

ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL PARISH  
2220 Cedar Street, Berkeley California



Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2020 ~ 5 pm (Livestream)  
**HOLY EUCHARIST WITH NATIVITY STORY**

WELCOME

*If you are a visitor, we are grateful that you have joined us and hope that you find space here to come close to God. We welcome all who seek the Holy, no matter your background. At All Souls Episcopal Parish, we pray, study, celebrate, and serve together, striving to live as the body of Christ in the world. [Click here](#) to find out more information about who we are and also ask any questions you may have. We'd love to connect with you about how to make this church your home.*

*Also, a note that those of us participating in the livestream at the church are observing the physical distance and mask-wearing guidelines required by our diocese. These practices have been created in consultation with local public health officials. Given the nature of this pandemic, these practices may be changing from week to week as the situation develops.*

Prelude

Hymn 102, *Once in royal David's city (verses 1-2, 4, 6)*

IRBY

*A soprano sings:*

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

*Members of the Choir sing:*

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

*All sing:*

4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly, when on earth he\_\_ grew,  
6 Not in that poor, low - ly\_\_ sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing\_\_ round,  
he was tempt - ed, scorned, re - ject - ed, tears and smiles like us\_\_ he\_\_ knew.  
we shall see him, but\_\_ in\_\_ hea - ven; where his saints his throne sur - round:  
Thus he feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all\_\_ our\_\_ glad - ness.  
Christ, re - vealed to faith - ful eye,\_\_ set at God's right hand on\_\_ high.\_\_

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The Collect of Christmas Eve

*Presider* May God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with 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.**

### A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah — Isaiah 9:2–7

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. You 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. For 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. For 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. 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.

*after the Lesson:*

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

*People* **Thanks be to God..**

### Hymn 96, *Angels we have heard on high* (verses 1, 3, and 4)

GLORIA

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
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.  
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.  
Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.  
Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

### The Nativity Story, as told by All Soulsians through video

The Annunciation (Luke 1:26–38)

Mary Visits Elizabeth (Luke 1:39–45, 56)

Mary's Song of Praise (Luke 1:46–55)

Decree from Emperor Augustus (Luke 2:1–5)

The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:6–7)

The Angles appear to the shepherds (Luke 2:8–14)

The Shepherds visit the baby Jesus (Luke 2:15–20)

The Visit from the Wise Men (Matthew 2:1–12)



1 The first No - well the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor  
 3 Then, guid - ed by an east - ern star, three wise men  
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er Beth - le -  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three full rev - erent -  
 6 Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prais - es

shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields as they lay,  
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was  
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both  
 ly up - on their knee, and of - fered there in  
 to our heav'n - ly Lord; that hath made heav'n and

keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 their in - tent, and to fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.  
 stop and stay right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 his pre - sence their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.  
 earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, Born is the king of Is - ra - el.

The Prayers of the People

*Asst. Min.* Let us pray to Jesus our Savior.

*Intercessor* Christ, born in a stable, give courage to all who are homeless, and strengthen us to serve our neighbors with love and humility.  
 Jesus, Savior,

*All* **hear our prayer.**

Christ, for whom the angels sang, give the song of your reign to all who weep and suffer from sickness and fear this night, and help us to offer them your healing and peace.

Jesus, Savior,  
**hear our prayer.**

Christ, worshiped by the shepherds, give peace on earth to all who are oppressed, and move us to work for the freedom of all people.

Jesus, Savior,  
**hear our prayer.**

Christ, before whom the wise men knelt, give humility and wisdom to all who govern, and guide us to live together in justice and love.

Jesus, Savior,  
**hear our prayer.**

Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger, give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you.

Jesus, Savior,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Jesus, Savior, child of Mary, you know us and love us, you share our lives and hear our prayer.

**Glory to you for ever. Amen.**

## The Peace

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Please take a moment in prayer to extend Christ's peace to the people in your life.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*Presider* 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. —Luke 14:10<sup>b</sup>-11

*Please consider giving to support the work of All Souls in our community and in the wider world via the links on our website or via a check to the office.*

## At the Offertory, *Christ Is Born*

Mark A. Miller

*The addition of this piece to our choral music library was funded by a member of our parish community who wishes to remain anonymous.*

Alleluia, Christ is born.

Love came down at Christmas-time, love all lovely, love divine,  
love was born at Christmas-time; star and angels gave the sign. Alleluia, Christ is born.

Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine,  
love to God and neighbor; love for plea and gift and sign. Alleluia, Christ is born.

—Christina Rossetti (1830–1894), alt.

## The Great Thanksgiving (*The Eucharistic Prayer is written by The Reverend Alissa Newton.*)

*Presider* May\_ God be\_\_\_ with\_ you. *People* **And\_ al - so 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 our thanks and praise.\_\_\_\_**

*Presider* Loving and powerful God, we praise you, we bless you, and we adore you; we rejoice to give thanks. You revealed your love for us in the newborn Christ Child, your only Son; He was made flesh through your Holy Spirit, Who first moved over the waters of creation, and still moves over the chaos of our lives.

We see in the newborn Jesus your love incarnate; through that love, we become your children, new and tender, yet full of hope for what is to come. Holy One, when your Christ was born all the heavens burst into song, and all creation cried out in joy. And so we join the mountains, winds, and water falls, with angels and stars, sheep and shepherds, and all your children as we sing:

## Sanctus & Benedictus

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, adapt. Jamie Apgar (b. 1986)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,\_\_\_\_\_ God of pow - er, God of might,  
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the One who comes\_\_\_\_\_ in the  
name\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We behold you with wonder, Creator of all who became a child among us. You walk alongside your people with love and forgive us with freedom. When we wander far from you, you are like a mother whose patience for her children knows no limit; you are like a child whose trust is freely extended to all. You lived as one of us, and stayed with us through all your life, even dying on a cross. Through Jesus the child and Jesus the man, You brought us into the fullness of your life, and gave us back our full humanity.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

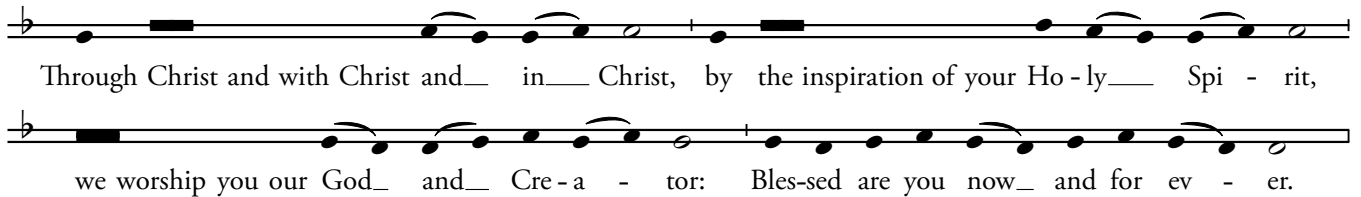
After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you: this cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that he did for us: his incarnation as a child, his death on the cross, his resurrection and ascension, and longing for Christ's coming in glory, we offer you these gifts your earth has nourished and human hands have made. We acclaim you, O Christ:

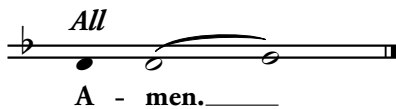
**All**      **Being born, you gave us life,**  
**Dying, you destroyed our death.**  
**Rising, you saved us.**  
**Christ Jesus, arrive among us!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, children of your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of Life and Father of Mercy, may we receive you as little children. Bless us with new life as your people, give us the strength and solace of your love, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Mary, the God-bearer, and all your people into your joyful kingdom.



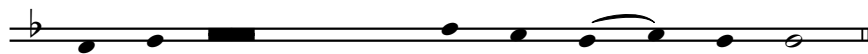
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Ho-ly Spi-rit,  
we worship you our God and Cre-a-tor: Bles-sed are you now and for ev-er.



**All**  
A - men.

# The Lord's Prayer

Presider



As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Cantor



Our Fa - ther in heaven,

Hal - lowed be your Name. Your king - dom come. Your will be done on earth as in heav'n.

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

sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de - li - ver us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## At the Fraction

St. Louis

*After the Presider breaks the bread for us to share, a moment of prayerful silence is kept. We then sing:*

How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!

So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bles - sings of God's heav'n.

No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,

where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Since the celebration of Resurrection on that first Sunday, Christians have been remembering Christ's presence in bread and wine. We will be keeping this practice week by week with different members of All Souls receiving for the community.*

*For centuries the Church has also come to trust in the presence of Christ with us even when we cannot partake in the bread and wine, what is often known as spiritual communion. As the bread and wine are being shared at the altar at All Souls, we invite you to pray this prayer and ask Christ to be present with you.*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Since I cannot receive you this day in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I ask you to be present spiritually in 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.

Adapted from *A Prayer Book for the Armed Services* 2008, page 147

### Music at Communion, *Nativity Carol*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Born in a stable so bare, born so long ago,  
born 'neath light of star, he who loved us so.

*Far away, silent he lay, born today, your homage pay,  
Christ is born for aye, born on Christmas Day.*

Cradled by mother so fair, tender her lullaby;  
Over her son so dear angel hosts fill the sky. *Far away...*

Wise men from distant far land, shepherds from starry hills,  
Worship this babe so rare; hearts with his warmth he fills. *Far away...*

Love in that stable was born into our hearts to flow;  
Innocent dreaming babe, make me thy love to know. *Far away...*

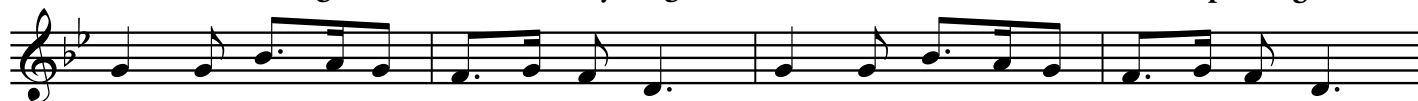
### Hymn 111, *Silent night*

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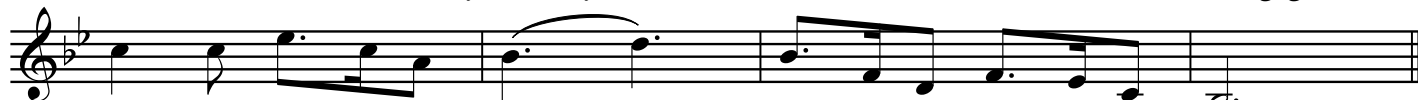
*Please dim lights and light a candle for the singing of the hymn.*



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright  
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,  
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light



round you vir - gin mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,  
glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;  
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace;



sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
Christ the Sa - vior is born, Christ the Sa - vior is born.  
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

## Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Christmas Blessing

May almighty God, who sent their 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 their holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent their angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you their peace and favor. **Amen.** And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## Hymn 87, *Hark! the herald angels sing*

MENDELSSOHN; Descant: David Willcocks (1919–2015)



1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing— glo - ry to the new - born King!  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored;— Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, — born that we no more may die,  
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, — God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!  
late in time be - hold him come, — off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
born to raise us from the earth, — born to give us sec - ond birth.  
Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, — join the tri - umph of the skies; —  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; — hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty. —  
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings, — light and life to all he brings, —  
with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, — our Em - man - u - el!  
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the — heav'n - born Prince of Peace!  
*Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry — to the new - born King!*

## Dismissal

*Asst. Min.* Go forth into the world, giving glory to the newborn King!  
*People* **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude *In dulci jubilo*, BWV 729

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)



## COMPOSER OF THE WEEK

**Mark A. Miller** believes passionately that music can change the world. He also believes in Cornell West's quote that 'Justice is what love looks like in public.' His dream is that the music he composes, performs, teaches and leads will inspire and empower people to create the beloved community.

Mark serves as Assistant Professor of Church Music at Drew Theological School and is a Lecturer in the Practice of Sacred Music at Yale University. He also is the Minister of Music of Christ Church in Summit, New Jersey.

Since 1999 Mark has led music for United Methodists and others around the country, including directing music for the 2008 General Conference. His choral anthems are best sellers for Abingdon Press and Choristers Guild and his hymns are published in "Worship & Song", "Sing! Prayer and Praise", "Zion Still Sings", "Amazing Abundance", "The Faith We Sing", and others.

Mark received his Bachelor of Arts in Music from Yale University and his Master of Music in Organ Performance from Juilliard. Mark is a lifelong United Methodist. He is the grandson, son, brother, uncle, and cousin to United Methodist clergy. As a lay delegate to the 2000 and 2004 and 2012 General Conferences, Mark was a witness to Christ's mission of breaking down the dividing walls of hostility and fear in the United Methodist Church.

Source: <http://www.markamillermusic.com/about/>

## PARTICIPATING TODAY

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*Assisting* The Rev. Phil Brochard  
*Lector* Caroline McCall  
*Intercessor* Toni Martinez Borgfeldt  
*Camera* Jim Feeley  
*Sound and Digital Liason* Emily Hansen Curran  
*Musicians* Dr. Jamie Apgar, *cantor, organist, and pianist*  
Sarita Cannon, *soprano*  
Deirdre Nurre, *alto*  
Ed Hofmann, *Angel Band leader*