

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

December 25, 2024



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*Today's service follows the form for Holy Eucharist Rite II, beginning on page 355 of the red Book of Common Prayer ("BCP"). The music may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982; numbers beginning with "S-" are service music, located at the front of the hymnal.*

### Entrance Rite

Voluntary

*Gesù Bambino*

Pietro Yon (1886–1943)

Processional

Hymnal 87

*Hark! the herald angels sing*

*Mendelssohn*

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Hymn of Praise (Stanza 1)

Hymnal 96

*Angels we have heard on high*

*Gloria*

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of Mary: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The Word of God

First Lesson

Isaiah 62:6–12

Psalm 97 *Dominus regnavit* spoken by all

BCP 726

Epistle

Titus 3:4–7

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 93

*Angels, from the realms of glory*

*Regent Square*

Holy Gospel

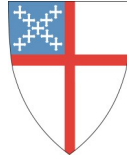
Luke 2:8–20

Sermon	The Reverend Patricia R. Davis, <i>Deacon</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form IV	BCP 388
Peace	

## The Holy Communion

Offertory	
<i>Nativity Carol</i>	John Rutter (b. 1945)
Presentation of the Gifts	Hymnal 115, v. 3
So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.	
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.	
Great Thanksgiving <i>Eucharistic Prayer B</i>	BCP 367
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-128
<i>Sanctus and Benedictus</i>	William Mathias (1934-1992)
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem <i>Agnus Dei</i>	Hymnal S-164
from <i>Deutsche Messe</i>	Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)
Hymns at Communion	Hymnal 101, 105
<i>Away in a manger</i>	<i>Cradle Song</i>
<i>God rest you merry, gentlemen</i>	<i>God Rest You Merry</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 366
The Blessing	
Closing Hymn	Hymnal 82
<i>On this day earth shall ring</i>	<i>Personent hodie</i>
Dismissal	
<i>Deacon</i> Let us go forth in the name of Christ.	
<i>People</i> Thanks be to God.	
Closing Voluntary	
<i>I saw three ships</i>	Richard Elliott (b. 1957)





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The Right Reverend Frank S. Logue, *Bishop of Georgia*

The Reverend Cathy Zappa, *Interim Rector*

The Reverend Samantha K. McKean, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Patricia Rhoads Davis, *Deacon*

The Reverend Dr. Bertice Berry, *Deacon*

George H. Fergus, *Director of Music*

John Audette, *Director of Children and Youth Ministries*

Suzanne Phillips Smith, *Parish Administrator*

Charles L. Epps, *Sexton*

The Reverend Canon Todd D. Smelser, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend Liam G. Collins, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend Richard "Max" Maxwell, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend David C. Seyle, *United Methodist Pastor-in-Residence*

### Vestry

Stephen R. Rilee, *Senior Warden*; Washington C. Dender, *Junior Warden*;

Sarah B. Smith, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Patton W. Dugas, *Treasurer*;

Catherine M. Gussler, *Assistant Treasurer for Stewardship and Finance*;

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Rosemary W. Mackey; Elizabeth L. Macfadyen; Roger Moss, Jr.;

Rena K. Patton; Paul D. Reddick; Paul H. Threlkeld;

Polly C. Webster; Susan H. Wetmore

### Sundays

9:15 a.m. Nursery, located on the 2nd floor of the Parish House at 18 Abercorn

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The Church building is located at 28 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401

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