

# All Angels Episcopal Church

8:00 and 10:00 am



December 15, 2024

Prelude

*The Wexford Carol*  
Cynthia Tate, Flute

arr. David Downes

Opening Hymn

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

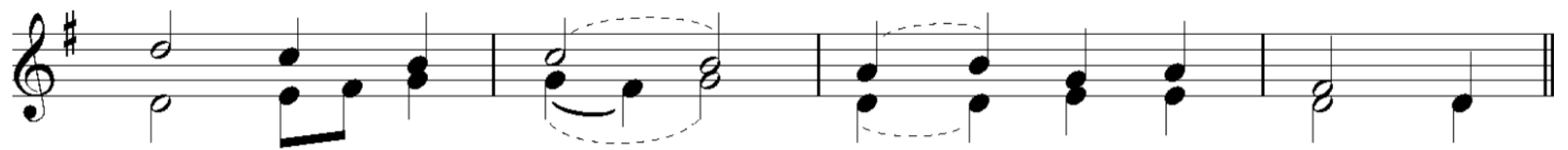
1982 Hymnal #83



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, —  
\*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, —



1 come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
5 we would em - brace — thee, with love and awe;



1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
3 glo - ry to God, — glo - ry in the high - est;  
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.

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One.  
**Have mercy on us.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, who calls the exiles and the lost, you promise restoration and wholeness through the power of Jesus Christ. Give us faith to live joyfully, sustained by your promises as we eagerly await the day when they will be fulfilled for all the world to see, through the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**The Lessons** *Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.*

Introduction: Like most prophets, the book of Zephaniah follows a pattern of judgment on all people for their disobedience followed by the restoration from God. The nation of Judah had fallen into grievous sin under the reign of their king, Manasseh (686-642 BCE). The people of Judah had turned their backs on God, not only in their personal lives but also in their worship. Listen to what the prophet says: God is always a God of restoration and hope.

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

*Zep. 3:14-20*

Rejoice, Daughter Zion! Shout, Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem. The Lord has removed your judgment; he has turned away your enemy. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you will no longer fear evil. On that day, it will be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, Zion. Do not let your hands fall. The Lord your God is in your midst — a warrior bringing victory. He will create calm with his love; he will rejoice over you with singing. I will remove from you those worried about the appointed feasts. They have been a burden for her, a reproach. Watch what I am about to do to all your oppressors at that time. I will deliver the lame; I will gather the outcast. I will change their shame into praise and fame throughout the earth. At that time, I will bring all of you back, at the time when I gather you. I will make you renowned and praised among all the neighboring peoples when I restore your possessions and you can see them, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The psalm for this morning is Canticle 9. Let us read it responsively.

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me;

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,

**and he will be my Savior.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing

**from the springs of salvation.**

And on that day you shall say,

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

Make his deeds known among the peoples;

**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,

**and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,

**for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Introduction: In the concluding chapter of Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi, he highlights four attributes of following Christ — rejoicing, gentleness, being non-anxious, lifting one's concerns to God in prayer — which lead to the peace that passes all understanding.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn**      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*      1982 Hymnal #56

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Luke 3:7-18*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gradual Hymn**      *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*      1982 Hymnal #56

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;  
bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

**The Sermon**

The Very Rev. David J. Marshall

**Reflection Hymn** *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Dr. Kristi Muzzio, Soprano, Cynthia Tate, Flute

**The Nicene Creed** *(The word "catholic" means universal or global body of Christian believers)*

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** *(Please stand or kneel or sit as you are able)*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Doug our Bishop, for Moises the Bishop of the Dominican Republic, and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

For the needs of: Downs IV, Holden, Victoria, Kim, Barbara, Maria Christine, Caitlin, Dennis, Angie, Amy Jo, and Carling. For all who receive the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim, Lou, and Anne.

For those going through cancer treatments, and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, TJ, Stephanie, Cara, Todd, Valerie, Violet, Joan and Nancy.

For those in Hospice care.

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, especially for the repose of the soul Lorraine Anaya. May light perpetual shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Greetings, Announcements and Introductions**

**Offertory Anthem**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Robert A. Hobby

## **The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,**

**praise him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Praise him above ye heavenly host:**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## **The Holy Eucharist Prayer B**

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God, Heav'n and earth are  
 full of your glo-ry Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly,  
 Glo-ry be to you, O Lord mo-st High,  
 Blessed is he that comes in/the na-me of the Lord  
 Ho--san-na in the hi-gh-est.

*Please sit or kneel or remain standing as you are able.*

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 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.**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Jesus invites everyone to meet him here. If you would prefer to have communion brought to you, please let one of the ushers know and we will bring it to you.*

### **Communion Music**

*The Star Carol* by Alfred Burt, text by Wihla Hutson  
Dr. Kristi Muzzio, Soprano

Long years ago on a deep winter night, high in the heav'ns a star shone bright, while in a manger a wee baby lay, sweetly asleep on a bed of hay.

Jesus, the Lord was that baby so small, laid down to sleep in a humble stall; then came the star and it stood over head, shedding its light 'round His little bed.

Dear baby Jesus, how tiny Thou art, I'll make a place for Thee in my heart, and when the star in the heavens I see, ever and always I think of Thee.

### **Prayer After Communion**

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**





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*



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**The Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia**

**Postlude**

*Postlude on "Gloria"*

*Anon.*

**New to All Angels? Welcome! Be sure to sign the guest registry in the lobby.**

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Our mission is to bring the living Christ to those  
 inside and outside the church.

# Announcements

**Mothers Helping Mothers annual toy drive.** All Angels has chosen to participate again this year and to make it even easier to give, we are suggesting you use the QR code on the poster that is on the gallery table to have your toy selections go directly to Mothers Helping Mothers. Just scan the code. Amazon.com will appear on your phone with the wish list and you can make your selections there. Your gifts will then be sent on their way.

Deadline is December 16th.

## **December Donation Drive - School Attendance Support**

*Week 2, December 15:* Socks for boys and girls - black and white, crew style.

*Week 3, December 22:* Women's underwear - sizes 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 hipster style if possible.

*Week 4, December 29:* Rain ponchos, sizes kids and adults, unisex

**Our Gallery Artists for December: Teresa Carson and Leslie Butterfield.** Please stop by and enjoy their "Seven Sacred Pauses" Exhibit. Make checks payable to All Angels by-the-Sea.

**Men's and Women's Discussion Group** Men's Discussion group, 10:00 on Tuesdays; Women's Discussion Group, 10:00 on Wednesdays. Both groups in person and via Zoom.

**Coffee Hour Host** One of the most important things we do is gather after the service for coffee hour. If you are interested in hosting, the sign up sheet is on the Gallery table. If you would like help, sign up and we will find someone to show you how it is done.

**Centering Prayer** Centering Prayer invites you to pray with them, every day, at 8 am, wherever you are. When you enter into prayer at 8 am (Eastern), you will know that others are praying at the same time.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** If you have a birthday or anniversary coming up next month, please email Linn Torres at [lt@allangelslbk.org](mailto:lt@allangelslbk.org)

**Visit our Website** Video of Today's Service, Discussion Group Articles, Gallery Artist, and our weekly Tidings can all be found on our website: [www.allangelslbk.org](http://www.allangelslbk.org).



## Dates to Remember

Altar Flower Dedication Deadline: December 16th

Mothers Helping Mothers Annual Toy Drive Deadline: December 16th

Christmas Eve service: December 24th, 5pm

New to You ART Sale February 2 - February 27

## Today's presenters

### 8:00 am

Barbara Pickrell — Chalice

Tina McGrath— Lector

Barbara Pickrell — Prayers

Patrick McGrath— Usher

### 10:00 am

Ed Upshaw, Fred Emrich — Chalice

Terry Cobb — Lector

Mackenzie Marshall — Prayers

Russ Callahan, Reuben Fernandez — Ushers

Ethan Marshall — Acolyte

Elijah Marshall— A/V tech

Scott Wuesthoff — Zoom host

Judy Reed — Altar Guild

Allen McGee — Offering Counters

Reuben Fernandez and Fran VanZandt — Coffee Hour

The Very Rev. Dave Marshall

### Guest Musicians

Dr. Kristi Muzzio, Soprano

Cynthia Tate, Flute

David Stasney — Music Director

The Rev. Fred Emrich — Retired Clergy

### Vestry

Barbara Pickrell, *Senior Warden*

Brian Davis, *Junior Warden*

Sandy Wood, *Treasurer*

Cade Sibley

Ginny Upshaw

David Bishop

Donna Henkel

Larry Elder

Reuben Fernandez

Hank Kochan

The Very Rev. David J. Marshall, *Rector*

## Reflection

### *The Waiting*

There is an aspect of Advent that I have not highlighted with you. It is the aspect of waiting. I don't like waiting. I imagine that no one likes to wait. Case in point, yesterday, at the Christmas Concert performed by Elijah's school, there was a six-year-old sitting in front of me. He couldn't wait for the "boring" performance to end. His parents kept insisting that he had to wait. I looked at him, lying down across three chairs in the auditorium, staring at the ceiling, and I thought, *yeah, I get it; waiting is no fun.*

You know what humans are good at? We're good at moving ahead. We are skilled at planning what's next. Those activities energize us. It gives us something to work towards and look forward to. On the flip side, no one ever jumped out of bed because their day was going to be full of waiting. We're good at fixing what's wrong – or, at least diagnosing the problem. With expertise, we cram more into one day that one person could possibly do. Humans love to utter phrases like, "The hurricane was two months ago, why isn't all this cleaned up yet?!" But what if the "fix" in life is learning how to wait. (I know, let the booing begin)

Have you ever had a sleepless night where you were just waiting for the sun to rise?

For a child to be born?

For the pain to end?

To catch your breath?

Have you ever waited for a wound to heal, or a bone to set, or for stitches to be taken out?

I don't think there's anything harder in the world than waiting.

Scripture tells us the following: "Wait for the Lord." (Ps 27:14) "The Lord is good to those who wait for him." (Lamentations 3:25) "Blessed are those who wait." (Isaiah 30:18) "My soul waits for the Lord. (Ps 130:5) "I wait for your salvation." (Genesis 49:18)

The most repeated phrase of the Bible is be not afraid. Number two? You guessed it – wait. For each of the passages above, those who waited had the following happen to them: The Lord was good to them, they were strengthened, their heart found courage, they ran and did not become weary, they received justice, they received peace in God's word, the Lord became their shield and help, their hearts became glad, they received hope, and became still. In other words, the blessings for those who wait are courage, strength, justice, peace, glad-filled-hearts, and hope. For as much as I don't like waiting, I need all of the above.

If you find yourself in a time when you must wait, here is an anonymous prayer for you.

*Look upon us gentle, Lord; waiting is not our specialty.*

*So many other things are, like moving ahead, fixing what's wrong, planning what's next, diagnosing the problem, cramming more into a day than one person can possibly do.*

*But waiting....*

*When we are waiting for sun to rise, when we are waiting for a wound to heal; Lord, nothing in all the world is harder than waiting.*

*In your mercy, Lord, wait with us.*

*Be our very present help in waiting. Heal our frenzy. Calm our fears. Comfort those who at this very minute are waiting with anxious breath. Transform our restless time into your time.*

*While we wait and pray, bring us hope, surrounded by your presence, even in the darkness. Especially in the darkness, gentle Lord. Amen.*

- Fr. Dave