Christmas Blessings to All

We welcome you to this joyous occasion of Christmas—the birth of Jesus Christ. We greet you in His name and are pleased that you have chosen to celebrate the Good News at Bethesda-by-the-Sea.

May you be blessed by this time spent together in the presence of the Christ Child.

Holy Eucharist: Rite II at 6:30 p.m.

Rector’s Greeting and Opening Prayer

Prelude       Prelude on Greensleeves         Richard Purvis

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

Hymn 83       O Come, All Ye Faithful        Adeste fideles
              O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
              O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

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.

God from God, Light from Light eternal,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin’s womb;
Only-begotten Son of the Father;
Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest;
Refrain

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;
Refrain

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
We would embrace thee, with love and awe;
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? Refrain

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 WORD OF GOD

CHRISTMAS ACCLAMATION

Celebrant I bring you good news of great joy.
People A Savior has been born. Alleluia!
Celebrant Unto us a Child is born.
People Unto us a Son is given. Alleluia!
Celebrant He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia!
People We worship and adore him. Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 (Communion Service in G Major)  
Francis Jackson

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

The congregation is seated.

LESSON Isaiah 52:7—10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
The Gospel Procession

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

Hymn 87  Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
Mendelssohn  arr. David Willcocks

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Refrain  Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Refrain

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace.

Refrain

Gospel  John 1:1—14

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

People  Glory 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.

Deacon  The Gospel of the Lord.

People  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily  The Rector

A brief period of silence follows the Homily.
The congregation stands.

**Nicene Creed**

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.

**Prayers of the People**

*Adapted from Christ Church Cranbrook*

The Leader and People pray responsively.

On this holy night in which God joins heaven and earth, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Silence

Mighty God, bless all those who are entrusted with Christian ministry—especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Peter, our Bishop; and the clergy of this parish—that your Word might be proclaimed with truth and courage.

O Come, let us adore him.

God of Peace, bestow your wisdom on all who govern—especially for Donald, our President; Ron, our Governor; and the Mayor and members of the Town Council—that in honoring the earth and its diverse races, cultures, and religions, we may celebrate the light of this holy night.

O Come, let us adore him.

Merciful God, grant reconciliation to those surrounded with conflict and violence, that they may live in the peace of this holy night.

O Come, let us adore him.
Compassionate God, embrace with your tender care all who wander alone or have no place to lay their head, that they may experience the hope of this holy night.  
*O Come, let us adore him.*

God of Healing, draw near to those who find this season a source of pain or grief, and to all who are suffering or sick, especially those on our parish prayer list. May they feel the comfort of this holy night.  
*O Come, let us adore him.*

Nurturing God, strengthen us your children in the bonds of love and commitment, that we may delight in the joy of this holy night.  
*O Come, let us adore him.*

Loving God, open our hearts to your presence, that we may be transformed by the new birth of this holy night.  
*O Come, let us adore him.*

God of Hope, give us grace to follow your holy ones in lives of faith and commitment, that we may join with the hosts of heaven in singing the praises of this holy night.  
*O Come, let us adore him.*

**Celebrant** Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the Savior of all, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host, that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds, that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. Amen.

**The Peace**

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

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory**

*Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. See page 14 for more information.*

**Anthem at the Offertory**

*Candlelight Carol* John Rutter  
How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all the stars in the sky? How can you measure the love of a mother, or how can you write down a baby’s first cry?  
*Candlelight, angel light, fire-light and star-glow shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing; the Christ Child is born.* Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him, seraphim round him their vigil will keep; nations proclaim him their Lord and their Savior, but Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep. Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger: Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay. Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation: a child with his mother that first Christmas Day.
I Saw Three Ships
Andrew Carter

On Christmas night all Christians sing I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day in the morning. And what was in those ships all three on Christmas Day in the morning? Our Savior Christ and his lady on Christmas Day in the morning. Pray, whither sailed those ships all three on Christmas Day in the morning? O, they sailed into Bethlehem on Christmas Day in the morning. And all the bells on earth shall ring on Christmas Day in the morning. And all the angels in heaven shall sing on Christmas Day in the morning. And all the souls on earth shall sing on Christmas Day in the morning. Then let us all rejoice amain on Christmas Day in the morning!

AT THE PRESENTATION

As the gifts are presented, the congregation stands and joins in singing

Regent Square

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

The Celebrant continues
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:
The congregation remains standing, and 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 the ever-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,

\[ \text{CELEBRANT} \quad \text{PEOPLE} \]

...now and for ev - er. A - men.

Celebrant

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 kept.*

Christmas Fraction Anthem

\[ \text{Mendelssohn, arr. Pysher} \]

\[ \text{Antiphon} \]

Al - le - lu - ia! He is born! Christ the Lord is born this day!

Celebrant  Antiphon
People  Antiphon
Choir  The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us,
People  Antiphon

full of grace and truth.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold who you are; become what you receive.

Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist. This is the Lord's table. It is the Lord who invites you. It is his wish that those who want him should meet him here. During communion, please come forward at the direction of the ushers to the stations at the Chancel steps, or, if unable to do so, please signal to the clergy circulating with communion. Our custom in the Episcopal Church is to receive both elements by putting hands forward, palms crossed and facing upward to receive the bread, and by guiding the chalice lightly to receive the wine. Please note that receiving just the bread or wine alone is fully receiving communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; let the priest know when you go up to receive. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, go to the stations and simply cross your arms across your chest.

During the Communion

Anthem  Sweet Was the Song  William Mathias

Sweet was the song the Virgin sang, when she to Bethlehem Juda came and was delivered of a son, that blessed Jesus hath to name. Lulla, lulla, lulla, lullaby. ‘Sweet babe,’ sang she, ‘my son, and eke a savior born, who hast vouchsafed from on high to visit us that were forlorn.’ ‘Sweet babe,’ sang she, and rocked him sweetly on her knee.

Kristen Gabino, soprano
As the lights dim, the congregation kneels and joins in singing
Hymn 111  Silent Night, Holy Night  
Stille Nacht

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.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia; 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.

The Christmas Blessing
May the Babe of Bethlehem bring you joy; may the Boy of Nazareth bring you hope; may the Man from Galilee bring you love; may the Risen Lord of Jerusalem bring you peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you always. Amen.
The congregation stands and joins in singing

**HYMN 100**  Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.

**Dismissal**

**Response**  *Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude**  Fanfare and Processional

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Antioch

arr. Robert Hobby

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Keith Chapman

arr. Pysher
The large Christmas tree is given to the glory of God by
The Jordan Family

The altar trees are given in memory of
Richard S. Johnson

We thank those who are operating our audio and video systems this evening.
Tuesday, December 24 — *The Feast of the Nativity: Christmas Eve*
† 10:30 p.m.  Festal Eucharist (with incense) and Homily; music by the Bethesda Choir and instrumental ensemble; extended Prelude music
(Live-Streamed)

Wednesday, December 25 — *The Feast of the Nativity: Christmas Day*
  9:00 a.m.  Christmas Eucharist & Homily
  11:00 a.m.  Christmas Eucharist & Homily; music by the Bethesda Choir

Sunday, December 29 — *First Sunday after Christmas*
  *8:00 a.m.  Holy Eucharist & Homily
  *9:00 a.m.  Congregational Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist
  *10:00 a.m.  Wassail, Parish Hall
  *11:00 a.m.  A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols; music by the Bethesda Choir
(Live-Streamed)

Tuesday, December 31
  11:00 p.m.  Homebound Luncheon, Parish Hall
  12:05 p.m.  Homebound Service with Holy Eucharist

Saturday, January 4
  3:30 a.m.  Boar's Head Performance; *twenty-dollar requested donation at the door; no advance tickets*

Sunday, January 5 — *The Second Sunday after Christmas*
  *8:00 a.m.  Holy Eucharist & Homily
  *9:00 a.m.  Holy Eucharist & Homily
  *11:00 a.m.  Holy Eucharist & Homily; music by the Bethesda Choir
(Live-Streamed)
  2:00 p.m.  Boar's Head Performance; *twenty-dollar requested donation at the door; no advance tickets*
  4:30 p.m.  Boar's Head Performance; *twenty-dollar requested donation at the door; no advance tickets*

* Nursery care available for newborns through age 3
† Overflow seating with video simulcast will be available in the Parish Hall for these Christmas Eve services.
Christmas Memorial Flowers

Christmas decorations in the Church and Columbarium are given by members and friends of the parish to the glory of God and in loving memory of

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Kimberly Frankel Allemand
Whitney Girard Allemand
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Marijane W. Schrader
**Holiday Schedule Notes:**

- Our office will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, Thursday, December 26, and Wednesday, January 1.

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**Christmas Eucharist and Luncheon for the Homebound**

*Wednesday, December 31, at 11:00 a.m.*

This is always an enjoyable and uplifting holiday service for our parishioners who may have difficulty attending regularly as well as for residents of area skilled nursing and rehab facilities. We begin with a hot holiday luncheon served in the Parish Hall at 11:00 a.m. A Holiday Eucharist will follow in the church. As always, we are in need of volunteers to help with all aspects of this event from registration and helping guests as they arrive for church, as well as assisting them to the Parish Hall afterwards—serving the meal, and cleanup. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact April at (561) 655-4555 x112.

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**Boar’s Head & Yule Log Festival**

*Saturday, January 4 | 3:30 p.m.*  
*Sunday, January 5 | 2:00 & 4:30 p.m.*

*A requested donation of $20 will be received at the door.*

A perennial favorite of the Christmas season returns! Pipes and Drums, Beefeaters,Sprites, Shepherds, the Three Kings and their Pages, Mary and Joseph, Flag Bearers, Jesters, the Herald, King Wenceslas and his Page, a Brass Quintet, the mighty Austin organ, and the Bethesda Choir . . . all will be in place as our Festival takes place on the weekend closest to The Feast of the Epiphany, twelve days after Christmas!

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In case of an emergency Bethesda has two AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator) available—*in the sound booth at the back of the church and on the south wall in the Parish Hall.*
Bethesda’s Mission is to experience the clear and strong presence of God and to understand and spread Christ’s teachings through collective worship, learning, and service.
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