



The Holy Name of Our Lord

1 January A.D. 2017

11:15 a.m. Lessons and Carols

(The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson, *Rector*
The Rev. Javier García Ocampo, *Assistant to the Rector*
Jason Cutshall, *Seminarian*
Jerrold Tidwell, *Minister of Music*

Welcome to Ascension!

For more information about our community, fill out a welcome card, found at either end of the pews, or take one of our welcome packets from one of the members of the welcome team or the table next to the Church Office door.

We meet for coffee, tea, and snacks in the Narthex after each service.

The Nursery in Room 2 is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

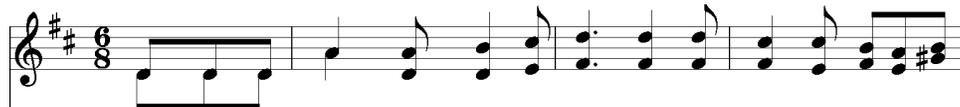
Within the bulletin, the people read the parts in bold print.

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Welcome and Announcements

Wonder, Love, and Praise #724

People, Look East



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



Bidding Prayer

Dear People of God: In this Christmas season let it be our delight to hear again the message of the angels; in heart and mind to go to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass; and see the infant Jesus lying in a manger.

Let us read and hear in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the time of our rebellion until the glorious liberation brought to us through this Holy Child, the firstborn of many; and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first let us pray for the needs of God's whole world; for peace and justice on earth; for unity and mission of the Church the Lord Jesus came to build and in which he lives; and for our country and its leaders.

And because Christ especially loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the refugee, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; as well as those who do not know nor have ever experienced God's love as revealed in Jesus.

Finally, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Author of all life, in the words that Christ himself has taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
holy is your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The First Lesson Reader: Karl Didavi

Genesis 3:1-19

Knowledge, not eternal life

The snake was the most intelligent of all the wild animals that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say that you shouldn't eat from any tree in the garden?" The woman said to the snake, "We may eat the fruit of the garden's trees but not the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. God said, 'Don't eat from it, and don't touch it, or you will die.'" The snake said to the woman, "You won't die! God knows that on the day you eat from it, you will see clearly and you will be like

God, knowing good and evil.” The woman saw that the tree was beautiful with delicious food and that the tree would provide wisdom, so she took some of its fruit and ate it, and also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then they both saw clearly and knew that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made garments for themselves.

During that day’s cool evening breeze, they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden; and the man and his wife hid themselves from the Lord God in the middle of the garden’s trees. The Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” The man replied, “I heard your sound in the garden; I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree, which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman you gave me, she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate.” The Lord God said to the woman, “What have you done?!” And the woman said, “The snake tricked me, and I ate.”

The Lord God said to the snake, “Because you did this, you are the one cursed out of all the farm animals, out of all the wild animals. On your belly you will crawl, and dust you will eat every day of your life. I will put contempt between you and the woman, between your offspring and hers. They will strike your head, but you will strike at their heels.”

To the woman he said, “I will make your pregnancy very painful; in pain you will bear children. You will desire your husband, but he will rule over you.” To the man he said, “Because you listened to your wife’s voice and you ate from the tree that I commanded, ‘Don’t eat from it,’ cursed is the fertile land because of you; in pain you will eat from it every day of your life. Weeds and thistles will grow for you, even as you eat the field’s plants; by the sweat of your face you will eat bread - until you return to the fertile land, since from it you were taken; you are soil, to the soil you will return.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymnal 1982 #55

O come, O come, Emmanuel

The Second Lesson Reader: Megan Didavi

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

A great light

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.
On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned.
A child is born to us, a son is given to us,
and authority will be on his shoulders.
He will be named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.
There will be vast authority and endless peace
for David’s throne and for his kingdom,
establishing and sustaining it
with justice and righteousness
now and forever.

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The Third Lesson Reader: Meredith Horan

Luke 1:26-38

Jesus's birth foretold

When Elizabeth was six months pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee, to a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David's house. The virgin's name was Mary. When the angel came to her, he said, "Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!" She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. He will rule over Jacob's house forever, and there will be no end to his kingdom." Then Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen since I haven't had sexual relations with a man?" The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come over you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the one who is to be born will be holy. He will be called God's Son. Look, even in her old age, your relative Elizabeth has conceived a son. This woman who was labeled 'unable to conceive' is now six months pregnant. Nothing is impossible for God." Then Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said." Then the angel left her.

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Hymnal 1982 #265

The angel Gabriel from heaven came

The Fourth Lesson Reader: Sarah Rubin

Luke 2:1-7

Jesus's birth

In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom.

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Hymnal 1982 #115

What child is this

The Fifth Lesson Reader: Peggy Ruppel

Luke 2:8-20

Announcement to shepherds

Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in

David's city. He is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, 14 "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors." When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child. 18 Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them. Mary committed these things to memory and considered them carefully. The shepherds returned home, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Everything happened just as they had been told.

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Hymnal 1982 #96

Angels we have heard on high

The Sixth Lesson

Reader: Laura Snay

Matthew 2:1-12

Coming of the Magi

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him." When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

You, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah,
because from you will come one who governs,
who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him." When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymnal 1982 #128

We three kings of orient are

The Seventh Lesson

Reader: (The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson

John 1:1-18

Story of the Word

In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.

The Word was with God in the beginning.
Everything came into being through the Word,
and without the Word
nothing came into being.

What came into being
through the Word was life,
and the life was the light for all people.

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light.

The true light that shines on all people
was coming into the world.

The light was in the world,
and the world came into being through the light,
but the world didn't recognize the light.

The light came to his own people,
and his own people didn't welcome him.

But those who did welcome him,
those who believed in his name,
he authorized to become God's children,
born not from blood
nor from human desire or passion,
but born from God.

The Word became flesh
and made his home among us.

We have seen his glory,
glory like that of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.

John testified about him, crying out, "This is the one of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is greater than me because he existed before me.'"

From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace;
as the Law was given through Moses,
so grace and truth came into being through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God.

God the only Son,
who is at the Father's side,
has made God known.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gather #275

Carol at the Manger

The Great Thanksgiving*

People The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God. For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us human, and stay with us even when we turn from you to sin.

**God's love is shown to us:
While we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.**

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

In your mercy you are now our God. Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and sing:

Celebrant and People

Gather #168

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The Celebrant continues

All glory to you, giver of life sufficient and full for all creation. Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup, 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, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way, our access to you, Father, and source of all new life. In Christ we offer ourselves to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God. Amen.

**From A New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 467*

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

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all.
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples
of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

(From A New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 181)

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and a period of silence is kept.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and lives in you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Administration of the Sacrament: All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Ascension. To receive communion, come to the communion station. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you, or you may hold the bread and dip it into the wine when the cup is offered to you. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Make your need known to the Clergy by holding up three fingers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than receive communion, please join in the movement to the communion station and cross your arms over the front of your chest - this will alert the Clergy of your desire to be blessed. If you need communion brought to you please let a member of the Welcome Team know.

Healing Prayers: If you would like to receive the laying on of hands for healing for yourself or another, go to the prayer annex to the right of the pulpit after receiving communion. A healing minister will be there to pray with you.

Let us pray.

God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in Jesus and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Amen.

Hymnal 1982 #100

Joy to the world

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WORSHIP LEADERS

		This Week	Next Week
Reader:	7:45 a.m.	Jean Cohn	Enid Cole
	9:00 a.m.	TBA	Andrew Greene
		TBA	Barbara Mansfield
Prayers:	11:15 a.m.	TBA	Peedy Terry
	7:45 a.m.	Jean Cohn	Enid Cole
	9:00 a.m.		Susan McLaughlin
Chalicians:	7:45 a.m.	David Burton	Leslie Sanya
		Edna Leake	Sharon Hayden
	9:00 a.m.	Esther Tellu	Sari Stoddard
	Major Clemens	Swithin Kwamena-Poh	
	11:15 a.m.	Laura Shay	Rimie Sicard
		Georgana Maines	Kirk Fitch
Healing Prayer Ministers:			
	7:45 a.m.	Janet King	Lisa Murdock
	9:00 a.m.	Randy Lord-Wilkinson	Paul Whitmore
	11:15 a.m.	Alex Langley	Laura Shay
Acolytes:	7:45 a.m.	Raymond Chin	Ron Hayden
		Aidan Douglas	Aidan Douglas
	9:00 a.m.	Kofi Kwamena-Poh	Nuelle Johnson
	Robert Taylor	Manny Johnson	
Welcome Team:		Richard McFarland	Gary McLaughlin
	7:45 a.m.	Don Cohn	Meredith Horan
		Jean Cohn	Florence Sirleaf
	9:00 a.m.	Swithin Kwamena-poh	Esther Allotey-Taylor
		Kevin Blanc	Bev Stennett
		Algernon Thomas	Christine Kroma
	11:15 a.m.	Sciou Broderick	Josephine Clarke
		Peedy Terry	Avin Lalmansingh
Flower Delivery:		Emmanuel Nwankwo	Karl Didavi
		Esther Sawyer	Clark Didavi
			Hawa Clemens
Altar Guild:	7:45 a.m.	Enid Cole	Leslie Sanya
		Mardia Dennis	Wadai Dennis
	9:00 a.m.	Sarah Gallagher	Dorett Sutherland,
		Krtistin Fitzparick	Adoma Baffoe
	11:15 a.m.	Georgana Maines	Dotty Pfadenhauer
			Laura Shay
Weekly Altar Guild Team:		9:00 a.m. Team	7:45 a.m. Tea.m.
Eucharistic Visitors:			
		Javier Ocampo	Jean Cohn
		Barb Mansfield	
Song Leader	11:15 a.m.	Alice Benson	Betsy Hasegawa
Hospitality Angels	7:45 a.m.	Roy Bevington/Connie Finch	Enid Cole
	9:00 a.m.	Betsy Balicao	Robertine Urey
	11:15 a.m.	Penelope Cudjoe	Anthony Lalmansingh

Leadership at Ascension

Clergy

The Rev. Randy Lord-Wilkinson, *Rector*
The Rev. Javier García Ocampo, *Assistant to the Rector*
Jason Cutshall, *Seminarian*

Musicians

Jerrold Tidwell, *Minister of Music*
Howard Hanson, *Musician, Service for Families with Small Children at 10:15 a.m.*
Samuel Munguia, *Musician, Spanish Language Service at 11:00 a.m.*
Eric O'Loughlin, *Musician, 5:00 p.m. Service*

Wardens

Betsy Hasegawa, *Senior Warden*
Janet King, *Junior Warden*

Vestry

2017: Denise Lionetti, Najma Stubblefield, Paul Whitmore
2018: Avin Lalmansingh, Gary McLaughlin, Berenice Rodriguez
2019: Rose Buck, Zadinga Ogada, John Pruessner
Sari Stoddard, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Howard Holland, *Treasurer*

Ministry Area Leaders

Zadinga Ogada, *Christian Formation for Children*
Angie Hight-Walker, *Christian Formation for Youth*
Ted Bedell, *Facilities*
Howard Holland, *Finance*
Paul Boynton, *Mission*
Randy Lord-Wilkinson, *Pastoral Care*
Jean Cohn, *Personnel*
Carleton MacDonald, *Worship*

Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Kristen Keating, Carleton MacDonald, Sue Snay
Alternate: Mardia Dennis

Staff

Kathy Van Arnum, *Parish Administrator*
Eleni Hailu, *Media Specialist*
Brenda Alvarez, *Nursery Attendant*

