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GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY FOR ALL THE PEOPLE

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

24 December 2024

10:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Feast of the Nativity of our Lord

Welcome to Grace!

Introit *Once in Royal David's City*
The Procession

Soloist – Lee Hancock

Hymn #83 *O come, all ye faithful*

The musical score is written for a soloist and piano accompaniment. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in five systems, each with five numbered lines of text. The first system includes a 'Refrain' label. The second system includes a 'Refrain' label. The third system includes a 'Refrain' label. The fourth system includes a 'Refrain' label. The fifth system includes a 'Refrain' label. The score concludes with a final chord in the bass clef.

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

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

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

The Word of God

Song of Praise #96

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813–1882), alt.
Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887–1958)

The Collect

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. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

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 Response

Psalm 96

Cantate Domino

- 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.

The Second Lesson

Titus 2:11-14

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.

Go, tell it on the mountain

ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their
2 The shep - herds feared and
3 Down in a low - ly

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

Repeat Refrain

hold, through - out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Words: African-American spiritual 19th cent.; adapt. John W. Work (b. 1901)
Music: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, Afro-American spiritual, 19th cent.; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

The Holy Gospel**Luke 2:1-20**

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.

The Sermon

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Confession of Sin and Absolution - page 360

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory - *In the Bleak Mid-Winter*

Hymn 380

From all that dwell below the skies

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes Octante trois de David, 1551, alt. ; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561)

The Holy Communion

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Sanctus S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus* Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Fraction Anthem S-154

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Words: Psalm 34

Music: James E. Moore Jr.

Communion Hymns #89

It came upon the midnight clear

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by
 glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -
 near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,
 "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810–1876), alt. Music: *Carol*, Richard Storrs Willis (1819–1900)

After all have received Communion, Fr. Jack and Deacon Mary will assist in the lighting of the individual votive candles, all kneel and sing "Silent Night" as the lights in the church are dimmed.

Silent Night, holy night

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts—sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

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The Procession

Hymn #87
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)

The Sending Forth - page 366
Closing Voluntary -

Grace Notes

- **Annual Giving Report** \$19,257 Surplus as of 11/30/24.
- **Week 7 - Pledges**
2024 - Total amount \$292,732
Total cards - 84: 2025 - Total amount \$294,434, Total cards - 89.
- We are **In Need** of adults to assist with children's church. If you are interested, please contact Sharon George at slgeorge864@gmail.com
- **South Main Chapel and Mercy Center** is in need of Men's and Women's socks and underwear. Donations may be left in the cloister or by the church office
- **In Need:** Hope Missions, South Main Chapel and Mercy Center, Clean Start, and Patrick Harris Psychiatric Hospital are all in **need of men's pants sizes 30, 32, and 34**. Hope Missions and Clean Start are in **need of belts of all sizes**. Donated items can be placed in the cloister or on a back table in the parish hall.
- **Year End Contributions:** checks must be postmarked on or before **December 31st, 2024**. Any checks received after 12/31/2024 will be posted to your 2025 statement.
- **2025 offering envelopes** may be picked up in the cloister starting **December 1st**.
- **EPISCOPAL CHRISTIANITY TAKE 2!** Bishop Richard's next visitation is **Nov 2, 2025**. Because of the unusual delay in his visitation many are interested in being confirmed and received at **St. George on March 9th 2025**. And because of the unusual demand and tight schedule Fr. Jack's class is beginning again immediately. **Sundays 9:15 AM Parish Library: Jan. 5, 19.**
- **Christmas Eve liturgy: 5 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.** Music will begin at **10:15 p.m.**
- **Church Office** will be **closed Wednesday, Dec. 25th and Thursday, Dec. 26th.**
- We are collecting new or gently used **Coats and Blankets for the King** for our community friends. They may be brought to the church until Epiphany, **January 6th.**
- **WWW:** Our next book; **Starting Jan 7th 'The Book of Joy'** by Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama Led by Carol Miller and Jane Williams in the fellowship hall at Grace **6:30-8:00 p.m. every Tuesday**. This will be a refresher for some of us and new for others. May JOY be a focus for each of us in 2024. Please bring your own book and read up to page 24.
- **Annual Meeting: Sunday, Jan. 26th.** All reports are due to Office by **Wednesday, Jan. 15th.**
- Samantha and Kevin are hosting a fundraiser to show support for Ollie (Oliver Thompson) because of his congenital heart defect. He is the son of Samantha and Kevin Thompson. The funds are to help his parents with gas money as Kevin drives back and forth from the upstate to Charleston every weekend. Also it is to help us with food, parking fees, and unpaid leave from work to be with Ollie during surgeries. The fundraiser and information can be found at https://www.customink.com/fundraising/ollie-strong?utm_campaign=mobile-campaign-page-share&utm_content=ollie-strong&utm_medium=social&utm_source=copy-link





Christmas Flowers and Greens
In the Church are given
To the glory of God



And in loving memory of:

Bunny Hurt & Elizabeth Thro
By: The Jeffers Family

Mother-in-law, Patricia Maddox
By: Cordell & Donna Maddox

W.C. Bodenheimer & Betty Payne Bodenheimer
By: Lisa Bodenheimer

Stefon Kloeck
By: Karen & Matthias Kloeck

Jerry Powell & Ned Powell
By: Gill Powell

Kenneth Cheek
By: Sara K Cheek

Donnie Roberts & Colin Roberts
By: Joanie Roberts

Barbara Scott & Chrystelle Smith Scott
By: Bill Scott & Crissie Scott Rumble

Our Parents & sister Julia
By: Baylis & Nancy Maxwell

Josephine Baber
By: Tracey & George Lidlow

Our son Troy James Mattison
Lisa's Parents J.B. & Dolores Brooks
Lisa's Brother Clarke Stephen Brooks
By: Lisa & Scott Mattison

Our Parents
By: Anthony & Annette Guiseppi-Elie

Jim Fillingham & Dr. "Donnie" Roberts
By: Maxwell Jeffers

And in loving honor of:

Scott's Parents Ronald & Lucille Mattison
Our Grandchildren; Silas & Lilah Brooks, Ben-
son Whiten, & Lucy Mattison
By: Lisa & Scott Mattison

Our Children; Adilah, Tim, & Calvin
By: Anthony and Annette Guiseppi-Elie

John & Karlann Bostater
By: Kathy Bostater

Our Grandchildren
By: Kathy & Jim Harris

Gill Powell
By: Dan and Janie Fleming

Our newest blessing and wonderful gift, Camp-
bell Grace
By: Brent and Kirri Kinley

Those Who Serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Beth Lollis

Second Counter:

Lector: Kathe Harris

Lector: Al Sloan

Intercessor: Debbie Hand

Chalice 2: Kathe Harris

1st Crucifer: Tom Pearce

Server/Gospel Bearer: David Burden

Torch Bearer: Anna Rose Burden, Anna Swinford

Ushers: Jim Harris, Debbie Hand

Linen Guild: Joanie Roberts

Altar Guild: Cindy Baker, Lisa Arnold

Interim Organist/Choirmaster: Bill Scott

Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott

Vestry Members

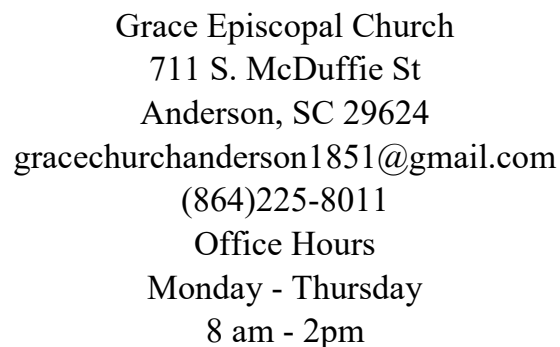
Cindy Baker - 2022-2024
Bess Boyer - 2022-2024
Beth Lollis, Sr. Warden - 2022-2024
Janet Rippy, Clerk- 2023-2025
Louis Lebrun, Jr. Warden - 2023-2025
Kirri Kinley - 2024-2026
Mike Magaha - 2024-2026
Cory Trotter - 2024-2026
Debbie Hand - 2024-2026
David Burden - 2024-2025
Mike Digby - 2024

Delegates to the Convention

Carol Miller
Melissa Langford
Jane Williams
Cindy Baker

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