

**Saint Luke's Episcopal Church  
Tulsa, Oklahoma**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
The Blessing of the Crèche  
The Christmas Pageant**



**Christmas Eve**  
December 24, 2025  
4:00 p.m.



**Welcome!**

Every Christmas Eve, the children of St. Luke's put on the Christmas Pageant, telling again the story of the birth of Jesus Christ.

This year we are pleased to welcome as members of the Pageant Players students from our partner school, Owen Elementary.

**Merry Christmas!**

*All stand as able as the ministers process into the church*

**The Opening Hymn: H83, *O come, all ye faithful***

The musical score is written for a five-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass) in G major (one sharp). The melody is a simple, hymn-like tune. The lyrics are arranged in five systems, each corresponding to a line of the hymn. The first system covers the first line of the hymn, the second system covers the second line, the third system covers the third line, the fourth system covers the fourth line, and the fifth system covers the fifth line. The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are as follows:

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 Station at the Crèche

*Celebrant* The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

*People* ***And we beheld his glory.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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 he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## The Word of God

*The People standing as able, the Celebrant says*

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

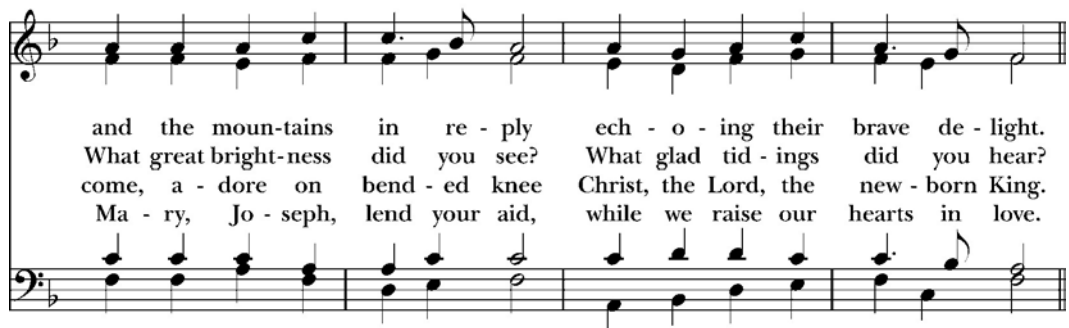
*People* ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

*The following hymn is sung or said, all standing as able*

**The Hymn of Praise:** H96, *Angels we have heard on high*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear harmonic structure. The lyrics are as follows:

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*



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



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Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

## **The Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the People*

The Lord be with you.

*People*     ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

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.

*People*     ***Amen.***

*The People sit.*

## **The First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7**

*Reader*     A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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 Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*     ***Thanks be to God.***

*Silence may follow.*

### **Psalm 96**

Sing to the Lord a new song; \*

    sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*

    proclaim the good news of his salvation  
    from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations \*

    and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*

    he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*

    but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*

    Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*

    ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*

    bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*

    let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*

    he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge  
    the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

**The Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14**

*Reader* A reading from Paul's letter to Titus.

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

*After the Reading, the Reader may say*

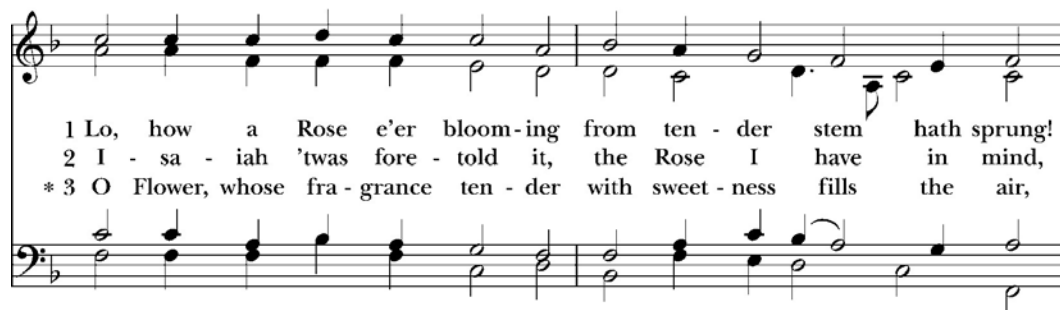
The Word of the Lord.

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

*Silence may follow.*



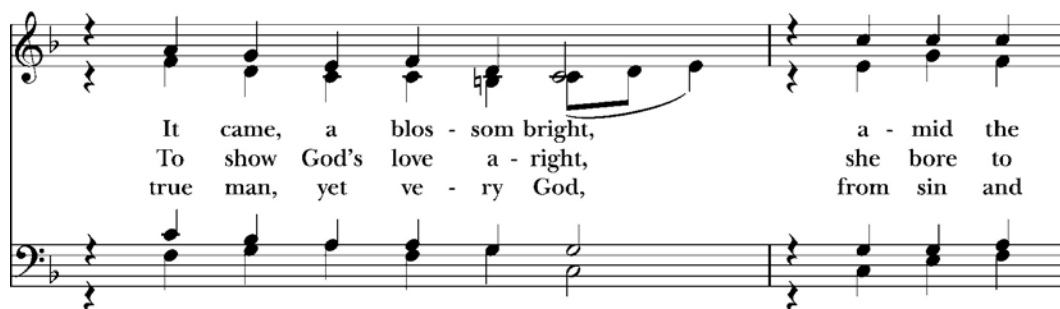
The Sequence Hymn: H81, *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*



1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,  
 \* 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,



Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.  
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.  
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;



It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the  
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to  
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and



cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.  
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

## The Christmas Pageant

The Processional Hymn: *Joy to the World* (*all sing*)

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come:*

*let earth receive her King;*

*let every heart prepare him room,*

*and heaven and nature sing,*

*and heaven and nature sing.*

*and heaven and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;*

*let us our songs employ,*

*while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,*

*repeat the sounding joy.*

*repeat the sounding joy.*

*repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

The Story of Christmas: Luke 2:1-20

**Narrator:**

This is the story of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.

This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

All went to their own towns to be registered.

Joseph 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.

He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

**Hymn: *O little town of Bethlehem* (all sing)**

*O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary;  
and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth!  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to men on earth.*

**Song: *Joseph and the Donkey*..... Pageant Players**

Donkey, donkey, clip clop, clip clop.  
Donkey, donkey, do not stop!  
A census has been ordered, to Bethlehem they go.  
Joseph and the donkey, with Mary they travel slow.  
For soon will come the baby. Mary needs a place to stay.  
Joseph and the donkey find a stable filled with hay.  
Donkey, donkey, clip clop, clip clop.  
Donkey, donkey, time to stop!  
Waiting, waiting, under starry light.  
Waiting, waiting. Will this be the night?

**Narrator:**

While they were there the time came for Mary to deliver her child.

And 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.

**Hymn: *Away in a manger* (all sing)**

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

**Narrator**

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then the angel of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified!

**Hymn: *The first Nowell the angel did say* (all sing)**

*The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.*

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.*

**Narrator:**

The angel said to them:

Do not be afraid! I am bringing you good news of great joy  
for all people: To you is born this day in the city of David a  
Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in  
bands of cloth and lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the  
heavenly hosts, praising God and saying,

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

**Hymn: *Hark! the herald angels sing* (all sing)**

*Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

*Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King!*

**Hymn: Angels we have heard on high** (*all sing*)

*Angels we have heard on high,  
singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their brave delight.*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?*

*Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see?  
What glad tidings did you hear?*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

**Narrator:**

When 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.

**Song: Rise Up Shepherd and Follow**..... Pageant Players

Rise up, rise up, rise up shepherd, and follow.  
Follow the star of Bethlehem.  
Rise up shepherd and follow.

**Song: *Holy baby, Holy child*.....**Pageant Players

Holy baby, Holy child, we await your coming now.  
You bring us hope,  
You bring us peace,  
You bring us joy,  
You bring us love.  
Holy baby, Holy child, come to us now.

**Narrator:**

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

**Hymn: *Joy to the World* (*all sing*)**

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.*

**The Sermon:**      The Rev. John Rule

**The Peace**

*All stand as able. The Celebrant says to the People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory Hymn: H84, *Love came down at Christmas*

1 Love came down at Christ-mas, love all love - ly, love di - vine;  
 2 Wor - ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate, love di - vine;  
 3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine,

love was born at Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the sign.  
 wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where-with for sa - cred sign?  
 love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

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## The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

The Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.*

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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 him thanks and praise.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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:

**S-128 Sanctus**

***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 People stand or kneel.*

*Then 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 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;***

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer this 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 St. Luke 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.***

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.***



**At Communion Music:** *Assorted Christmas Hymns*..... Paul Pinkosky

**The Postcommunion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

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.*

**The Blessing of the Children**

**The Final Blessing**

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: H111, *Silent night, holy night* (*all kneeling as able*)

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

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

## The Dismissal

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the People, who respond*  
*People      Thanks be to God.*

**Please join us in the Parish Hall  
after the service for refreshments,  
fellowship, and the presentation  
of gifts to the children.**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ**  
**Head of the Church**

**The Right Reverend**  
**Poulson Reed**  
*Bishop of Oklahoma*

**The Rev. John Rule**  
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Acolytes: .....

Oblationers: .....

Organist: ..... Paul Pinkosky

Ushers: .....

Counters: .....

### **Welcome Visitors**

We are glad you chose to worship with us today.  
We would appreciate it if you would complete the card  
found in your pew and place it in the alms basin,  
or sign our guest register at the north or south entrance to the church.



May our Lord Jesus Christ bless your worship experience this day  
and go with you throughout the week.

### **Our Mission Statement**

To know Christ and make him known through worship, prayer,  
study, fellowship, outreach, and witness in our daily walk.



### **Saint Luke's Episcopal Church**

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