The Church of the Nativity & St. Stephen

December 24, 2019

Christmas Eve Hymns and Special Music and Service

The Church of the Nativity       10:30 p.m.

To seek and serve Christ through service to others.
To manage responsibly the financial resources of our parish as loving and caring stewards.
To welcome and involve all persons into our parish family valuing both diversity and unity.
To enable nurture and learning in the Episcopal heritage of Scripture, tradition and reason.
To foster a community of faith for worship, spiritual growth, ministry and mission.

Please remember a reverent silence and respect for those who wish to pray before mass.

Before Mass, we speak to God. During Mass, we listen to God. After Mass, we listen and speak to each other.

The Rev. Rebecca Myers - Rector

Rebecca is available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Her sabbath days will typically be Monday and Friday. You can reach her via email at nativityrector87@gmail.com or by phone 717-433-1556.

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Hymns sing at 10:30 prior to the 11:00 service:

“Lo how a Rose e’er blooming” Hymnal 81

“In the Bleak Midwinter” Hymnal 112

“What Child is This?” Hymnal 115

“Away in the Manger” Hymnal 101

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” Hymnal 89

“Angels We Have Heard on High” Hymnal 96
Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn
“O come, all ye faithful”  Hymnal 83, v. 1, 2, 3 & 6

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation and Response  BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity  BCP 355
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.

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”  Hymnal 93

Collect of the Day  insert
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.
Celebrant says collect.
People: Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2 - 7  insert
Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96  insert

Second Reading: Titus 2:11 - 14  insert
Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn
“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”  Hymnal 94

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.
People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Sermon  The Rev. Rebecca Myers
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 worshipped 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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect

Celebrant: Most merciful and loving God, you have made this day holy by the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, and by the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Grant that we your people may enter with joy into the celebration of this day, and may also rejoice for ever as your adopted sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Confession & Absolution

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

Celebrant and People: 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 (Stand and greet each other.)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.
Eucharistic Prayer B

The Holy Eucharist II
Lift up your hearts  Sursum corda

Celebrant

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

People

Lift up your hearts. 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant:

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  Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and

might,  Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might, heaven and earth are

full, full of your glory. Ho-
Hosanna in the highest. Blesséd is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna

in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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, Joseph, Stephen 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.

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Conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer and Amen

Celebrant
People
A-men.
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*
Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.
Celebrant:
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Ministration of Communion
All who have been baptized by water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, are welcome to receive communion. You may receive bread only or bread and wine. You may receive the wine by common cup or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms across your chest.

Celebrant:
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.

Post Communion Hymn (Candles are lit.)
“Silent Night, Holy Night”
Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!
Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Ringing of the Bell

Blessing

Recessional Hymn
“Joy to the World!”

Dismissal
Christmas Flowers are given in loving memory of:

Joseph Amsler, Dorothy and Leslie Clark, Kathleen and John Amsler by the Amsler family

Philip Beamer by the Beamer family

Their parents by the Chappelkas

Edwin and other loved ones by the Days

Loved ones by Lynne Mitchell

In memory of her parents, Robert and Mary Ann Myers by Rebecca

Loved ones by the Prices

Wayne Rice by the Rice Family

David and Charlotte Bamberger and Fredric and Marion Rohm by the Rohms

Loved ones by the Shulls

Loved ones by the Tuzinskis

Elmer and Hazel Yocum, Harry and Margaret Yocum and Irvin and Esther Miller by Jan and Connie Yocum

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Service Participants

Greeters: Connie and Jan Yocum
Lector: Connie Yocum
Prayers of the People:
Eucharistic Minister & Acolyte: Shannon Burns
Organist: Sue Beamer

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On behalf of our clergy and staff of Church of the Nativity & St. Stephen, may you all have a blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

The church office will be closed
Monday, December 24 – Tuesday, January 1.
Rebecca can be reached for pastoral emergencies at 717-433-1556.