



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Renewed Ancient Text

CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN
SAVANNAH, GA

Introit (9 p.m. only)

“Once in Royal David’s City”

Reading John 1:1-14

During the reading, the acolytes will bring the Light from the Christ Candle to the congregation. (5 p.m. & 9 p.m. only)

As you light your candle, please tip only the unlit candle.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Adeste Fideles

- 1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
- 2 God from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! he abhors not the Virgin’s womb;
only begotten Son of the Father; (*refrain*)
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest; (*refrain*)
- 6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing (*refrain*)

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant For unto us a child is born.

People **To us a son is given.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant and People pray

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.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

THE KYRIE

The Celebrant and People pray

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Officiant 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.*

Please extinguish candles

THE LESSONS

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 9:1-7

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96

- 1 O sing unto the LORD a new song; *
sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing unto the LORD and praise his Name; *
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his honor to the nations, *
and his wonders to all peoples.
- 4 For the LORD is great, and highly 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 Glory and majesty are before him; *
power and honor are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe unto the LORD, O you families of the peoples, *
ascribe unto the LORD worship and power.
- 8 Ascribe unto the LORD the honor due unto his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations, "The LORD is King; *
it is he who has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he shall judge the peoples righteously."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; *
let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein.
- 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; *
then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD.
- 13 For he comes, for he comes to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Titus 2:11-14

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Craig Stephens

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

The Deacon pauses after each bidding, and the people may add petitions, either silently or aloud.

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Deacon Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Neil, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Deacon Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Deacon Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Deacon Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service especially Donald, our President.

Deacon Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Deacon Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Deacon Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer. Your additional prayers are invited at this time.

Celebrant

O Lord our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served, but to serve: We ask you to bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; endue them with wisdom, patience, and courage, that they may strengthen the weak and raise up those who fall, and, being inspired by your love, may worthily minister to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the sake of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

“Hark! the herald angels sing”

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

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

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OFFERTORY

Celebrant Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O LORD,

People **And of your own have we given you.**

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

THE SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right 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:

THE SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant then says

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

Celebrant and People together pray

**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.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

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.

For those of you who are not yet ready to receive Communion, we encourage you to pray this prayer silently as others come forward to receive the Sacrament.

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people [gathered around every altar of your Church], and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTHEM (9 p.m. only)

“O Holy Night”

Composer: Adolph Adam

Soprano: Tina Zenker Williams

arr. Shawn Kirchner

COMMUNION MUSIC (5 p.m. only) (SINGING OUTDOORS ONLY)

“What child is this”

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary’s lap is sleeping,
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the Cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word Made Flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own Him!
The King of Kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him!
Raise, raise the song on high! The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy! joy! for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

“O little town of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King and Peace to men on earth

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in be born to us today
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us our Lord Emmanuel

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The acolytes will relight your candle.

CLOSING HYMN (*SINGING OUTDOORS ONLY*)

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

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.

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!

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 DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY (MATTHEW AND LUKE)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.

And he (**Gabriel**) came to her and said, **“Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”**

But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

And the angel said to her, **“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”**

And Mary said to the angel, **“How will this be, since I am a virgin?”**

And the angel answered her, **“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.”**

And Mary said, **“Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.”**

And the angel departed from her.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

Joseph: I have resolved to divorce her quietly.

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, **“Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

**“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”**

(which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that

Caesar Augustus: all the world should be registered.

This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up

Joseph: I will go up.

from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger,

All the animals can make their noises now.

because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. **Sheep can make noises.**

And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

Shepherds: We are filled with great fear!

And the angel said to them, **“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”**

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying **(everyone joins in),**

**“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”**

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, **“Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”**

And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

Animals can start making noises again.

And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

***The Christmas Poinsettias are given to the glory of God
in thanksgiving for the birth of Jesus and in loving memory of...***

*Mr. & Mrs. William T. Wray and Mr. Jay D. Gardner by Bridget & Jim Gardner
Randall C. Johnson (Randy) by Fran Johnson
Scott Luse by his small group
Thomas W. Miller, Betty Rose Palmer, Ken Palmer, III, Alex & Eleanor Ormond and Wray & Butch Williamson by Phyllis Miller
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Alfred & Anastasia Pasker, John & Ruth Northup by Dr. and Mrs. John D. Northup*

*The Christmas wreaths on the Bull Street doors are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Archie Morris, Betty and John Carswell,
Bernice and Basil Morris, Cornelia Haile, Elizabeth and Porter Carswell and Porter Carswell III by Betty Morris and family.*



...and in thanksgiving for...

*Our grandchildren Owen, Colin and Clair Miller of Cypress, TX by Debbie & Tony Cela
Our parents by Heather & Matt Ford
Our parish, its ministers and congregation; for the birth, life and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and our eternal salvation
by Bob & Ann Hallock
Our children and grandchild by Nelson and Sharon Lawson
Our salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ, all our Children and Grandchildren and the upcoming marriages of our children, Max to Liz McKee and
Alexia to Calvin Detwiler by Susan & Harry Moore
Our children and grandchildren by Jo Ann & Joseph V. Morrison, Jr.
Phyllis Miller by Linda & Tom Sawyer
God's many gifts to our family by Craig & Kathy Shoemaker
The friendship of Phyllis Miller by Susan White*



...and in honor of...

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