

Christmas



Welcome to "Christmas at Historic Trinity". May your journey to this cathedral of worship be a blessed experience. People from everywhere have come this night, to gaze in amazement at the miracle of the Christ Child. Just as the highest king and the lowliest shepherd were united on that first Christmas morn, on this night the young and old, the rich and poor all walk together. God has come down to each of you, as each of you reaches up to God. All of us are gathered here to share the wonder which comes down through the centuries even on this particular night in this particular year. May the continued presence of the Christ Child in our world continue to glow in your hearts and minds. A Blessed Christmas and a Blessed New Year to all.

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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2009

6:00 P.M.

The Prelude: Stephanie Urlab

The Invocation: 4th and 5th grade class based on Luke 1:68-79

SS: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has
come and redeemed his people.

Cong: Jesus is coming!

SS: He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of
David.

Cong: The Mighty God is coming!

SS: He will rescue us from the hand of our enemies.

Cong: The Prince of Peace is coming!

SS: He will enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and
righteousness.

Cong: The Wonderful Counselor is coming!

SS: He will guide our feet into the path of Peace.

Cong: The Everlasting Father is coming!

The Sunday School Children Sing:

Preschool and K through one: He will be called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace
(holding Stars)

Away in a Manger - 1 - 3 year olds

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve - Solo: Mariel Machesky

THE PARTICIPANTS

The Preachers:

The Rev. Dr. David Eberhard

Rev. Ronald Guettler

Rev. Dr. John Heins

The Liturgists:

The Cathedral Pastors of Historic Trinity

The Music Director:

Mr. Karl Osterland, MM

The Choirs:

The Historic Trinity Sunday School Choir

The Historic Trinity Cathedral Choir

The Historic Trinity Chapel Choir

The Instrumentalists:

Today's Brass Quintet



More Holiday Services at Historic Trinity

December 25, 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Festival Communion Service

December 31, 7:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve Service of Holy Communion

Followed by a Toast to 201 and refreshments



No. 12

1. Away in a manger,
No crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky
Looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus,
Asleep on the hay

2. The cattle are lowing,
The poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus,
No crying He makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus,
Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle
Till morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever,
And love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven
To live with Thee there.

The Scripture

The Christmas Epistle: Isaiah 9:6-7

By: 6th and 7th Pre-Confirmation Class

The Christmas Gospel Procession: Luke 2: 1-14

The Rev. Dr. David Eberhard

The Hymn: Joy To The World No. 8

The Christmas Message: Rev. Dr. John Heins

The Offering: Sarah Eberhard

The Collect:

The Sunday School Children Sing:

Second and third grade: We celebrate Christmas because God sent us his son to be all of these things for us! (holding stars) Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace good will to men.

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

The Congregation:

Please light a candle from an usher's candle and pass it on.

Angels We Have Heard On High No. 11

The First Noel No. 4

Silent Night No. 6



The Blessing:

The Recessional: Go Tell It On The Mountain No. 7

The Postlude: Karl Osterland, Music Director

Festival Candlelight Service

8:00 pm

The Prelude: Today's Brass Quintet

* The Processional Hymn: O, Come All Ye Faithful No. 1
(See The Carols section at the back of this bulletin for all carols.)

* Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.
Congregation: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord!... Our help is in the name of the Lord.
C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer...for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C: O most merciful God, who hast given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father... Grant this, Lord unto us all.
C: Amen.

* The Introit: Unto Us a Child is Born...
*C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria Excelesis: Vivaldi
The Historic Trinity Choirs

*P: The Lord be with you.
C: And with Your spirit.

P: Let us pray...world without end.
C: Amen.

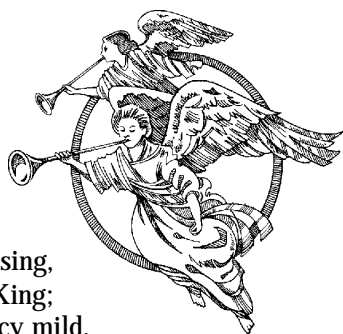
No. 10

1. 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 darkness shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in Thee tonight.
2. O holy child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

No. 11

1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains;
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.
2. Come to Bethlehem, and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, our newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.





No. 9

1. 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 th' angelic host proclaim,
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
 Christ, the everlasting Lord,
 Late in time behold Him come,
 Offspring of a virgin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
 Hail th' Incarnate Deity!
 Pleased as Man with men to dwell;
 Jesus, our Emmanuel!
 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King!"

3. Hail, the heav'nly Prince of Peace!
 Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all He brings,
 Ris'n with healing in His wings.
 Mild He leaves His throne on high,
 Born that man no more may die;
 Born to raise the sons of earth;
 Born to give them second birth.
 Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King!"

The Christmas Epistle: Titus 2:11-14
 (See The Lessons listed in this bulletin)

The Anthem: "Unto Us Is Born a Son" - arr. Willcocks
 The Historic Trinity Choirs

* The Christmas Gospel Procession: Luke 2:1-14
 (See The Lessons listed in this bulletin)

*C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

The Sermon Hymn: Hark, The Herald Angels Sing No. 9

The Christmas Message: Rev. Ronald Guettler

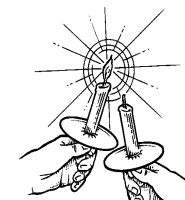
The Offertory: Today's Brass Quintet

* The Prayers and Lord's Prayer:

The Anthem: "In The Bleak Midwinter" - Darke
 The Historic Trinity Choirs

The Lighting of the Candles:
 Please light a candle from an usher's candle and pass it on.

Angels We Have Heard on High	No. 11
O Holy Night	No. 5
O Little Town of Bethlehem	No. 10
Silent Night	No. 6



*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
 C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn: Joy to the World No. 8

The Postlude: Today's Brass Quintet

Festival Celebration of Holy Communion

11:00 pm

The Prelude: Today's Brass Quintet

*The Processional Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful No. 1
(See The Carols section at the back of this bulletin for all carols.)

*Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.
Congregation: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord!..... Our help is in the name of the Lord.
C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.
O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession.....in the name of the Father and of the Son
C: Amen.

The Introit: Unto Us a Child is Born
*C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria : Vivaldi
The Historic Trinity Choirs

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray..... without end.
C: Amen.

The Christmas Epistle: (See The Lessons at the back of bulletin) Titus 2:11-14

The Anthem: "Unto To Us Is Born A Son" - arr. Willcocks
The Historic Trinity Choirs

No. 7

1. When I was a seeker,
I sought both night and day;
I asked the Lord to help me,
And He showed me the way.

Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.

2. He made me a watchman,
Upon the city wall;
And if I am a Christian,
I am the least of all. Refrain

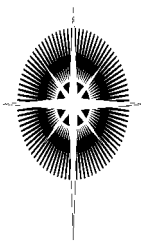
No. 8

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow;
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow--
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

CHRISTMAS
Joy

No. 5

1. O holy night! the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;
Fall on your knees
Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!
2. Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand;
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the Wise Men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend;
He knows our need,
To our weakness is no stranger
Behold your King, Before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King, Before Him lowly bend!



No. 6



1. 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.
2. Silent Night! Holy Night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia,
Christ, the Savior is born!
Christ, the Savior is born!
3. 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.

* The Christmas Gospel Procession:
(See The Lessons at the back of bulletin) Luke 2:1-14

* The Creed:
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead; and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sermon Hymn: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing No. 9

The Christmas Message: The Rev. Dr. David Eberhard

The Offertory: Today's Brass Quintet

*The Offertory Procession: As the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward, the congregation rises and sings.

Congregation: It Came Upon The Midnight Clear No. 2

* The Prayers:

*P: The Lord be with you.
C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Please stand

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right and salutary...evermore praising Thee and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

P: Our Father.....But deliver us from evil;

C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ.....The peace of the Lord be with you alway!

C: Amen.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

The Distribution of Holy Communion:

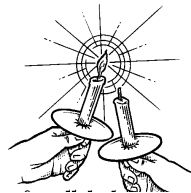
The Anthem: "In The Bleak Midwinter" - Darke
The Historic Trinity Choirs

The Communion Hymn: Let Us All With Gladsome Voice No. 3

The Lighting of the Candles:

Please light a candle from an usher's candle and pass it on.

The First Noel	No. 4
O Holy Night	No. 5
O Little Town of Bethlehem	No. 10
Silent Night	No. 6



*P: The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

* The Recessional Hymn: Joy to the World No. 8

The Postlude: Today's Brass Quintet

No. 3

1. Let us all with gladsome voice, Praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son hath given.
2. To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sadness,
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes, We may reign in gladness.
3. We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a wonder?
Therefore praise God evermore, Here on earth and yonder.
4. O Lord Christ, our Savior dear, Be Thou ever near us.
Grant us now a glad new year. Amen, Jesus, hear us!

No. 4

1. The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.



2. And by the light of that same Star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the Star wherever it went. Refrain
3. This Star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay. Refrain
4. Then entered in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. Refrain

The Carols

No. 1

1. O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant;
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels!

Refrain: Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

2. O Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens, Of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest ! Refrain
3. Hark, hark, to the angels, All singing in heaven,
"To God in the highest all glory be given!"
To Bethlehem hasten , With joyful accord; Refrain
4. To Thee, then, O Jesus, This day of Thy birth
Be glory and honor through heaven and earth,
True Godhead incarnate, Omnipotent Word! Refrain

No. 2

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heav'n's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.
2. For lo! the days are hast'ning on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

CHRISTMAS

EPISTLE

Titus 2: 11-14

"God Gives Life to the World"

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

GOSPEL

Luke 2: 1-20

"The Savior Is Born"



¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" ¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

ADVENTWREATH

The Advent Wreath has five candles, three are blue (or purple), one is pink, and one is white. The four candles, the three blue (or purple) and one pink are placed in a wreath of Christmas greens - or an ornamented wreath. One candle is lit each Sunday in Advent, with the pink candle being lit on the 3rd Sunday in Advent.



The white candle is placed in the center of the wreath. The first candle is the Prophecy Candle. The second is the Bethlehem Candle - symbolic of the Christ Child's cradle. The third (pink) is the Shepherd's Candle - which typifies the act of sharing Christ. Pink symbolizes the Advent Rose, a time to pause in this penitent season to Rejoice in the Lord. The fourth candle is the Angel's Candle - the candle of love and final coming. The fifth candle (white) is placed in the center as the Christ Candle and is lit on Christmas Eve.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Dr. Martin Luther was one of the first to use the Christmas tree as a home decoration. While on a walk one Christmas Eve, Dr. Luther noticed an evergreen tree shining in the moonlight. He could not forget this beautiful sight. He returned home with an evergreen tree and decorated it with candles. Luther told his children that the tree should remind them of the brightness of Christmas and its message of the Savior's Birth. By the beginning of the 19th century, all of Germany had adopted the use of the green "Christmas" tree. They added stars, sweetmeats, tiny toys, and gilded nuts together with the candles on the tree. The custom spread to England during the reign of Queen Victoria, who was married to the German Prince Albert. He wanted to have his children enjoy one of his childhood memories. Queen Victoria had a Christmas Tree in Windsor Castle in 1841. In Germany and in ancient northern cultures, after the festivities, the branches were removed and the trunk was decorated on May 1st as a May Pole, celebrating a rebirth of spring. The tree was then cut up and the largest log was used the next December as the Yule Log. The custom of a Christmas Tree soon spread throughout Europe and then to the United States. Dr. Henry Schwan introduced the custom of a lighted Christmas tree in church, at Zion Lutheran Church in Cleveland Ohio, Christmas Eve, 1851.



THE CRECHE

A Creche is a model of the stable in which Jesus was born. It always includes Mary, Joseph, and the Baby Jesus. Traditionally there are also angels, shepherds, sheep, wise men, camels, donkey, and other animals. Whether called the French cre'che, the Italian Presepio, the Spanish Nacimiento, the German Krippe, the Irish Manger, or the British Crib, the re-creation of the nativity scene is one of the oldest and most sacred Christmas traditions. It was St. Francis of Assisi who created the first creche in Italy in 1223. The building of creches became popular after his unique and touching re-enactment of the Nativity. Creches have now become an important part of Christmas in America and around the world. The creche reminds us to focus our Christmas celebration on the Birth of the Savior, whose Birth is the real cause for joy at Christmas. The Historic Trinity Creche shown here is from the early 1800's.



CORONATION PARAMENTS

The Coronation Paraments and Vestments are used on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Easter Sunday, and at each Funeral Service, (there is also a Coronation Funeral Pall), at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church. They symbolize our union in birth and death with the King of Kings Jesus Christ. All Pastors of the Cathedral Ministry wear the Coronation Paraments for Christmas and Easter Services.



CELEBRATION STOLE



The Celebration Stole was hand crafted by Slabbinck in Belgium and is used during special occasion worship services at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church. It was obtained in honor of The Rev. Dr. David Eberhard's 40th Anniversary in the Holy Ministry. The neck is adorned with the symbols of the four Evangelists. The right panels embody (1) the Shepherds at Christ's birth, (2) the Baptism of Christ by John the Baptist, (3) Mary and John with the Crucified Lord. The left panels illustrate (1) the Ascended Lord Upon the Throne in Heaven, (2) Jesus Calming the Stormy Sea, (3) the Lord at the Last Supper.