# St. Clement's by-the-Sea, Episcopal Church

# Christmas Eve

# Children's Pageant and Family Eucharist



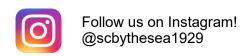
4:00 pm • December 24, 2022

"This Church of Ours is Open To All...There Will Be No Outcasts."

-The Most Rev. Edmund Browning Emeritus Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

**Parish Mission:** Follow Christ through the way we live and love, spreading the good news of God in Christ, opening our hearts to all, and experience and spread joy in the process.





### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

"Of the Father's love begotten"

by Wilbur Held

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelsvohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)



#### **SALUTATION**

Celebrant Alleluia, to us a Child is born.

People Come, let us adore Him. Alleluia!

#### Celebrant and People

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.

#### THE BLESSING OF THE CRÈCHE

As the people remain standing, the Celebrant says

Brothers and Sisters, we declare good news —tidings of great joy to be shared by

all people.

All This day Christ is born: Today the Savior has appeared. This day the angels are

singing on earth: archangels are rejoicing. Today the just are glad and say,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven."

Celebrant The glory of the Lord has been revealed.

All And all shall see the salvation of our God.

Celebrant Let us pray.

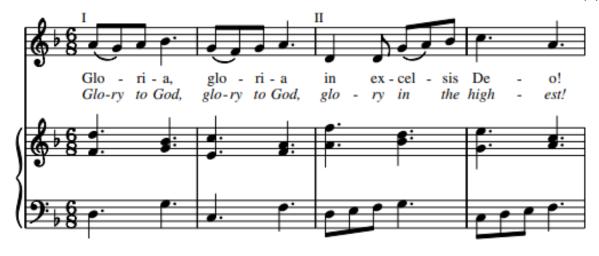
Almighty and ever living God, you have given us a new revelation of your supreme love in the Coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns

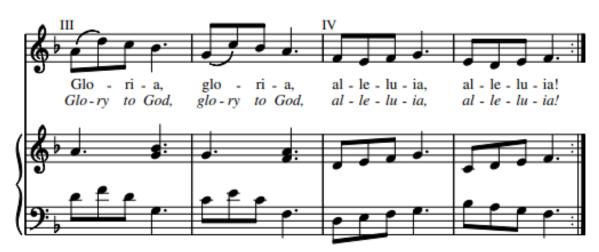
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Celebrant And now, we join with the angels who sing in glory...

GLORIA "Gloria, Gloria" Epiphany 240





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COLLECT

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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 people may be seated for the reading.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet 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. 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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON Titus 2:11-14

Lector A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to Titus.

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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.



Please remain standing for the Gospel

GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint 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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE Fr. Patrick

#### CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION

This year, our children will be presenting the Christmas story in an interactive way. They will proclaim the Good News of our Savior's birth, and we will join in the celebration by singing the first line of several carols, as indicated below. Each carol is preceded by a short introduction. Please sing when indicated. You may remain seated throughout.

The children are bringing forth the gifts that have been collected from the congregation for Mary's Feast to present to the Christ Child tonight. Thank you for your generous hearts and for helping to support our Marine families.

Narration

Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!

Above they deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee to-night.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth! and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

Narration

What Child is This?

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary. Hymnal 79

Hymnal 115

Narration

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

Hymnal 99

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Refrain

Narration

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night, and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Sung by the children

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Sung by the congregation

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle until morning is nigh. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me for ever, and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Narration

Angels We Have Heard on High (Verse 3)

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Grand Finale** 

Hymnal 96

Hymnal 101

Hymnal 128

#### THE 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

God sent his Son to live among us: let us pray in the confidence of our new life in him

Rejoicing in the birth of our Lord and Savior, we pray that the Church may be continually reborn. Let us share the humility of the manger, the adoration of the shepherds, and the love of the Holy Family, in the light of him who is the Light of the world.

Pity and pardon this world of conflict, deaf to the message of peace. Bring harmony where there is strife between nations and where people are divided by suspicion and bitterness. Heal those who have no peace within themselves.

We pray for our families and friends with whom we celebrate this happy time. Give us true love, unselfish desires and grateful hearts. We pray especially for children, and for their unclouded joy at this time. Create in us a pattern of human love that will lead them the love of God who sent his Son as a little child.

We pray for those who cannot feel the joy of Christmas, through the burden of sickness, bereavement or other distress. Comfort with your presence all who are separated at this time from those they love. **Bring the light of Christ into the lives of the afflicted.** 

Have mercy on the departed who, having shared with Christ their human birth and infancy, have shared with him also the death of the body. Make their joy complete, in that Kingdom where there is no more sorrow or suffering but abundant life without end.

[Here other intercessions may be offered by the people, silently or aloud.]

Through Christ who is the hope of the nations and the joy of all people, we make our prayers to God who is most wonderfully with us. **Amen.** 

#### THE PEACE

Our Savior Christ is the Prince of Peace: of the increase of his governance and peace there shall be no end.

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Thanksgivings, Welcome Newcomers, and General Information

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

We are so very grateful for your offerings to St. Clement's by-the-Sea to support our ministry in the world. Your gifts are essential. You may place your offering in the alms basins as they are passed. If you prefer, you can scan the QR code to the right with your phone, and you will be taken to PayPal where you can easily contribute by credit or debit card.



#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"O Holy Night"

by Adolphe Adam Joelle Adamson, solo

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Prayer B

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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 Mary and Joseph 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.** 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

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

Hymnal S164

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Priest This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People Whosoever eats of this bread will live forever.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation The Gifts of God for the People of God.

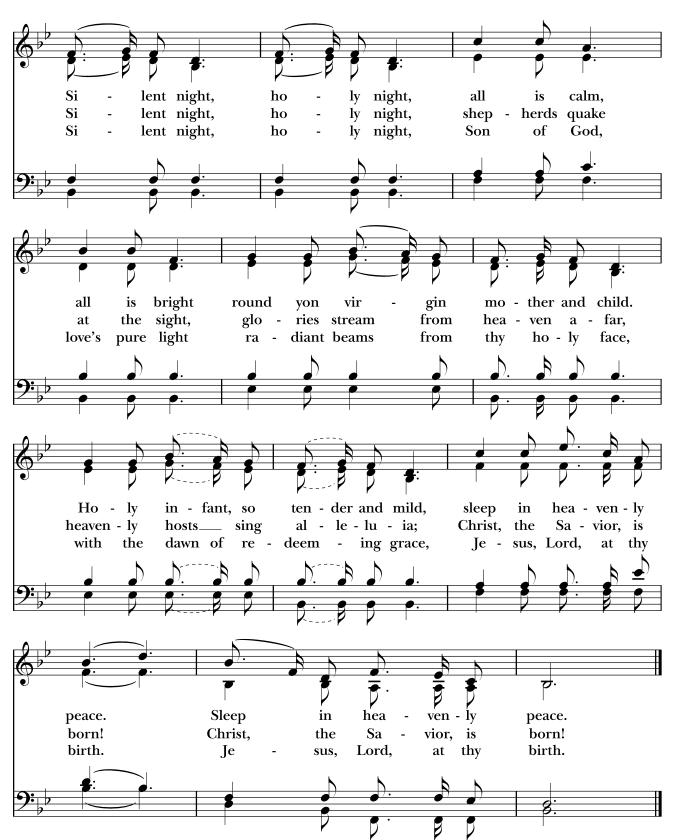
All who seek Christ or a deeper relationship with Christ are welcome to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available for those with Gluten allergies. If you are physically unable to come to the altar rail, please alert an usher, and Communion will be brought to you in your pew. To receive the consecrated bread, please extend your hands, one atop the other. To receive the consecrated wine, please help the chalice bearer to guide the chalice to your lips. You may also intinct (dip) the bread into the wine and then consume them together. If you wish not to receive Communion but rather a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you. Communion is given and received with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.** The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.** 

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** 

"What Child is This?"

arr. By Sharon Aaronson



Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885). Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910).

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.

#### **BLESSING**

The Priest blesses the people

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.** 



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Celebrant **People** 

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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**POSTLUDE** 

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

arr. by Sharon Aaronson

Hymnal 100

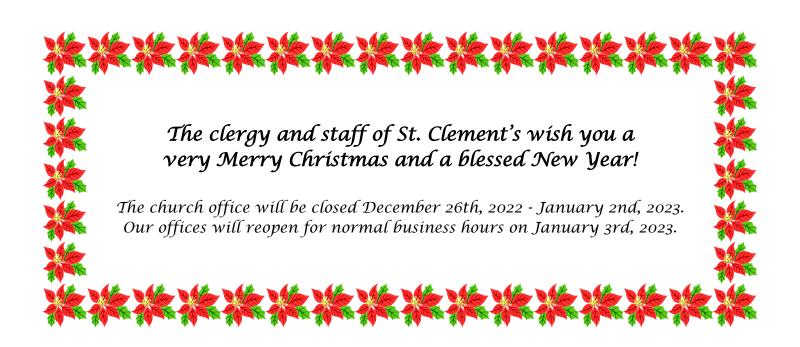
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MINISTERS SERVING YOU TODAY		
Celebrant	The Rev. Patrick Crerar	
Cantor	Savana Thomas	
Music Director	Larry Gates	
Christmas Pageant	Laurie Baxter	
	And the children of the Parish	

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