CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church 😻 Richmond, Virginia

Opening Voluntary Improvisation on *Puer natus est*

The Word of God

Everett Titcomb

Hymn 83	O come, all ye faithful, vs. 1-3, 6	Sung by all, standing as able.	Adeste fidelis
Opening Acclamation			Enriching Our Worship 1, page 50
Celebrant	Blessed are you, holy and living One		
People	You come to your people and set th	nem free.	
The Collect fo	r Purity	Said by all.	Prayer Book, page 355
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.			
Hymn 96	Angels we have heard on high	Sung by all, standing as able.	Gloria
The Collect of	the Day		Prayer Book, page 212
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.		
People	And also with you.		
Celebrant	Let us pray. Silence is held.		
receive him as	nake us glad by the yearly festival of th our Redeemer, may with sure confide ou and the Holy Spirit, one God, now	nce behold him when he comes to	, . .
The Lesson	Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7 Plea	ase sit.	King James Version

Reader 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 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 People	The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	A period of silence is held.	
Psalm 96	Sung by t	ne choir on behalf of the congregation.	arr. Gerre Hancock
1 Sing to the	e Lord a new song; *		
sing t	to the LORD, all the whole ear	th.	
2 Sing to the	e LORD and bless his Name; *		
procla	aim the good news of his salv	ation from day to day.	
3 Declare his	s glory among the nations *		
and h	is 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.

Silence is kept.

Hymn 115What child is this?Sung by all, standing as able.

Greensleeves

The GospelJohn 1:1-14Please remain standing and face the reader of the Gospel.DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.The SermonThe Rev. John W. A. JenkinsPlease sit.

The Nicene Creed Said by all, standing as 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 Prayers of the People, Form IIICelebrontLet us pray for the church and the world.

You may stand or kneel. The Leader and the People pray responsively.

Leader	Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People	That we all may be one.
Leader	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People	That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Leader	We pray for all bishops, priests, and Celebrants;
People	That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
Leader	We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People	That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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Leader People	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.		
Leader	Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, remembering especially those who suffer in the Holy Land, Eastern Europe, and all places of conflict;		
People	That they may be delivered from their distress.		
Leader People	We pray for those who have died [especially]. Give to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.		
Leader People	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.		
Leader	[We pray/give thanks for] Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.		
The People ma	y add their own petitions.		
Celebrant	Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen .		
The Peace	Please stand.Prayer Book, page 360		
Celebrant People	The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.		
The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.			

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem The quiet heart

When Jesus came 'twas night,

And the world was still.

'Twas in the stillness of the night that Jesus came;

Disturbed the calm beneath the Bethlehem sky.

No blare of trumpets heralded his birth

Nor broke the wonted silence of the earth;

No clang of bells or blantant hue and cry

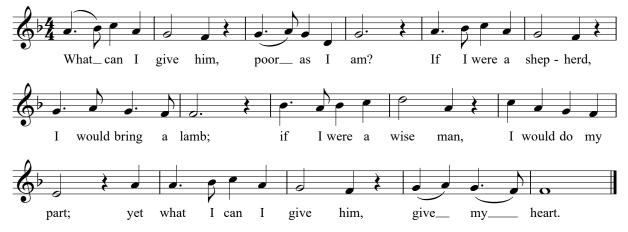
Sung by the choir.

'Tis to the quiet heart he loves to come: Not often 'midst the tumult of the day, When we can find small time to think or pray, Or when, confused by agitating care, We find no secret place for him to share. We must be still if we his voice would hear. 'Tis to the quiet heart he loves to come.

At the Presentation

Sung by all, standing.

The fruits of our labor are presented to God, along with gifts for our food ministry.



June Collin

Cranham

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B The people remain standing.

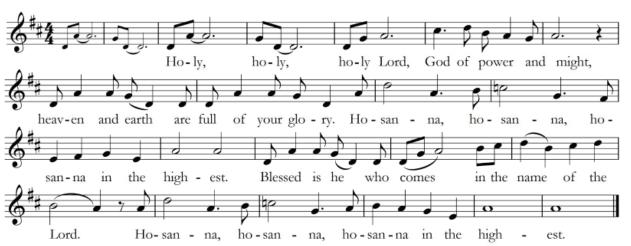
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.	
People	And also with you.	
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.	
People	We lift them to the Lord.	
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.	
Celebrant	It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty,	
	Creator of heaven and earth. Here a proper preface is said.	

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 by all.

William Trafka



Please kneel as you are able.

Celebrant

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;

Celebrant

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 blessed Stephen, the Blessed Virgin Mary, 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.

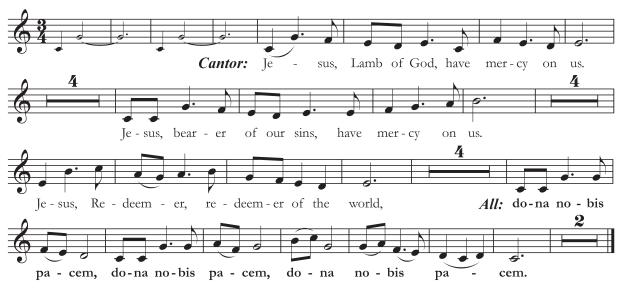
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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

Celebrant and People 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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is held.



Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

At the Communion of the People

All are welcome at the altar in this place. Communion is distributed at the base of the chancel steps. The altar also extends to your pew if you need us to bring the sacrament to you; just let an usher know. To receive Communion, place your hands together, palms up. You may consume the bread and then drink from the wine in the larger chalice. If you prefer to "intinct" or touch the edge of your bread to the wine, please use one of the smaller cups, available at all stations. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms against your chest.

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William Trafka

Music at Communion

Music at Com	inginon		
0 magnum n	nysterium	Sung by the choir.	Tomas Luis de Victoria
et admirab ut animali, jacentem ir O Beata Vi meruerunt	irgo, cujus viscera	O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new lying in a manger! Blessed is the virgin whose wo was worthy to bear the Lord, Jesus Christ. Alleluia!	
Hymn 79	O little town of Bethlehem	Sung by all, seated.	St. Louis
Hymn 81	Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming	Sung by all, seated.	Es ist ein Ros
After Communi	on, the Celebrant says Let us pray. Please kneel as c	able.	
All	Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with of the most precious Body and of your Son our Savior Jesus Cl and for assuring us in these hold that we are living members of t and heirs of your eternal kingd And now, Father, send us out to to love and serve you as faithful To him, to you, and to the Holy be honor and glory, now and for	Blood hrist; y mysteries he Body of your Son, om. o do the work you have given us to do, l witnesses of Christ our Lord. y Spirit,	Prayer Book, page 366
The Blessing The Celebrar	nt blesses the people.		
Hymn 100		Sung by all, standing as able.	Antioch
·	joy to the world:	Song by an, siduality as able.	11/11/00/
Dismissal Deacon People	Let us go forth bearing tidings of Thanks be to God.	f great joy to all people.	

Closing Voluntary Fantasy on In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

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Participants

CELEBRANT: The Rev. Cate Anthony; DEACON AND PREACHER: The Rev. John W.A. Jenkins; LAY READER/ INTERCESSOR: Tony Anthony; SUBDEACON: Kathy Brock; MUSICIANS: Sanctuary, Brent te Velde, *director and organ*

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