Christmas Day (Year A)

December 25, 2022 * 9:00 am



The Word of God

PRELUDE AND VOLUNTARY

French Organ Music for the Christmas Season

ENTRANCE HYMN



(Hymn continues on next page.)



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

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant The Word became flesh, and lived among us, alleluia;

People And we beheld his glory, alleluia;
Celebrant Glory as of God's only Son, alleluia;
People Full of grace and truth, 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*.

HYMN OF PRAISE



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day 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*.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. ³You 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. ⁴For 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. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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.

⁷His 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98

Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

²With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

³The LORD has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

⁴He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

⁶Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

⁸Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

⁹Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

¹⁰In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

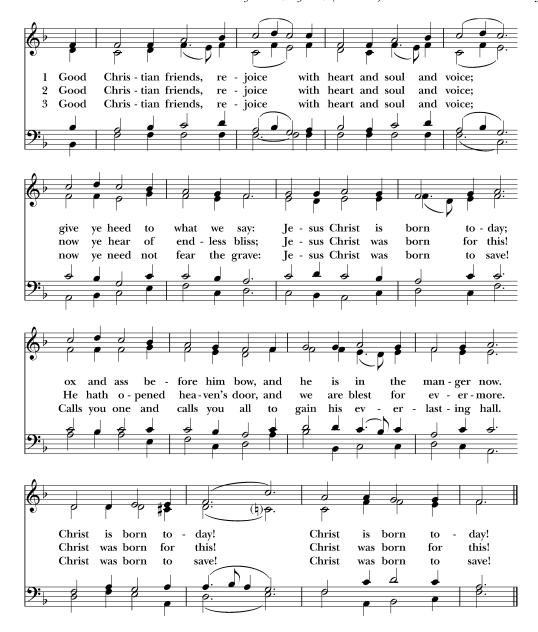
SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to Titus.

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He 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.

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

People Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

Celebrant People← The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around

them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please join in singing the last verse of the hymn as the procession returns.

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart

A period of meditative silence follows the Reflection.

THE 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor

"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." (Luke 2:10)

In our joyful celebration of Jesus's birth, let us pray for the church and for the world.

Christ, the chief cornerstone, we pray for the Church. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for John, our Bishop, and for all your faithful people gathered here and everywhere. Bless our common life together, and show us how you would have us be your hands and feet in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

All

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Christ, the King of kings, you came for all the world. Give wisdom, compassion, and fortitude to all those called to leadership in the nations of the earth. Guide them always to the justice and peace you proclaim.

Lord, in your mercy,

All

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Christ, the light of the world, you came to us a vulnerable child. Be in all places where war, poverty, illness, disease, and death mean so many of your people suffer. Teach us to mend what is broken, to heal where we see hurt, and to boldly love in the face of hatred.

Lord, in your mercy,

All

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Christ, the Son given to us, we give you thanks for all the blessings of this life. Make us quick to see and to cherish your gifts to us, and show us how we are called to share them. We give thanks for ______.

Lord in your mercy,

All

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Christ, the Word made flesh, you were born to a particular time and place. Be with us now and in this place. Bless our families, friends, and neighbors, and give us eyes to see them all as you do, as beloved children of God.

Lord in your mercy,

All

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Christ, the suffering servant, you came that you might suffer with and for us, and that we might be redeemed through you. Be with all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Sustain them with your loving grace, and remind them that they are never alone, but walk hand in hand with you, O lover of souls. We pray for

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Lord in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Christ, the one who died for us and rose again, we pray for the departed. Receive

them into the arms of your mercy, and grant them eternal rest. We pray for

Lord in your mercy,

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for

you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and

Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Prelude on "In Dulci Jubilo"

Marcel Dupré

OFFERTORY HYMN



The Great Thanksgiving

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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.

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:

SANCTUS



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,

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 Michael 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 say,

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey you are welcome to come forward to receive the consecrated wine and wafers. Wine will be served by our chalice bearers from the common cup. In keeping with the pandemic safety guidelines from our bishop, the communicant may drink from the chalice or, in the alternative, the priest will dip the wafer into the wine and place it directly on the communicant's tongue. If you prefer not to have wine, simply cross your arms over your chest after receiving the wafer.

Congregants worshiping on Zoom or Facebook Live may say the following:

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen*.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Celebrant May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in

this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light

of his holiness.

All Amen.

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

Celebrant May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to

heaven, give you his peace and favor.

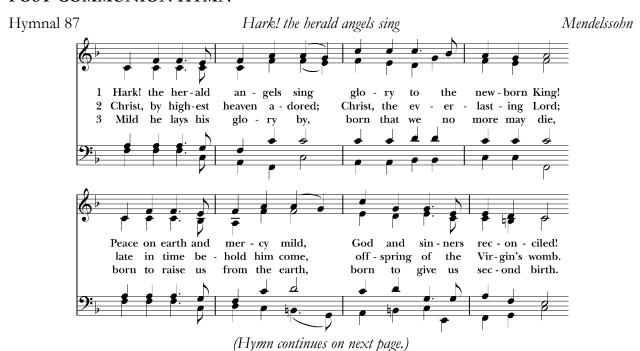
All Amen.

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be

upon you and remain with you for ever.

All Amen.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN





DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

We are delighted to welcome you this Sunday morning.

No matter your background, you are welcome to be part of our community as we gather in this sacred space to encounter the Mystery of God through beautiful liturgy and inspiring music. Please be assured that all children, no matter their ages, are invited to join us in worship as a powerful reminder that we are all beloved children of God. Again, welcome!

Please take a moment to silence your cell phone. Thank you.

We publicly livestream our Sunday worship via Zoom and Facebook Live.

Join on Zoom: https://bit.ly/stmikessunday (Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: 080100) Join on Facebook Live: https://facebook.com/SMAACDM

Important COVID Safety Reminder

All worshipers who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks at indoor gatherings. However, if you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask as required by the state COVID guidelines. Masks are available at the entrance to the church. Thank you all for your help in keeping our church a safe place for those most vulnerable.

Today's Worship Team

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart

Organist: Dr. Ray Urwin

Sunday School

Godly Play (ages 3-10) 9:00 am in the Yellow Room

Welcome to Saint Michael and All Angels Christmas Day service. There are Christmas bags for the children who are attending with their families in Worship. We hope that you enjoy the music and joy of gathering in church on this very special day!

Contact: Anne Conover (annabananacaddie@aol.com)

Youth Group (ages 11-14) 9:00 am in the Sanctuary

On the fourth Sunday of the month, the Youth Group will rest. Enjoy Christmas and the blessing of Jesus' birth!
Contact: Susan Caldwell (scaldwell@stmikescdm.org)

Parish Prayer List

Dick	Tom	Mary Ann	Bob	Ron	Steve	Meredith
Norris	Bob	Lucius	Kitty	Jeanine	Pat	

Prayer requests remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.

To submit a name to the prayer list contact Brooke Pauley (kookiepauley@gmail.com or 949-514-7917), or The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart (barbarastewart001@gmail.com).

Altar Flowers

Members of the congregation may sponsor altar flowers, chapel flowers, and the sanctuary light in thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life or in memory of loved ones. The flowers are arranged by our Flower Guild with donors acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin.

Call the church office at (949) 644-0463 or make your donation via our website: https://www.stmikescdm.org/altar-flower-and-sanctuary-light-donations/

Christmas Poinsettia Dedications

Christmas poinsettias are giving by St. Mike's parishioners and friends to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the blessing of this life or in memory of loved ones.

This year's dedications are given by:

Peggy Montgomery in loving memory of Robert Montgomery Jr.

Ruth Poole in loving memory of Keith Nelson.

The Stover Family in loving memory of Allan Taylor Stover and Ron Winter.

The St. Mike's Vestry with thanksgiving for the ministry of The Rev. Canon Dr. Barbara Stewart.

Myrna Ireland in loving memory of John Ireland.

James Palda in loving memory of Carole Leavelle Palda.

Laird Blue in thanksgiving for the Blue and Macino families.

Gail and Ali Haghjoo in thanksgiving for our beloved parents.

Stacie Tibbets to the glory of God in thanksgiving for family.

Colette Spence in loving memory of Charles and Corrine Spence.

Norris Battin

Dunlap Family in thanksgiving for friends and family.

Harry and Susan Stahl in thanksgiving for all of God's blessings.

Kim Montgogmery in loving memory of Lee Rosenson and Robert Montgomery II.

Richard and Susan Zevnik

Barbara Black in loving memory of Sy Black.

Clyde and Pepa Dodge in loving memory of our parents and sisters.

Worship with us:

Tuesday Morning Holy Eucharist Tuesdays at 8:30 am

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart celebrates and preaches each Tuesday.

Featured saint for Dec. 27:

Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1170.



Join us every Friday at 6:00 pm in the St. Michael's sanctuary and on Zoom as we pray for peace in our community and around the world.

Join on Zoom: https://bit.ly/stmikessunday (Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: 080100)

Worship bulletins: https://www.stmikescdm.org/worship-bulletins/

A Time of Prayer First Wednesday of the Month at 2:00 pm

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm for our service of worship and prayer to give thanks for our joys and express our concerns for ourselves and for those of our parish in need of prayer.

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At a Glance:

This Week at St. Mike's

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, December 27

8:30 am Holy Eucharist

Thursday, December 28

8:30 am Men's Fellowship

Friday, December 29

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry6:00 pm Prayer Vigil for Peace

Sunday, December 25

New Year's Day

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

For more information, contact the church office by calling 949-644-0463 or email church@stmikescdm.org.

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Office Hours:

Tuesday: 8 am to 3 pm Wednesday: 9 am to 3 pm Thursday: 9 am to noon

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https://smaa.breezechms.com

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Adult Christian Education and Small Discussion Groups

All are welcome to join one or more of the groups listed below. For more information, visit our website: https://www.stmikescdm.org

St. Mike's Sunday Conversations

10:30 am in Michael's Room and on Zoom

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1: no meeting.

Jan. 8 we'll begin the Great Course series

History and Archaeology of the Bible. Join on Zoom: https://bit.ly/sundaysat10 Meeting ID: 966 632 5340 / Passcode: 221426

View our updated schedule:

https://www.stmikescdm.org/blog/sunday-conversations-1030-am/

Contact: Kim Montgomery

Tuesday Nights at Mike's

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Currently studying The Church Cracked Open by Stephanie Spellers.

On Dec. 27, we will not meet. See you next week! Join on Zoom: https://bit.ly/tuesdayatmikes Meeting ID: 834 2976 3754 / Passcode: none

Contact: Beth Bianchi

Bible Challenge

Third Sundays at 8:00 am in the Conference Room Bible Challenge will resume Sunday, January 8. The Advent now Christmas Study "O Wisdom" continues through Epiphany.

Join on Zoom: https://bit.ly/thirdsundaybiblechallenge

Meeting ID: 958 1933 0475 / Passcode: 018474

Contact: Susan Caldwell

Inklings Book Group

Third Mondays at 10:30 am in the Davis Library and on Zoom Note: the next Inklings will be on Monday, January 23.

Join on Zoom: https://bit.ly/inklingsbookgroup Meeting ID: 938 4250 5095 / Passcode: 573156

Contact: Susan Caldwell

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Fridays at 10:00 am

Please join us as we knit or crochet and pray! Contact: Barbara Stewart+ at (949) 378-9780

Men's Fellowship Group

Thursdays at 8:30 am

Dedicated to studying the Bible and the works of Christian theologians. Open to all adult men of the parish.

Contact: Kim Montgomery

Visit our church calendar for more:

https://www.stmikescdm.org/events