

Calvary Episcopal Church
Indian Rocks Beach, Florida

24 December 2020
Christmas Eve “Lessons & Carols”
4:30 PM
with
Reception of the Blessed Sacrament



*Please enter into worship quietly and reverently, in consideration of others.
Please be aware of masking and physical distancing for the safety of others as well as yourself.
Cell phones should be silenced or turned off. Thank you.*

Prelude

*Prelude in F
Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring*

J.S. Bach

Announcements

Processional Hymn *Joy to the World* **Hymnal #100**

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, and wonders of his love.

Opening Acclamation

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

People: *And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

The Collect for the Eve of Christmas

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.*

Lesson V
Carol

“The wise men are led by the star”
We three kings of Orient are

Matthew II
Hymnal#128 (vss. 1,5)

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

The Homily

Fr. Jon Roberts

Nicene Creed *-All stand, if able*

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 Peace

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

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please continue to practice physical distancing of 6 ft. and the proper use of a mask.

The Holy Communion

Everyone is invited to come forward to receive either the Blessed Sacrament or a Blessing from the Priest. Due to the Bishop's decree, the chalice with the blood of Christ is not to be administered at all, in any manner. Here are the following signs to make when coming forth:

Blessing only: Cross arms over chest

Bread only: Hands, stacked and open

All Baptized Christians may receive Holy Communion and others are encouraged to receive a Blessing from the priest, especially young children who have not yet made their first Communion. After reception, quietly return to your pew and pray. You are receiving spiritual food on this day.

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2



The Offering Plate is located at the Baptismal Font or you may make your Christmas donation electronically using the QR code below.

Offertory Anthem

*Still, Still, Still
What Child is this?*

*Traditional
W. Chatterton Dix*

The Great Thanksgiving

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

All: 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.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please come to the front step after the Priest receives the Blessed Sacrament.

Everyone is invited to come and receive the Blessed Sacrament or a Blessing by the Priest.

The Bread is given to the communicants with these words: "The Body of Christ the Bread of Heaven."

Communion Music

*Pastoral Symphony
Angels We Have Heard on High*

G.F. Handel
E.S. Barnes

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray. Eternal God, . . .

People: 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: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Processional Hymn

Silent Night

Hymnal #111

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon 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.

The Congregation departs in holy silence.

Merry Christmas!

You are welcome to stay after the service to take family photos near the Sanctuary decorations. Please be respectful of those who remain to worship and converse quietly and reverently. Thank you.

The Musicians

Vocal Trio

Rebecca Rogers, Soprano

Sandy Rogers, Alto, guitar

Margaret Richcreek, Alto

Matthew Burke; organist, harpsicord

Original Orchestrations by M. Burke

Music Director: Matthew Burke

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AS THEY MAY WANT TO BELONG TO A CHURCH FAMILY**

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Please consider giving a “Christmas Gift” that helps us continue to give to others.