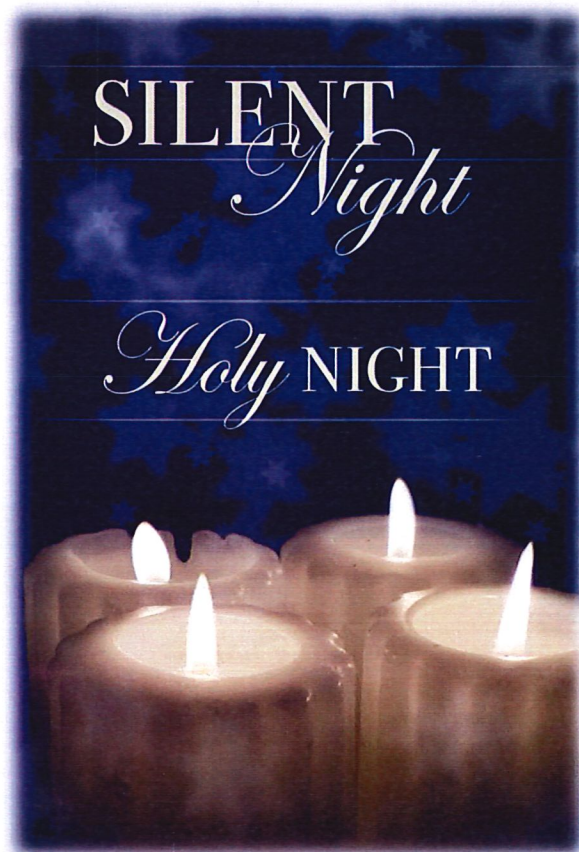


# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite II  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
December 24, 2021



## WELCOME!

Merry Christmas! We are delighted that you have joined us for our Christmas Eve worship service, and so very thankful for your presence this evening. Whether you are a member, a frequent visitor, or are visiting St. Peter's for the first time, we feel blessed.


We invite your questions regarding our ministries and life in the Episcopal Church. Please know that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion during our worship.

We are so glad you could be with us this morning and hope you will join us again.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II  
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Processional: O Come, All Ye Faithful


Hymn #83



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,  
6. Yea, Lord we greet thee born this hap - py morn - ing



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;  
6. Jes - us to thee be glor - y given;



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

*Refrain*



come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O



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

THE WORD OF GOD

(BCP Page 355)

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

*Celebrant*

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.*

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*        *And also with you.*

Oh 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.*

**THE LESSONS** (*You may be seated.*)

**A Reading from the prophet 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.

*Celebrant*     The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 96

(BCP Pages 725-726)

*Read alternately by whole verse.*

Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

*Sing to the LORD and bless his Name;  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.*

Declare his glory among the nations  
and his wonders among all peoples.

*For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;  
he is more to be feared than all gods.*

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

*Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!*

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples;  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

*Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name;  
bring offerings and come into his courts.*

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

*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."*

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.

*Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes,  
when he comes to judge the earth.*

He will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with his truth.

## A Reading from the letter to 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.

## THE GOSPEL

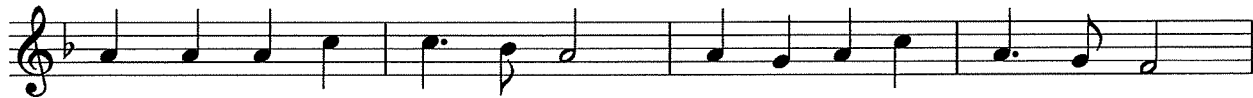
*Please stand as are able.*

## GOSPEL HYMN: Angels We Have Heard On High

*Hymn #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;



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



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## GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:1-20

*Please remain standing as are able.*

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

*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.

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

You may be seated.



BCP Pages 304-305

**Celebrant** Let us join together in renewing the solemn promise and vows of Holy Baptism.

**Celebrant** Do you believe in God the Father?  
**People** *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

**Celebrant** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
**People** *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

**Celebrant** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
**People** *I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.*

**Celebrant** Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
**People** *I will, with God's help.*

**Celebrant** Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
**People** *I will, with God's help.*

**Celebrant** Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
**People** *I will, with God's help.*

**Celebrant** Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
**People** *I will, with God's help.*

**Celebrant** Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
**People** *I will, with God's help.*

*Our Worship continues with the Prayers of the People*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Form III**

*(BCP Page 387)*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

*Silence*

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

**The Collect at the Prayers**

*The Celebrant says*

*(BCP Page 395)*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## Confession of Sin

(BCP Pages 360)

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

*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 says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in  
eternal life. *Amen.*

(BCP Page 360)

## The Peace

*All stand.*

(BCP Page 360)

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*        *And also with you.*

## Offertory Sentence

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



Glory to God  
*in the highest.*  
and on earth peace,  
good will toward men.

Luke 2:14, KJV

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Please be seated as the Altar is prepared for Holy Communion.*

## The Offertory Anthem ~ Silent Night, Silent World

*Albrecht/Althouse*

### Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

*(BCP Page 367)*

*Remain standing as are able.*

*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.***

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, 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 mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power 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:

## Sanctus

*Sung to the tune of In the Bleak Midwinter*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord, Ho - sa - na to the King.

*The congregation may kneel or sit as the prayer continues.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

*We remember his death,*

*We proclaim his resurrection,*

*We await his coming in glory;*



*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,  
O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this  
bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon  
these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of  
Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your  
Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him,  
being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time,  
put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to  
that heavenly country where, with Peter and all your  
saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and  
daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we now pray,

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (C-114)**

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread.*

*Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen. Amen.*

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*(BCP Page 364)*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for  
you.

*As you remain seated please listen for instructions for receiving communion.*

COMMUNION HYMNS ~ Choir

Hymn: Noel Christmas Eve 1913 ~ Soloist, Melinda Brou

Hymn: The First Nowell, vs 3-6

Hymn: The Snow Lay on the Ground

The Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

(BCP Page 366)

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*Eternal God, 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.*



For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given...  
and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

# Christmas Eve Candlelight

## Hymn: Silent Night

Hymn #111



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright  
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,  
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light



1. round you vir - gin mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,  
2. glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;  
3. ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,



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



## The Blessing

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.

Amen.

# Recessional: Joy to the World

Hymn #100



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth re - ceive her  
2. Joy to the World! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our songs em -  
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the  
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions



1. King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
- 2. ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
3. ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
4. prove the glo - ries of his right - cous - ness, and



1. heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
- 2. peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
3. as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far  
4. won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his love, and



1. heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
2. peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
3. as, far as the curse is found.  
4. won - ders, won - ders of his love.

## The Dismissal

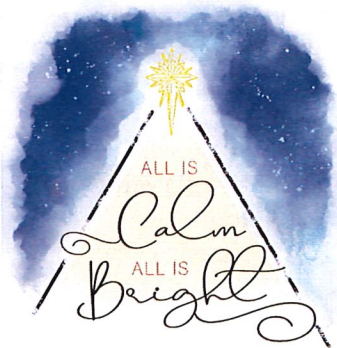
*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world sharing the good news of God's love.

*All*

*We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.*

*We are grateful to those participating in our worship this evening*



### Lector/Lay Readers:

5:00 pm ~ Julie Pina & JD Debler

7:30 pm ~ Aimee Kaduscwicz

### Greeters/Ushers:

5:00 pm ~ Marita Lindsay & Tony Farmer

7:30 pm ~ John Kaduscwicz

Director of Music Ministry: Meredith Carter

Musical Assistance: Alan Berkebile

The Ladies of our Altar Guild: Sherri Collins, Audre Debler  
& Aimee Kaduscwicz

*Thank you to all of our St. Peter's angels for making our church  
even more beautiful during this holy season.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE, Rite I**  
*December 25th ~ 9:00 am*

**Sunday, December 26th**  
*Morning Prayer I, 8:00 am*  
*Aimee Kaduscwicz*

**Morning Prayer II, 10:00 am**  
*Cecelia Shannon*

**Wednesday, December 29th**  
*Compline, 6:00 PM*  
*Sherri Collins*

*As we take time to celebrate the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ, the Church Office will be closed December 27th through Friday, December 31st. We will re-open on Monday, January 3, 2022. to welcome you and the new year.*

*Castaways will also be closed during this time and reopen on January 3, 2022.*



Wishing many Christmas blessings to our St. Peter's family and friends. Much love from the Office Staff at St. Peter's!  
*Father Jim, Mary Catherine, Meredith, and Betty*



**Studying the Prophet Isaiah**  
Continues on Sundays into February  
**9:15 am ~ 9:50 am** in the Parish Hall (in-person only)