



ST. DAVID'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SERVICE
Liturgy of the Word
December 27, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Clergy The Rev. Dr. Chuck Treadwell, Rector

The Rev. Katie Wright, Associate Rector

Narrator Amanda Wischkaemper, Director of Children's Ministry

Music Mark Wischkaemper, Director of Music, Bethell Hall

Xavier Davis, piano

Kate Winchester, soprano

✠The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and
in thanksgiving for the clergy, staff, and volunteers of St. David's.✠

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAGEANT

After the reading of each lesson, a candle will be lit at the back of the church and carried forward by a Candle Bearer. A verbal invitation will be given for children to follow each Candle Bearer according to the costume they are wearing. All should remain in their seats until their invitation is given to come forward. During the singing of “O Come, All Ye Faithful,” children should follow the procession of the Holy Family and return to their seats.

HISTORY OF THE GOSPEL PAGEANT

In Medieval times the majority of the population could not read, so the Christmas story was acted out in a pageant form. The actors and singers posed in a still life to form the story while the verse of a carol was being sung. The entire congregation joined in the chorus while the players moved to the next part of the story. Often the pageant began at one end of a village and gathered people as they moved toward the church in the center. When everyone arrived, they entered together for Mass.

Our four o'clock Christmas Eve service has adapted this form with our children replacing the actors. Our service this evening continues this tradition. This simple drama invites not only the children but each one of us into the story. We are all on our way to Bethlehem to greet the newborn king. Who will show us the way? Little children dressed as prophets, Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels, animals, and Magi will show us the way to the newborn king.

Our online worship service is produced by the St. David's staff:

- Lori Blewett, Director of Communications
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- Background music by Mark Wischkaemper
<https://soundcloud.com/thelightedhilltop>



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SERVICE

PRELUDE: Do You Hear what I Hear?

Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne

WELCOME

(Please stand and sing.)

HYMN 100

✘ Joy to the world! the Lord is come

Antioch

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

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

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. To us a child is born.

✠ Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

✠ And also with you.

Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. ✠ Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD ACCORDING TO THE GOSPELS OF LUKE AND MATTHEW

PROPHETS

READING: Isaiah 9:2, 5

(Please stand and sing.)

HYMN 66

✠ Come, thou long-expected Jesus (Stanzas 1 & 4)

Stuttgart

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

HOLY FAMILY

READINGS: Luke 1:26-31, Matthew 1:18-25

(Please stand and sing.)

HYMN 79

✦ O little town of Bethlehem (Stanzas 1-3 & 5)

St. Louis

The image shows three systems of musical notation for the hymn. Each system consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with line numbers 1, 2, 3, and 5 indicating the start of each stanza. The lyrics are: Stanza 1: O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie! Stanza 2: For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove, Stanza 3: How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given! Stanza 5: O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray; Stanza 1: A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by; Stanza 2: while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love. Stanza 3: So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven. Stanza 5: cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day. Stanza 1: yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light; Stanza 2: O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth! Stanza 3: No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin, Stanza 5: We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS

READINGS: Luke 2:1-7, Luke 2:8-14

(Please stand and sing.)

HYMN 96

✦ Angels we have heard on high

Gloria



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;

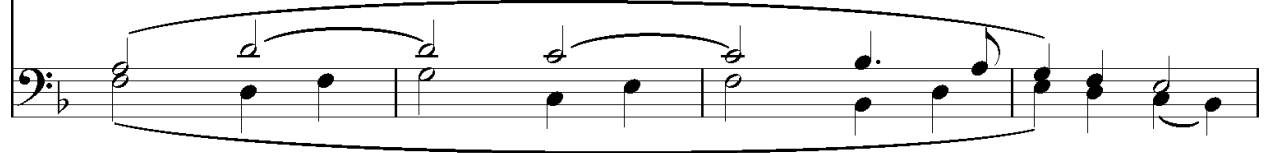


and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

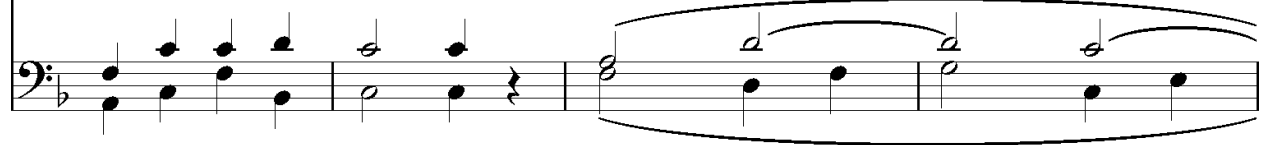
Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a



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



MAGI

READING: Matthew 2:9-10

(Please stand and sing.)

HYMN 128

✦ We three kings of Orient are (Stanzas 1 & 5)

Three Kings of Orient



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night,

star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,

still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

CHRIST CHILD

(Please stand and sing.)

HYMN 83

✦ O come all ye faithful

Adeste fideles

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Litany of the Incarnation *from* Come, Lord Jesus by Lucien Deiss

Heavenly One, you are without beginning or end:
Yet you choose to be born an infant in time.

✠ **Praise to you, O Lord.**

You are the One whom nobody has seen or can see:
Yet you assume the face of the Son of Mary.

✠ **Praise to you, O Lord.**

You hold the mountains in the palm of your hand:
Yet you let yourself be wrapped in swaddling clothes.

✠ **Praise to you, O Lord.**

Innumerable angels acclaim you endlessly:
Yet you choose to be rocked to sleep by the songs of the daughter of David.

✠ **Praise to you, O Lord.**

You feed every creature:
Yet you choose to hunger for the milk of your mother.

✠ **Praise to you, O Lord.**

Heaven and earth cannot contain you:
Yet you rest in the arms of Mary.

✠ **Praise to you, O Lord.**

You are the source of the happiness of heaven and earth:
Yet you cry like a little child.

✠ **Praise to you, O Lord.**

You are the light of all created intelligence:
Yet you are laid in a manger and cannot even speak.

✠ **Praise to you, O Lord. Amen.**

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

The People may offer their own intercessions or thanksgivings, aloud or in silence.

The Celebrant offers a concluding Collect.

Creator of the universe, the light of your glory shines in the darkness of our lives. Make us attentive to your presence, prompt to serve you, and ever eager to follow in the steps of the one who is our true light, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. ✠ **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM: When Hope Came Down

Kari Jobe

(Please stand and sing.)

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

✦ THE LORD'S PRAYER

arr. Mark Wischkaemper

Our God in hea-ven; Hal-lowed be your name. Your King-dom come; your

6
will _____ be done on Earth _ as in hea - - ven. Give

11
us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give our sins as we for - give those

16
who sin a - gainst us. Save us! Save us from the time _____ of

21
trial. And de - liv - er us from e - - - vil. For the King - dom, the

26
po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men!

(Please be seated.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- As we all share concern in the rising infection rates of Covid-19, please know that we are taking all necessary measures to reduce the risk to the clergy, musicians, and staff involved in the recording of our services, as well as those participating in Communion Groups, baptisms, funerals, and weddings. We are adhering to all guidelines established by the City of Austin and by the Diocese of Texas.
- On Saturday, January 2 at 1 p.m. you can listen and watch this month's offering of Sacred Voices. A Family Christmas featuring The Papovich Family. Casey, Maureen, and Jonah offer several Christmas favorites, including a humorous take on the "after Christmas" blues. Join us at [Facebook.com/EpiscopalAustin](https://www.facebook.com/EpiscopalAustin)
- We will continue our Virtual Sumners Hall Coffee Hour at 8 a.m. on the first Sunday each month. The next one will be on January 3. Please find the Zoom link on the church calendar and join Father Chuck for some social time over coffee.
- We will have a service to celebrate The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ on January 6, 2021 at 7.30 p.m. via our online resources. Please join us as we recognize the Magi's visit to the Christ Child.
- How about a New Year's resolution to serve on the vestry of St. David's? We are accepting nominations for five vestry positions for a three-year term. Expectations and requirements for nomination submission can be found on the web site. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, January 13, 2021.
- More upcoming events are listed on the next page and on our web site – www.stdave.org

(Please stand.)

BLESSING

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. ✠ **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

French traditional

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We are most grateful for your financial support as we navigate new ways to connect to each other in these challenging times. Your gifts directly enable us to use modern technology to stay connected to each other and the world. St. David's depends on the ongoing support and care of committed members of our congregation like you.

Your generosity and commitment to St. David's will be processed and posted to your account. We want to respect your preferred way of giving:

- Checks

Please mail your check to the church. We are able to receive mail and deposit checks via a remote deposit check scanner. Our address is 301 E. 8th Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

- Online [Click here to donate!](#)

If you experience a delay or connection issue during peak times on Sunday, please try giving at a later time or consider setting up a recurring donation through your bank. We apologize for this inconvenience.

- Text STDAVE to 73256.

- If you are not already giving, please consider making St. David's your giving priority this year.

Thank you for your generosity to God and St. David's Episcopal Church.

ATTEND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

After this service, there will be formation for children, youth, and adults.

Today, children have chapel from 10-10:15 a.m., and then children's formation begins at 10:15 a.m.

Youth meet with Jenny Campbell, our Director of Youth Ministry, via Zoom, beginning at 10 a.m.

Adults may attend Men's Bible Study, The Middle Place, or Wisdom Ways. All begin at 10 a.m. and can be accessed from the web site.

UPCOMING EVENTS (All events happen virtually)

- High School EYC happens on Tues at 6 p.m., and Middle School EYC on Wed at 5:30 p.m.
- On Wed evening, you can join Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. and Bible study at 6:30 p.m.
- And, don't forget - Café Divine and Holy Grounds Curbside To-Go – Tues-Fri, place your order 4 a.m-1 p.m., and pick up 11:30 a.m-6 p.m.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ST. DAVID'S?

If you want more information about the church, please email Amy Moehnke (Amy.M@stdave.org), our Director of Newcomer and Young Adult Ministries, and she will get back to you very soon!