THE EVE
OF THE
FEAST OF THE NATIVITY

Saturday the Twenty-Fourth of December
at Ten o’clock in the Evening
Two Thousand and Twenty Two
Welcome to St. Peter’s

St. Peter’s Church, Morristown: Where All Are Welcome!
A warm welcome to all newcomers and visitors! We are delighted that you are here. Everyone is welcome in this community of faith. Please help us get to know you by filling out a welcome card found in the pews or available from an usher. After you fill it out, please give it to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

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+ UPCOMING SERVICES +
Christmas Day
Holy Eucharist—10:30 a.m.

Christmas I
Sunday, January 1— 10:30 a.m.

Epiphany
Sunday, January 8
Holy Eucharist: 8:00, 10:30 a.m.
Worship Together 9:15 am
A service of Eucharist for Families

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**THE PRELUDE**

**BOTTLE HILL BRASS ENSEMBLE**
*A selection of seasonal music for brass by members of the Bottle Hill Big Band*

**ST. PETER’S CHOIR**

“Ding dong! merrily on high”  
*16th Century French carol (arr. Wood)*

“Once in royal David’s city”  
*Irby*

**The congregation is invited to remain seated, but to join in at verse 3**

Solo 1. Once in roy-al Da-vid’s ci-ty stood a low-ly cat-tle shed,

Choir 2. He came down to earth from hea-ven who is God and Lord of all,

*Full* 3. And through all his won-drous child-hood he would hon-or our and o- bey,

4. For he is our child-hood’s pat-tern, day by day like us he grew,

5. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re-deem-ing love,

6. Not in that poor low-ly sta-ble, with the ox-en stand-ing by,

1. where a mo-ther laid her ba-by in a man-ger for his bed:

2. and his shel-ter was a sta-ble, and his cra-dle was a stall;

3. love and watch the low-ly mai-den, in whose gen-tle arms he lay:

4. he was lit-tle, weak, and help-less, tears and smiles like us he knew:

5. for that child so dear and gen-tle is our Lord in heav-en a-bove;

6. we shall see him; but in heav-en, set at God’s right hand on high;

1. Ma-ry was that mo-ther mild, Je-sus Christ her lit-tle child.

2. with the poor and mean and low-ly lived on earth our Sa-viour ho-ly.

3. Chris-tian chil-dren all must be mild, o-be-dient, good as he.

4. and he fee-leth for our sad-ness, and he sha-reth in our glad-ness.

5. and he leads his chil-dren on to the place where he is gone.

6. where like stars his chil-dren crowned all in white shall wait a-round.
THE EVE OF THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

THE WORD OF GOD

(Please stand at the ringing of the bell)

ENTRANCE CAROL

“O Come, All Ye faithful”

Adeste fideles

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O
2. God of God, Light of Light, Lo! he ab-
3. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, fain we em-
4. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye
5. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to

O come, all ye faithful, Come and adore him
hors not the Virgin’s womb; Very God, be-
brace thee, with awe and love; who would not love thee,
ci- ti-zens of heav’n above; Glory to God____
thee be____ glo-ry giv’n; word of the Fa-ther,

born the King of Angels:
got-ten, not cre-a-ted:
lov-ing us so dear-ly? O come, let us adore him, O come, let us a-
in the highest:
now in flesh appearing:

dore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: The people who walked in darkness
People: Have seen a great light.
Celebrant: For to us a child is born
People: To us a Son is given.
Celebrant: His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
People: The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.
Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest
People: And peace to God’s people on earth.
GLORIA

“Glory to God”

William Mathias

1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

4. you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

5. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
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.

(Please be seated)

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 62:6-12

Jennifer Dyer

Lector
A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Lector
The Word of the Lord.
People
Thanks be to God.
ANTIPHON

The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.
Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.
Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O Lord.
For you are the Lord,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.
The Lord loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

SECOND LESSON: Titus 3:4-7

Susan Rennie

A reading from the Letter to Titus.

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
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. While they were there, the time came for her 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. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the 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 host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has told us about. So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they made known the word that had been told them. And all who heard it were amazed at what had been told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
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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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Anne C. Thatcher

THE NICENE CREED (please stand as you are able)
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 worshiped 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

Intercessor: Wrapped in the wonder of this night, let us pray and give thanks to God, saying in response,
All: Glory to God in the highest!

Intercessor: Eternal God, you give us the gift of diversity among all peoples and nations, help us to see each
other as you see us, opening our eyes in your Love and grace.
All: Glory to God in the highest!

Intercessor: Eternal God, you give us many and various ways of being followers of Jesus, guide all the
churches of the world to walk your path of peace, that they may share your Good News of love.
All: Glory to God in the highest!

Intercessor: Eternal God, you bless us with communities of caring neighbors, help us to reach out beyond
ourselves, to all those who are sick, hungry, oppressed, lonely, in trouble, and in prison.
All: Glory to God in the highest!

Intercessor: Eternal God, you give us access to the abundance of creation, help us to use our resources wisely
and equitably, not focusing on our own desires.
All: Glory to God in the highest!
Intercessor: Eternal God, you grant us eternal life, guide all those who have died to their eternal reward, comfort their loved ones, and give us strength to continue this life in faith.

All: Glory to God in the highest!

Intercessor: Eternal God, you have inspired the saints of all ages, including St. Peter, help us to experience the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child in all we do this Christmas season.

Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The Angel said “Be not afraid”. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offering

Half of this evening’s offering will go to Nourish NJ and New Jersey Battered Women’s Shelter.

Anthem: "Sans Day Carol"  Traditional Cornish carol (arr. Rutter)

Doxology (please stand as you are able)  Blue Hymnal N° 380  Old 100th

“All praise to thee”

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

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A  (BCP, p. 361)

Sursum Corda

Celebrant  People

The Lord be with you.  And also with you.

Celebrant  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.
Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth… 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:

SANCTUS

S-130 Franz Schubert (arr. Richard Proulx)

Eucharistic Prayer

The Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant & People*  
Christ has died  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*Celebrant*  
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

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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.
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**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Agnus Dei**

S-164 Franz Schubert (arr. Richard Proulx)

![Musical notation]

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.

**Invitation to Communion**

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

*All are welcome to receive communion. Please sit and wait for an usher to guide you.*

- It will be distributed at the high altar and in the chapel.
- Those seated in the balcony and those who cannot climb stairs will receive in the chapel.
- If you are place bound, please alert and usher and we will bring communion to you.
- Gluten free wafers are available; please inform the clergy if you need one.
- All are welcome to drink from the common Chalice, however intinction is not permitted at this time.

**A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*(We invite those who are at home to pray the Anima Christi during Communion.)*

Jesus, may all that is in you flow into me. May your body and blood be my food and drink. May your passion and death be my strength and life. May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross. Let me not run from the love you extend. Hold me safe from the forces of evil. On each of my dyings shed your light and your love. Until with your saints may I praise you forever. Amen.
**CHOIR CAROLS AND ANTHEMS**

“Away in a manger.”

“Coventry Carol”

“Infant holy, infant lowly”

“The shepherds’ farewell” (from *L’enfance du Christ*)

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*(please stand as you are able)*

*Celebrant* Let us pray

*People* God of hope faith, joy and love, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son 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. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**CAROL**

“As the torchbearers and clergy come down the aisles, you are invited to light your candle and pass the light to your neighbors. Once your candle is lit, keep it upright; have others tip their unlit candles into the flame.”

“Silent Night”

**Stille Nacht**

**CHORDS**

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight
3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light

round you virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild,
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Christ, the Saviour is born! Christ, the Saviour is born.
**Blessing**

*Celebrant*  
May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you *Amen.*

**Welcome**

**Recessional Carol**  
“Hark! the herald angels sing”  
*Mendelssohn*

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,  
   Glory to the new-born King;  
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
   Christ the everlasting Lord,  
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
   Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  

peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled:  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen with healing in his wings;  

joyful all ye nations rise,  
veiled in flesh the God-head see,  
join the triumph of the skies,  
with th'angelic host proclaim,  

Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth.

*Hark! the herald angels sing*  
*Glory to the new-born King.*

**Dismissal**

*Deacon*  
Let us go forth into this holy night renewed by the presence of Christ in our midst.  
*Alleluia Alleluia!*

*People*  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Postlude**

*Toccata en ré*  
*Marcel Lanquetuit*

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