*be born in us today.*

For all families and this congregation, that they may be renewed in joy, receive the word of mercy into their hearts, and become places of hospitality to the stranger.  
Lord Jesus,

*be born in us today.*


For those who have died, that their efforts may continue to inspire our actions and that they may rest in your care until that day when all shall rise again into your new Creation. Lord Jesus,

*be born in us today.*

*The Celebrant prays the concluding Collect.*


### THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (at 10:00 PM)

*Celebrant*




Therefore, according to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

*Celebrant and People*



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -



rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

### THE GREAT AMEN (at 10:00 PM)



A - men. A - men. A - men.

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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

<b>The Offertory (at 10:00 PM)</b>	<i>O little town of Bethlehem</i>	<b>Hymnal 78</b>
<b>Presentation Hymn 380</b> (Verse 3)		<i>Old 100<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>All stand who are able.</i>		
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
<b>The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)</b>		<b>BCP p. 367</b>
<i>Sanctus</i>		<b>Hymnal S-130</b>
<b>The Memorial Acclamation</b> ( <i>sung at 10:00 PM; see Lectionary and Music Insert</i> )		
<b>The Great Amen</b> ( <i>sung at 10:00 PM; see Lectionary and Music Insert</i> )		
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		<b>BCP p. 364</b>
<b>The Breaking of the Bread</b>		<b>BCP p. 364</b>
<b>The Fraction Anthem</b>		<b>Hymnal S-164</b>
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<i>Once in royal David's city</i>	<b>Hymnal 102</b>
<b>The Postcommunion Prayer</b>		<b>BCP p. 365</b>
<b>Adoration Hymn</b>	<i>Silent night</i>	<b>Hymnal 111</b>
<i>Sung by candlelight, kneeling as able.</i>		
<b>The Final Blessing</b>		
<b>The Concluding Hymn</b>	<i>Joy to the world!</i>	<b>Hymnal 100</b>
<b>The Dismissal</b>		<b>BCP p. 366</b>
<b>Postlude</b>		

*The Clergy, Staff, and Vestry of St. Catherine's wish you and yours  
a joyous Christmastide and a blessed New Year!*

*We thank those listed on the insert of your program  
for their donations to the flower and music fund  
during Christmastide.*

### **Worship Services**

#### **Sunday**

Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:00 AM

Choral Eucharist Rite II 10:00 AM

#### **Wednesday**

Holy Eucharist and Service of Healing 12:10 PM

**The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho, Rector**

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***The mission of St. Catherine's  
is to nurture each other in the knowledge and love  
of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
and to share the Good News with all.***