

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY**



**CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL EUCHARIST &
VIRTUAL PAGEANT
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020**

SILENT NIGHT ON STATE

Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymnal 83

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 *4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 *5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 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.

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

The Blessing of the Crèche

V. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

R. *And we beheld Christ's glory.*

Almighty and everliving God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the Coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary. Grant that as Christ shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where you live and reign for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant Good news and great joy to all the world: today our Savior is born in Bethlehem.

People *O come let us adore him!*

The 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.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

On This Night

This night is like no other night. It is a time to dream and sing our way to Bethlehem. And little children shall lead us. The little town we seek sits in the hill country some ten miles south of Jerusalem. For thousands of years the houses have gathered there on the hilltop like a family breaking bread. "Bethlehem" means "House of Bread." In the center of the village is a small inn. On this night it is overflowing with people seeking sleep and a place to eat. Behind the inn is a dark stable. A gray donkey chews his barley and broken straw while a weary cow leans and rests after the day's plowing in the valley. A sheep nearby is nearly asleep. All is still and quiet in the little town.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymnal 79

Joseph and Mary

As night gathers, the last two travelers come slowly up the road. Look, there is a young woman about to be a mother. She is walking with her husband. They are Joseph and Mary from Nazareth! They have walked for six days to come to this city where King David was born, so long ago. They have come, like so many others, because the Roman emperor wants to count each one, so he can take their money as a tax. But it is late, and Mary is so weary. Where will they sleep? There is no room in the inn. They decide to sleep with the animals.

Once in Royal David's City

Hymnal 102

Jesus Is Born

Stars brighten slowly in the sky. All creation holds its breath. Suddenly, from the stable, comes the cry of a newborn child! Mary gently wraps the baby in a blanket and lays him in the feed box that his father has filled with straw.

Away in a Manger

Hymnal 101

The Shepherds

In the hills outside Bethlehem, shepherds watch their shadowy sheep. All at once, the dark is lost in light, and in the midst of the light is something even brighter: the faces of angels. The fearful shepherds then hear music in the sky and a voice says clearly, "Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by all people. Today in the City of David a Savior is born! He is Christ, the Lord." Then more angels appear, a whole heavenly host of them, praising God and singing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will to all people, everywhere." The shepherds run with joy across the fields to Bethlehem to the barn behind the inn. There they find the Holy Family and creep forward, overwhelmed with mystery, to find love itself in a manger full of straw.

While Shepherds Watched

Hymnal 94

The Magi

Three camels plod up the road to Bethlehem. They have come from the East, far beyond the Arabian Desert, perhaps from as far as the Caspian Sea. The camels carry three kings, the wise ones, the Magi. They are following the star of wonder, following its light wherever it goes, leading them to the true Brightness of the everliving Father in heaven.

We Three Kings

Hymnal 128

The Gifts

The kings' journey ends with a new kind of king. Their restlessness rests at last. They fall to their knees and give him bright gold, sweet-smelling frankincense, and bitter myrrh, brought so far with so much love. So now we all come, following the star, to find God-with-us. We come, as people have come all through the ages, to bring our own gifts to this Child, God's gift to us.

Joy to the World

Hymnal 100

The Homily

The Very Reverend Becca Kello

The Prayers of the People

Written by the Youth of Christ Episcopal Church.

Almighty God, you are holy. We pray for those who are dedicated to bringing your holy worship into our lives. Bless Bishop Terry, Father Steve, Mother Becca, Deacon Kellie, and all bishops, ministers, and laypeople in your church around the world.

Help us minister to your people everywhere.

Almighty God, you are powerful. We pray for those in power and those who serve in government, that they may have the strength to create and uphold laws that provide for all your people.

Help them to lead us according to your word.

Almighty God, you are gracious. You blessed us with a marvelous creation that we do not care for as we should.

Help us to cherish our one and only home.

Almighty God, you are comforting. Share your loving-kindness with those who are in need. Be with the poor and those who do not know security and peace.

Help us always to be mindful of the needs of others.

Almighty God, you are our healer. We pray for those who are sick or in need, especially all those on our Parish Prayer List.

Help them to feel your peace and presence.

Almighty God, you are forgiving. Show your mercy to those who struggle with addiction or are in trouble. Guide those who have wandered astray back to your loving care.

Help us be a welcoming community for all your children.

Almighty God, you are eternal. We pray for those who have departed, especially... that they may know the joy of your resurrection.

Help us always to strive for your Kingdom.

Almighty God, you are the Light of the World.

Help us spread your light into all the dark places in this life.

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Music at the Setting of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B

BCP 367

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 our thanks and praise.***

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 perfectly human 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 comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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."

***We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;***

The Celebrant continues

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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven 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 rec - on - 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 sec; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen 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 heaven - born Prince of Peace!

Refrain
 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

The Invitation to Silent Night on State

Deacon Come and receive the gifts that Christ has given us.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The People are invited to Christ Church at 6:30 or 11:00 PM for Silent Night on State and the reception of Holy Communion.

Postlude

In dulci jubilo (S. 729)

J.S. Bach

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Frank Patterson Moore, Belle Coombs Moore, Pearl Coombs McGinley, Belinda Jefferson, Frank Hampton Moore, and Jean Hill Moore by their family.

The greenery is given in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren by Mike & Ellen Buchanon.

Service Ministers

Celebrant	The Reverend Dr. Steven J. Pankey
Preacher	The Very Reverend Becca Kello
Deacon	The Reverend Kellie Mysinger
Director of Music and Organist	C. Kenneth Stein
Vocalists	Deborah Stein, Brittany Whitlow, Tiffany DeLoach, Gavin Knies, Tyler Smith, and Quinn Hixon
Audio Visual Team	Rick and Linda Mitchell
Cover Photo and Virtual Pageant Video	Laura Goodwin

The Christmas flowers are given to the glory of God and...

In memory of Bob Adams
by Karen Adams & family

In memory of Billy Adams, Vickie Cash, and Ferris Van Meter
by Penny Adams & Bobby Cash

In memory of John DeArmond
by Carol & Richard Barry

In honor of John Parker & Sue Wilson and Dave & Barbie Tatman
by Helen Belitsos

In honor of life
In thanksgiving for health
by Patricia Boyer-Weisman

In thanksgiving for grandchildren: Hatcher, Merritt, Brody, and Raynes
by Gretchen Broderick

In memory of Trevor Brown
by James & Ann Brown

In memory of Laura Briggs Buckberry
by her children & grandchildren

In thanksgiving of our family, friends, and all of our blessings
by Van and Laura Cohron

In memory of Kathleen Carr Blackburn
by John David Cole

In memory of Kay Meyers Cole and Herb Ambrose
In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren
by John David & Vickie Cole

In thanksgiving for children & grandchildren
by Susan Cook

In memory of Bowman "Bo" Davenport
by Mary Frances Davenport

In thanksgiving for Christ Episcopal Church
by Dennis Dipert

In memory of Nancy & Tom Dooley, David Anderson, and Alice Faye Anderson
In honor of God's endless love
In thanksgiving for our families
by Les Dooley & Terri Mischel

The Christmas flowers and music contributions are given to the glory of God and...

In thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Caleb, Eli, Eleanor Grace, Kiran, Roan, Reith, Eve, and Elle
by Margie & Pete Dotson

In memory of Dave Easton
by the Easton family

In memory of our parents, Wilma Sadler, Harry McMullin, Lucy Edwards Berkley, and Zanol Edwards
by Leonard & Sue Edwards

In memory of those still loved, still missed, and still very dear
by Atha, Katherine, and Jess Ford

In thanksgiving for Madelle, Rumsie, Whitaker, Hatcher, Merritt,
Brody, Raynes, Susan, Angela, Neal, Daniel, and Elliott
by Aunt Jan

In thanksgiving of the Church Office Volunteers
by Vonda Garringer

In memory of Gina Boston
In thanksgiving for our great grandson Grayson Goidel
by Don & Lou Goidel

In thanksgiving for our family and friends
by Mike & Leigh Harper

In thanksgiving for our family
by Bob & Marti Harrison

In thanksgiving for Zola and Niva Geyer
and Deklen Kissick
by Steve & Fonda Hoyng

In memory of Marianne, Tillie, and Ludy McGinley
by Belinda Jefferson

In memory of R.R "Jeff" Jefferson, Belinda Jefferson, Pearl Coombs, and Wallace McGinley
by RR Jefferson family

In memory of Marye Stone Dohlman
by B & Greg Joyce

In thanksgiving for our many blessings
by Marilyn & Fred Keith

In thanksgiving for family and friends
by Terry & Miliska Knauft

The Christmas flowers and music contributions are given to the glory of God and...

In memory of Howard & Gladys Robinson, Jack & Janice Kent, and
Brian Kent
by the Loiards family

In memory of Scottie MacGregor
by Mom-Mom, Nane, and Colyeen

In memory of Dr. Dennis O. Minix
by Chris and Nancy Minix

In thanksgiving for our children, Drew, Katie, and Jon,
by Rick & Linda Mitchell

In memory of Henrietta and Charles Moore
by their family

In memory of Charles Moore, Jr., and Patricia Moore Bollinger
by Shelby Moore and family

In memory of Joe David Morgan
by Paula H Morgan

In honor of David & Barbie Tatman
by Dave's sister, Teri Morgan

In memory of loved ones
In thanksgiving of family & friends
by George & Gretchen Niva

In thanksgiving for friends and family
by Anne Nuckols

In memory of Kitty Cornell
by Irene Nuckols

In memory of Joyce Puckett and Charles Moore, Jr.,
by Troy & Ann Puckett

In thanksgiving for Stephanie, Anthony, Will, and Avery Druen
Stephen, Jessica, Brady, and Charlotte Riedel,
by Bill & Melinda Riedel

In memory of Audrey, Bob, and Roger Shumate
by Rich Shumate

In memory of Mary Doxey and Edna Siewers
by the Siewers Family

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In thanksgiving for friends and family
by Jay & Patsy Sloan

In memory of Eugene C. Edge
In thanksgiving for Thomas Gale Stiles
by Josh & Crystal Stiles

In memory of The Rev. H. Howard Surface, Jr.
by Linda, David, and Mary Hall

In thanksgiving for David, Julia, Mary Hall, Kevin, Malinda Matthew, and Cailey
by Linda Surface

In memory of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. S. E. Towell, and Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Fiddelke
In thanksgiving for our son, Andrew
by David & Karen Towell

In memory of Penny & Brent Travelsted
by Carroll Travelsted

In thanksgiving for our family & friends
by Sharon & André Valk

In memory of Dwain L. Wilcher

In memory of loved ones
In thanksgiving for our many blessings
by Sue Wilson & John Parker

In memory of Robert Keith
by Portia Wimp

In memory of Thomas Wimp
by Portia Wimp and family

In memory of Jack & Elise Webb
by Scarlett Winters

In thanksgiving Mila Veletanlic,
by Skip & Lynn Wirth

In thanksgiving for our family & friends
by Paul & Betty Young

In thanksgiving for our family & friends

In memory of William & Mary Nogay, Ottis & Evelyn Walker, and David Walker
In thanksgiving for grandsons Daniel & Everett

The Christmas flowers and music contributions are given to the glory of God...

by Bill & George Anna McKenzie

by Siewers family

by James R. Stewart



CHRIST EPISCOPAL *church*

*A community of Christ's servants who seek to –
Worship God with joy and wonder,
Learn and Grow together, and
Radiate God's love to all.*

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