

**St. Bede's Episcopal Church, Menlo Park  
Christmas Eve Pageant and Holy Eucharist  
December 24, 2021  
4:00 p.m., Rite II**



**WELCOME!** ❁

In song and sermon, prayer and practice, we seek to renew our ancient traditions in light of the modern world. We affirm the transformative power of God's word and Jesus' call to active charity. Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, please join us today in fellowship. You are our most welcome guest!



**ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF CALIFORNIA**

**The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus, Bishop**

**The Rev. Daniel Paul Spors, Rector**

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**Organ Prelude** Pastorale, BWV 590 and In dulci jubilo, BWV 608 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Choral Introit** **Hodie for Double Choir** Katherine Anne Davoli (b. 1980)

Today Christ is born, today the Savior has appeared,  
Today the just exult, saying: Glory to God in the highest!

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn 83, vv 1-3, 6** *Sung by all, standing as able*

**O come, all ye faithful**  
arr. David Willcocks

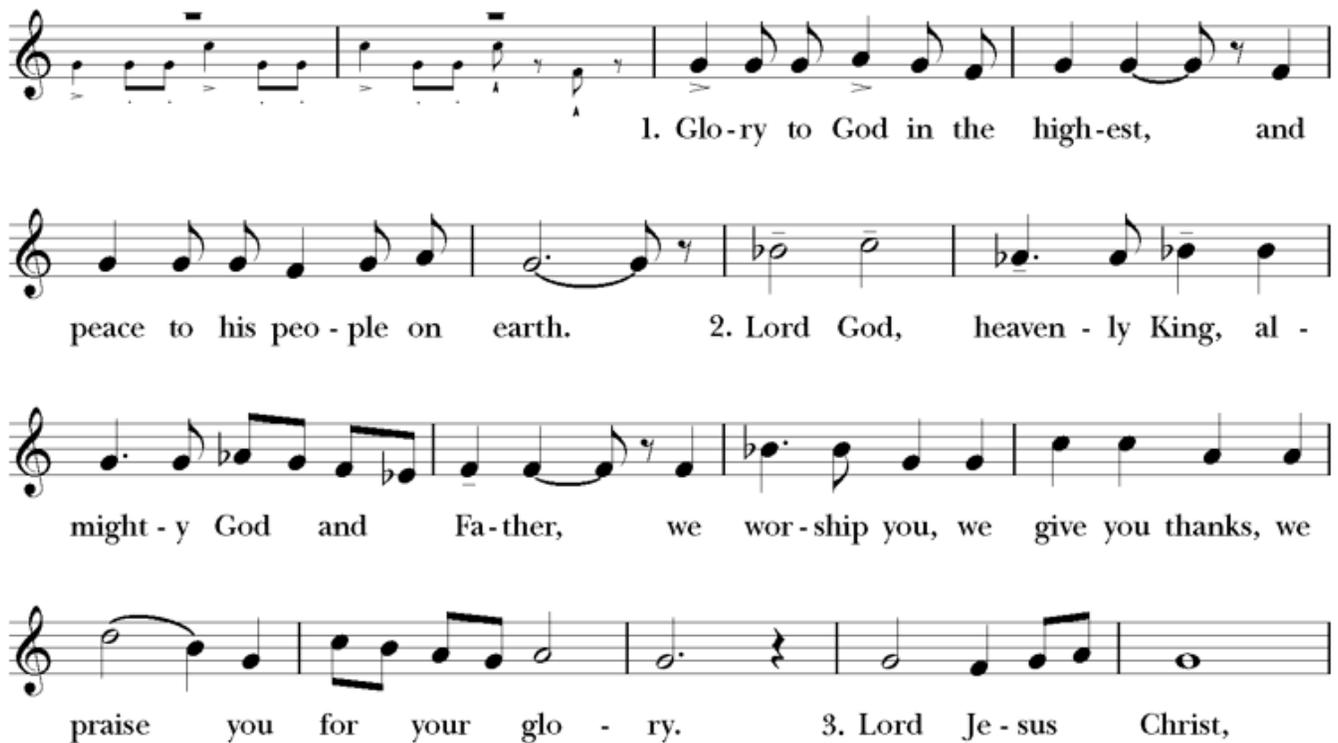
Presider Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Presider 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.**

**Gloria** *Sung by all*

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1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



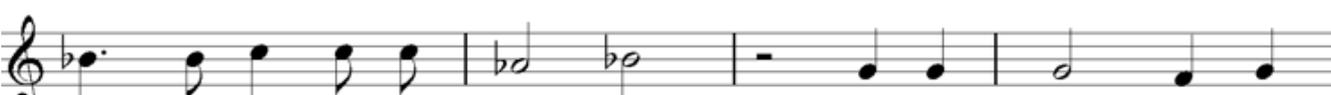
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: William Matthias (1934-1992)

## The Collect of the Day

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Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

All **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 LESSONS

**First Lesson** Isaiah 62:6-12

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Reader A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels;  
all day and all night

they shall never be silent.

You who remind the Lord,

take no rest,

and give him no rest

until he establishes Jerusalem

and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The Lord has sworn by his right hand

and by his mighty arm:

I will not again give your grain

to be food for your enemies,

and foreigners shall not drink the wine

for which you have labored;

but those who garner it shall eat it

and praise the Lord,

and those who gather it shall drink it

in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates,

prepare the way for the people;

build up, build up the highway,

clear it of stones,

lift up an ensign over the peoples.

The Lord has proclaimed

to the end of the earth:

Say to daughter Zion,  
"See, your salvation comes;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him."  
They shall be called, "The Holy People,  
The Redeemed of the Lord";  
and you shall be called, "Sought Out,  
A City Not Forsaken."

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

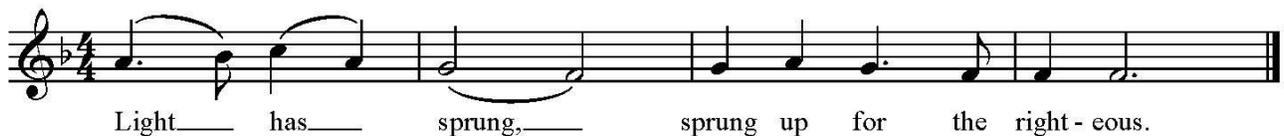
*Please be seated.*

### Psalm 97

Music: Thomas Pavlechko  
Text: Psalter for the Christian People

*The antiphon will be sung twice before the psalm (first by the choir, then by all), and once after verses 4, 8, and 12 (by all).*

Antiphon



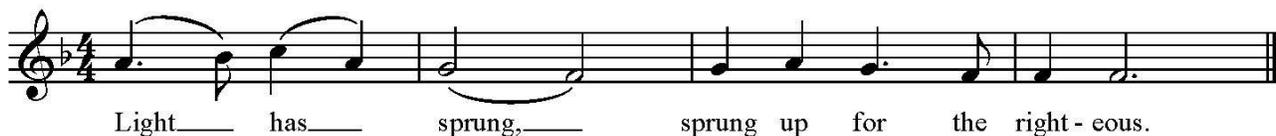
- 1 The LORD is Sovereign; let the earth rejoice; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.**
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about you, \*  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne.**
- 3 A fire goes before you \*  
and burns up your enemies on every side.**
- 4 Your lightnings light up the world; \*  
the earth sees it and is afraid.**

-antiphon-

- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.**
- 6 The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD, \*  
and all the peoples see your glory.**
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.**

**8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

Antiphon



**9 For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods.**

**10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; \*  
the LORD preserves the lives of the faithful  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

**11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.**

**12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, \*  
and to the holy name of the LORD give your praise.**

-antiphon-

**Second Lesson** Titus 3:4-7

NRSV

Reader A Reading from the letter to Titus.

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 89, v1**

**It came upon the midnight clear**

## The Alleluia

*Please stand as you are able.*

*The Alleluia will be sung twice before the verse, (first by cantor alone, then by all), and once after the verse, (by all).*



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Naomi Braun, cantor

## THE PAGEANT

*Based on readings from the Gospel of Luke, 2:1-20, and Matthew, 2:1-12.*

*As part of the pageant, please join us in singing the hymns .*

**Hymn 79, v1-2** *Sung by all, standing as able*

**O, little town of Bethlehem**

**Hymn 101, v1&3** *Sung by all, standing as able*

**Away in a manger**

**Gloria** *Sung by the choir*

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Glory to God in the highest!

**Hymn 96, 1&4** *Sung by all, standing as able*

**Angels, we have heard on high**

**Hymn 128, v1&5** *Sung by all, standing as able*

**We three kings of Orient are**

**Hymn 100, v1&3** *Sung by all, standing as able*

**Joy to the world!**

## THE SERMON

*Please stand as you are able.*

All

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.  
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,  
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.**

**Confession of Sin**

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Presider

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The congregation may stand, kneel, or sit for the Confession.*

All           **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.**

Presider      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.**

### **The Peace**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Presider      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
All           **And also with you.**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

Presider      Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which  
the Lord has made known to us *Luke 2:15*

*Please be seated.*

**Anthem**           **Sir Christèmas** W. Matthias  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell. Who is there that singeth so, Nowell?  
I am here, Sir Christèmas.  
Welcome, my lord Sir Christèmas!  
Welcome to us all, both more and less! Come near, Nowell.  
Dieu vous garde, beaux sieurs, tidings I you bring:  
A maid hath borne a child full young, the which causeth you for to sing: Nowell.  
Christ is now born of a pure maid; in an ox-stall he is laid,  
Wherefore sing we all at a brayde: Nowell.  
Buvez bien par toute la compagnie, make good cheer and be right merry,  
And sing with us now joyfully: Nowell.

**Hymn 93**

**Angels from the realms of glory**

At the following words, please remain standing as able.

**Sursum Corda**

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*Celebrant* *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. 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.

Presider      It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est. Blessed is the one who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Music: W. Matthias

*The congregation may stand, kneel, or sit.*

Presider We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All **We praise you, we bless you,  
We give thanks to you,  
And we pray to you, O Lord our God.**

Presider Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Marc our Bishop, and Dan our Rector, and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember the Nation and all in authority, especially Joe our President and Gavin our governor.

Remember the peace and welfare of the world, especially in places threatened by disease, oppression, and violence.

Remember the concerns of the local community, especially those in need this day of housing, nutrition, and education.

Remember those who suffer and those in any trouble, especially those we now name, either silently or aloud.

Remember those celebrating birthdays, especially Carol B., and for those celebrating anniversaries this week.

Remember the departed: may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs and patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with the Venerable Bede, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

**AMEN.**

Presider 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.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

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*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

### Fraction

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*Cantor*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

*All*

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*When coming forward to receive communion, please maintain proper distancing from those not in your household and return to your seat before removing your mask to consume the host.*

*Upon returning to your seat, you may kneel or be seated.*

**Anthem**

**Gesú Bambino**

Pietro Yon (1886-1943)

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night  
Was born the child, the Christmas Rose, the King of love and light  
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced  
And at his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.  
O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.  
Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night  
that gave the world its Christmas Rose, its king of love and light  
Let ev'ry voice acclaim his name, the grateful chorus swell  
From paradise to earth he came that we with him might dwell. O come...

Kathleen Thompson, *violinist*

**Hymn 111**

*Sung by all, seated or kneeling*

**Silent Night**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Presider Let us pray,

All

**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.**

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**The Announcements**

**The Blessing**

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Presider May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

**Hymn 87**

*Sung by all, standing as able*

**Hark! the herald angels sing**  
arr. David Willcocks

## Dismissal



## Organ Postlude In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

J. S. Bach

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## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Presider: **Dan Spors**

Music Director: **Katherine McKee**

Organist: **Rani Fischer**

First Reading: **Tanya Luhrmann**

Second Reading: **John Hickson**

Intercessor: **Helen Greenwood**

Ushers: **Julie Backlund, Richard Zeren**

Coffee Hour Host: **Julie and Jon Backlund**

Altar Guild: **Susan Sartor, Elaine Kreigh**

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Narrator **Tanya Luhrmann** Mary **Lina Smith**  
Joseph **William Mahal** Angel **Natalie Festing**  
Shepherd **Joan Sanders**  
Magi **Bertita Graebner**

### St. Bede's Choir and friends\*

**Sopranos:** Orlia Budge, Janet Campbell\*  
(*Section Leader*), Catherine Clover, Margaret  
Elam\*, Rani Fischer, Elfrieda Langemann\*,  
Nancy Stork

**Altos:** Naomi Braun (*Section Leader*), Dora  
Ho, Cathleen Josaitis, Loretta McNulty\*, Sandy  
Sellin\*, Kathleen Thompson, Becky Zeren

**Tenors:** Chris Brown, Mark McNulty\*, Colby  
Roberts\* (*Section Leader*), Liza Taft

**Basses:** David Chu, Michael Villareal\* (*Section  
Leader*), Quentin Long

**Special thanks to** our Christmas greening team whose work brings the beauty of God's creation into our Christmas services. We're grateful for the time and talents of **Julie Backlund, Liz Bellock, Vicki Blayney, Laura Gable, Helen Greenwood, Elaine Kriegh, Ann Latta, Jon Poe** (wreath-hanger extraordinaire), **Joan Sanders** and **Anne Vitullo**.

We are offering a simple coffee hour after each of the services on December 24, 25 and 26; you'll find the names of our coffee hosts in the hospitality sign-up.

**Christmas flowers are donated  
in loving memory of our families, by Jon Poe and Anne Vitullo  
for Christ Church, Eureka, by Ann Latta  
and for the St. Bede's family, by Joan Sanders**

# ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN MENLO PARK

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